

residue of faith in our parish, in our community and throughout our Archdiocese. I saw this faith again at first hand last weekend at the Archdiocese of Dublin pilgrimage to Knock.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin was joined by parishes from throughout the Archdiocese at the annual pilgrimage to Knock last Saturday. Attendance at the final mass in the basilica was estimated at well over 1,500 where the Archbishop described the Blessed Virgin who appeared at Knock as "Our Lady of Hope".

There was a great atmosphere of camaraderie and mutual support during the pilgrimage among people who had travelled from Dublin to the west of Ireland. Many commented on the prayerful atmosphere at the shrine, especially during the closing mass.

Pilgrims were welcomed by the Rector of the Shrine, Father Richard Gibbons. Father Richard said that Archbishop Martin is celebrating twenty years as a Bishop and fifteen years as Archbishop of Dublin. The liturgy was greatly enhanced by the wonderful singing from St. Mary's Lucan Choral Choir and by the presence of so many young, enthusiastic altar servers. There were many younger voices participating in the prayers and readings.

The day began for pilgrims with a number of workshops which focused on the history of the shrine which is celebrating 140 years since the apparition in 1879, spirituality and a pilgrim walk around the Stations of the Cross. There were also a number of events for children and young adults in the Youth Hub which included testimonies on their faith journey by several participants.

With over twenty parishes officially represented and many more parishioners and priests from elsewhere in the Archdiocese present, this pilgrimage is sure to grow from strength to strength in the coming years. It was a memorable and inspiring day for those taking part and it won't be long before the organising team gets to grips with planning a bigger and even more vibrant pilgrimage in 2020. Gerard Reilly

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## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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*"Today it is no more difficult to say we are Christians than in other ages of the Church: it is just different."*

**5th May 2019**

When speaking to a group of pilgrims in Rome last week, Pope Francis made the following remarks: *"Many people think that today it is more difficult to say we are Christians and to live faith in Christ. And you certainly have experience of these difficulties, which at times become trials."* He went on to say that: *"The current context is not easy, also due to the painful and complex issue of the abuses committed by members of the Church. However, I would like to repeat to you that today it is no more difficult than in other ages of the Church: it is just different."*

This reminded me of a biography of St Anthony which I read recently. The writer said that there was never a so called golden age for Christianity and that each century brings its own challenges for the Church and people of faith. He writes that, in every age, there are only a certain number of really

committed Christian people. This was as true in the time of St Anthony in the 12<sup>th</sup> century as it is today.

There is a sense then that we can be always looking back over our shoulders at what we consider to have been better times, instead of focusing on the present and how we can positively influence the times we live in with our contributions and efforts through the lens of faith.

In the Church today, we certainly live in no less challenging times where the message of the Gospel has become obscured by the creation of a more secular society and, of course, the situation has not been helped by the terrible abuse scandals that have plagued the Church in recent years.

Nonetheless, there is a great



**Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019**  
**Wed. 4th – Mon. 9th Sept.**  
**Hotel Solitude \*\*\*\* 5 Nights Full Board**  
**Fully Inclusive Price €759 per person sharing.**  
**(single room €180 supplement)**  
**In conjunction with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage.**  
**To book please contact Anne in the Parish Office Tel: 8375274**

**The Exam Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 26th May at 12.30pm in the Church of the Holy Child.** – This is the normal 12.30pm Family Mass with special emphasis on those doing exams, especially the Junior and Leaving Cert. During this Mass students will be invited to light a candle and place it before the Altar and then in turn write their name on a piece of paper and place it in the basket in front of the Altar. The basket will remain there for all Masses during the month of June as a practical and prayerful way of remembering our young people during the exams. If you have a family member or friend or just know someone who is preparing for exams please feel free to place their names in the basket.



**Liturgy Team Meeting:** A meeting of this Team will take place on Wednesday 8th May at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Pastoral Centre

**Holy Communion is available to all communicants under both kinds at the Main Altar, Priest's Chair side.**



**We welcome in Baptism:**  
**Lola Grace Murray**

*We pray that this newly baptised child will always know and love Jesus as her friend.*



**Recently Deceased:**

You are asked to remember in your Prayers: Carmel Dooney  
 Bridie Morrissey  
 Charles Batten  
 Paschal Hennessy  
 Thomas Sands  
 Michael Crowley



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

**World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday May 12th 2019 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday".**

The purpose of this day is to publically fulfil the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the Harvest to send labourers into his harvest (Mt. 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Please visit [www.vocations.ie](http://www.vocations.ie)

**Emmaus Retreat Centre** – "That we may grow in Love" A Day of Meditation & Reflection in the Emmaus Retreat Centre Saturday. 11th May 10.00a.m. to 4.00p.m. Cost €50. 3 course lunch included. Tel: 870 0050

**Church Collections 28-04-2019**

1st Collection €1,902  
 Share €1,600  
 Family Envelope €965

Sincere thanks for your generosity

Church Gate Collection **next week** is for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

**Please Support your Parish Lotto**



Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:  
 1st Jackpot: 8 9 13 26 2nd Jackpot: 7 22 27 30  
 No Jackpot winner. The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were:  
 S. Beades; M. Gill; A. Hayes; P. Moore;  
 BMB Tea Room; M. Gill; L. Conner  
 Next Week's Lotto Draw: First Jackpot €15,000 Second Jackpot €800  
**Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25 & 5 Special Prizes of €100.**

**Mass Intentions for the coming week**  
**Church of the Holy Child**

**Saturday 4th May 7.00p.m.** Vincent Moore (Month's Mind)  
 Jerry & Robert Kavanagh, George & Joan Ennis,  
 William & Catherine O'Byrne, Nora O'Hanlon  
 (Anniversaries)

**Sunday 5th May 11.15a.m.** Cormac O'Reilly (Month's Mind)  
**12.30p.m.** Andrew James Murray (Anniversary)  
 Deceased members of the Curtis & Brady Families

**6.00p.m.** Available for Intention

**Monday 6th May 10.00a.m.** Stephen Barker (Month's Mind) No evening Mass

**Tues. 7th May 9.15a.m.** James Stapleton (Anniversary)  
**7.00p.m.** Anthony Delaney (Anniversary)

**Wed. 8th May 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.** Available for Intention

**Thurs. 9th May 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.** Available for Intention

**Fri. 10th May 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.** Available for Intention

**Sat. 11th May 10.00a.m.** Available for Intention  
**Vigil 7.00p.m.** Maureen Wyse (Month's Mind)  
 Thomas (Month's Mind) & Helen Byrne (Anniv.)  
 Deceased members of the Brady & Farrelly Families  
 Lizette & Lenny Murphy (Anniversaries)  
 Lillie Brennan (Anniversary)

**Sun. 12th May 11.15a.m.** Phyllis Bolger (Anniversary)  
**12.30p.m.** James Brennan (Month's Mind)  
 Larry Clare (1st Anniversary)  
 Carmel & Gerry Bailey (Anniversaries)  
 John & Ella Beades (Anniversaries)  
**6.00p.m.** Available for Intention

**Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball**

**Wed. 8th May 10.00a.m.** Available for Intention

**Sun. 12th May 10.00a.m.** Adalgisa Levins (Anniversary)

**The Easter Garden** - Have you seen the beautiful Easter Garden in the



Church of the Holy Child? It will be in place until Pentecost so don't forget to visit and say a little prayer. It is located at the top left hand side of the Church. Special thanks to Dorothy Gray who created the prayerful space.

