

liturgical role of proclaiming the Gospel.

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.

For people like Saint Francis and Saint Anthony, this involved a radical call to God's service as they responded to the challenges that the Church faced during their times which included evangelising the poor and challenging heresy by preaching the true message of Jesus. 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 residue of faith in our parish, in our community, in our city and in our country. I am always deeply impressed when I sometimes attend the 11.15am Mass on a Sunday. The church is full of people of all ages that it can be even hard to get a seat if you are even slightly late! Please God, we will see and hear more from people of faith in the coming weeks as we prepare for the World Meeting of Families and the Papal visit late this month. 2 Corinthians 4:16 says "*Do not loose heart*". Saint Anthony and Saint Francis certainly did not loose heart, nor should we as we try to read the signs of our times through the light of the Gospel. We can all assist in building up the Kingdom of God in our times.

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### Mass in the Phoenix Park on 26th August for World Meeting of Families.



**Chief Celebrant Pope Francis.** Both buses going from the Parish to the Mass are fully booked. More details later regarding the departure time. If you haven't paid the €6 for the bus we would ask you to leave it in the Parish Office with your name. The tickets for the Mass will be distributed on the bus.

## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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### St Anthony & St Francis

The filmmaker Woody Allen had a movie out a few years ago called "Midnight in Paris" which is about an aspiring American writer who was visiting the French capital and had the capability to travel back in time to what he considered to be the golden age of literature and art in Paris. This was the 1920s when Ernest Hemingway, Pablo Picasso and F. Scott Fitzgerald rubbed shoulders in the bars and restaurants.

During the course of the story, the American writer encountered an actress who disagreed with his idea and felt that the real golden age for the arts in France was, in fact, *La Belle Époque* which began about fifty years earlier. I was reminded of this story when reading a biography of St Anthony over the summer (which I purchased incidentally, at the excellent book stall at the recent

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Whitehall Summer Fayre.) The writer said that there was never a so called golden age for Christianity and that each century brings it 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.

As you may know, St Anthony was one of the first Franciscans and was a contemporary of St Francis of Assisi. There is a lovely story told of how he encountered St. Francis of Assisi at an early chapter meeting of the new order and recalled how St Francis read the Gospel at a Mass which was celebrated by a Bishop. It is said that the only reason the ever humble Francis agreed to be ordained as a Deacon was to carry out the



**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 7th -12th September 2018**  
**Hotel Solitude \*\*\*\* 5 Nights – Full Board Fully Inclusive Price €739**  
 In conjunction with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage  
 (single room subject to confirmation – supplement €175)  
 To book please contact Anne in the Parish Office Tel: 8375274

**Canon John Flaherty**

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin has appointed Canon John Flaherty as Moderator of this Parish, Beaumont and Kilmore Road West. He will take up his appointment on 2nd September 2018 and reside here in Larkhill/Whitehall/Santry. He comes to us from Mourne Road Parish and he is most welcome among us. We wish him God's blessing in his ministry and many happy years among us.

**Fr. Josip Levakovic** -Fr. Josip, curate in this Parish moves in early September to St. Mary's Haddington Road Parish. He will continue his primary ministry as Chaplain to the growing Croatian Community in Ireland. We thank him for his commitment over the years and pray God's blessing on him in the future.

**Fr. John Jones & Fr. Tom Kearney** will continue residing in the Parish providing priestly ministry to parishioners as Parish Chaplains.

**Fr. Brendan Cooney**, resident Priest in Santry is active in Parish Ministry and will remain so. We are very grateful to **Fr. Jim Hickey** for the continuing generosity of his contribution to parishioners. May God the Father be their guide and help.

*Fr. John Jones*

**Preliminary Mass Notice**

Due to the celebration of the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park on Sunday 26th August the 12.30p.m. in the Church of the Holy Child will be cancelled that Sunday. All other Parish Masses are as usual – 7pm. Vigil (Saturday Holy Child), 10a.m. (Blessed Margaret Ball) 11.15a.m. (Holy Child) and 6p.m. (Holy Child)

**Ministers of Holy Communion to assist at the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park on Sunday August 26th.**

**LAST Call for you to join the Holy Communion distribution team: lay people & religious, deacons & priests. You will need to be Garda vetted for this event. Cut off date Monday 6th August. Garda vetting for WMOF2018 suffices. DON'T DELAY. Email: [communionteam@worldmeeting2018.ie](mailto:communionteam@worldmeeting2018.ie)**



**Recently Deceased:**

You are asked to remember in your Prayers –

**Anne Cox, Kathleen Hewitt, William Mullen, Jim O'Grady, Joan Hutchinson, Maria Scorer.**

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



**Lough Derg**

Come home to the love of God's Family on Lough Derg on a day Pilgrimage on **Saturday 18th August**. Coach from Whitehall Church at 6.30a.m. Cost €65 includes return fare, morning tea/coffee, light lunch & admission to island. Tel: Marie McAllister 01 8425678.



**Please Support your Parish Lotto**

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot 1 8 14 23 2nd Jackpot: 3 9 17 20

No Jackpot winner. The winners of the 7 prizes of €25 were:

H. McGeogh: P. Grogan: J. Coleman: JMB Maher: S. Keegan: A. MacDonald: A. Rundle.

**Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot €8,750 Second Jackpot €300**

**7 Consolation Prizes of €25**

**Mass Intentions for the coming week**

**Church of the Holy Child**

**Monday 6th August 10.00a.m. Pauline & Tom O'Connor ( 60th Wedding Anniv) Peter Howard (Anniversary)**

**No Evening Mass as this is a public holiday**

**Tuesday 7th August 9.15a.m. Mary Neary (Anniversary)**

7.00p.m. Jim Savage

**Wednesday 8th August 9.15a.m. Available for Intention**

7.00p.m. Slowey Family (Anniversaries)

**Thursday 9th August 9.15a.m. Thanksgiving Mass**

7.00p.m. Available for Intention

**Friday 10th August 9.15a.m. St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society**

7.00p.m. Available for Intention

**Saturday 11th August 10.00a.m. Available for Intention**

**Vigil 7.00p.m. Mary Baxter (1st Anniversary)**

Tommy Kane (Anniversary)

**Sunday 12th August 11.15a.m. People of the Parish**

12.30p.m. Teresa (Birthday Remembrance) & Christy Evans

Peter Finn (Anniversary)

6.00p.m. Available for Intention

**Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball**

**Wednesday 8th August 10.00a.m. Available for Intention**

**Sunday 12th August 10.00a.m. Available for Intention**

**Booking for World Youth Day Panama now open!**

Young Dubliners are being invited to join in a pilgrimage to Panama for World Youth Day in January 2019. 18th-30th Jan 2019. Further information [www.evangelisation.ie](http://www.evangelisation.ie)

**Church Gate Collection:** This weekend the Collection is in aid of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

**Novena to St. John Vianney (Cure of Ars) St. John Vianney Church Saturday 4th – Sunday 12th August. Ardlea Rd, Artane.**

**WMOF Seven Church Pilgrimage Walk 18th-25th Aug.** The following seven churches will be open each day 9.30am - 7pm: St Audeon's High St; St. Francis Xavier's Gardiner St.; St Mary's Pro-Cathedral; St Michan's COI Church St.; St Michan's RC Halston Street; St. Saviour's Dominick St.; St. Teresa's, Clarendon St.