

inside yourself."

God is always present in everything that we do and he constantly accompanies us on our journey of faith. So, whether at work, at school or college, at home or in ministry, Jesus enriches the lives of each and every one of us no matter what we are doing. This is summed up well in the words of Blessed John Henry Newman who said that *"We are before God always."*

Let us pray that, in the coming week, we may be inspired by the way Jesus goes about this ministry reaching out to the people he encounters wherever he finds them and to be mindful of how the Holy Spirit encourages him onward to new challenges and moments of grace to assist to those in need of help and healing.

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One Solitary Life

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty when public opinion turned against Him.

He never wrote a book, He never held an office, he never went to college. He never visited a big city. He never travelled more than two hundred miles from the place He was born. He did none of the things usually associated with greatness. He had no credentials but Himself.

He was only thirty three.

His friends ran away, one of them denied Him.

He was turned over to His enemies and went through a mockery of a trial.

He was nailed to a cross between two thieves.

While dying, His executioners gambled for His clothing, the only property He had on earth.

When He was dead He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Twenty centuries have come and gone and today Jesus is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress.

All the armies that have ever marched all the navies that had ever sailed,

All the parliaments that have ever sat, all the kings that have ever reigned put together have not affected the life of mankind on earth as powerfully as that one solitary life.

This essay was adapted from a sermon by Dr James Allan Francis in "The Real Jesus and Other Sermons"

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NEWSLETTER



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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th February 2018

Today's gospel reading can best be summed up as a sketch of a typical day in the life of Jesus's ministry. If there was "reality TV" shows in the time of Jesus, this reading today might give us an insight into what might have been included in the programme.

The story begins with the healing of St Peter's mother-in-law. It may seem a bit harsh that the lady was immediately put to work but at least it shows that the healing was complete and that she had fully recovered. As an aside, this story also tells that St. Peter was a married man and confirms that both married and single people can equally contribute to ministry in the church.

We are then told that Jesus goes on his way healing many people that he encounters. There is a real sense of inclusiveness here. Jesus is not choosing the greater sinners, or indeed the least, but is demonstrating that God's love, mercy and healing are available for everybody. Jesus is not content to remain in one area but is keen to

move on to other places. This shows that the spirit of the Christian message is always to venture forward and not to be content with what we have achieved in our own backyard.

This week marks the start of our new Celtic Springtime, which began on the Feast of St Brigid on February 1st. We are already beginning to see the first signs of the season as the new flowers are starting to appear in our parks and gardens. It is a good time to think again about our work and ministry and to ask Jesus if he is calling us to spread our wings a bit and also to make sure that we have adequate time to relax and renew ourselves.

In our gospel reading, after all his hard work, like many of us, Jesus is in need of rest and refreshment. Father Kieran O'Mahony puts it well when he says:

"Jesus goes off to a desert place to pray. After a hectic day he felt the need for quiet to ground himself once more. In the business of life it is important to keep in touch with what is going on



**Church of the Holy Child
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**Book on sale now
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and at Reception in the Parish Centre
Cost €5**

**All proceeds will go
towards a new Parish Organ**






**We welcome in Baptism:
Mia Mary Atkinson**

*May this newly baptised
Child always know and love Jesus
as her friend.*


BAPTISM

**World Meeting of Families
Lent 2018**

Invitation to Give, Pray, Fast – Scratch Card
Scratch off the date to reveal your Lenten daily challenge.
All daily quotations are taken from the readings of Ash Wednesday to Easter Monday.
Scratch Cards will be available in the Church before Ash Wednesday.
Please take one.

Adult Faith Team
The next meeting of the above Team will take place on Wednesday 7th February at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Centre.

Recently Deceased:
You are asked to remember in your Prayers:



**Gerry Lingwood
Des Leech
Carmel O’Sullivan**


*May they enjoy perfect peace
and reconciliation in the presence of God.*

Parish Calendar – the Parish Calendar & Information Sheet is available at the doors of the Churches and at Reception in the Parish Centre. Please take one.

World Day of the Sick 2018
The 26th anniversary celebrations of World Day of the Sick will take place on Sunday 11th February 2018. The Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at St. Agnes’ Parish Church, Crumlin, Dublin 12 on Sunday 11th February at 3.00p.m. Main Celebrant: Archbishop Diarmuid Martin All Are Welcome Tel: 455 5368.

St. John Vianney’s Bicentenary:
Tuesday 13th February is the 200th Anniversary of St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars, going to the small parish of Ars, France, which he transformed and which became a centre of worldwide pilgrimage. The Curé of Ars is the Patron of Confessions and of Priests. To mark this occasion the Parish of St. John Vianney, Ardlea Road, Artane will be having a special Mass at 10.00a.m. on Tuesday 13th February celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Jude Okolo. There will also be Evening Prayer and Benediction on February 13th at 7.30p.m. There will be Veneration of the Relics and Confession after each service.

**Margaret Aylward
Centre for Faith and Dialogue.**
Trusting in God: Embracing Freedom with Denis Gleeson (Tuesdays from 6th February 10.30am – 12noon €5 per session). These mornings offer a gentle and contemporary look at God, science, religion, Church and morality Booking essential. For this & other events Tel: 01 7979364.



Please Support your Parish Lotto
Last Tuesday’s winning numbers were:
1st Jackpot: 3 6 19 25 2nd Jackpot: 5 12 17 27
No Jackpot Winner. The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: B. Devine: D. Devine: M. Mullane: M. Noone: M. Fitzpatrick-Murray: B. Roberts: C. Smith.
Next Week’s Lotto: First Jackpot €2,250 Second Jackpot €2,000
Plus Seven Consolation Prizes of €25 and Five Special Prizes of €100.

Plunket College of Further Education
Swords Road, Whitehall
**Information Day
Wednesday 7th February 2pm.-5pm**
This College offers PLC courses in Carpentry, Counselling & Psychology, Motor Vehicle Maintenance, Accounting, Languages, Business and IT as well as Repeat Leaving Certificate and VTOS & Part- time BTEA courses. Visit www.plunketcollege.ie or Tel: 01 837 1689

Inter-Church Service on the occasion of the World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action against Human Trafficking.
Thursday 8th February 2018. 19.30p.m.-20.30. St Paul’s Church, Arran Quay, Dublin. (enter via side door). Limited parking at St. Pauls, additional parking available at Smithfield. All welcome

<u>Mass Intentions for the coming week</u> <u>Church of the Holy Child</u>		
Monday 5th Feb.	9.15a.m.	Michael Hennessy (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Larry Roe (Anniversary)
Tuesday 6th Feb.	9.15a.m.	Charles Rooney (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Sr. Rosari Ring (Month’s Mind) Kathleen Keane (Anniversary) Brigid Stephenson, Valerie Strutt.
Wednesday 7th Feb.	9.15a.m.	John Herrity (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Special Intention
Thursday 8th Feb.	9.15a.m.	Anne Carmel Goodson (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Friday 9th Feb.	9.15a.m.	St. Joseph’s Young Priests Society
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Saturday 10th Feb.	10.00a.m.	Christy Baker (Month’s Mind)
Vigil	7.00p.m.	Martha Herron, Michael Kerrigan, Mary Morrin Monica (Mona) Burke, (Anniversaries)
Sunday 11th Feb.	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	Available for Intention
	6.00p.m.	Alice Craddock (Anniversary)
<u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u>		
Wednesday 7th Feb.	10.00a.m.	Linda & Shamie Campelli (Anniversaries)
Sunday 11th Feb.	10.00a.m.	Maura & Tom Flanagan, Douglas Virgo, Raymond & Nora Hanley (Anniversaries)