

ly grown at the start. Faith has to grow, and as it grows it changes. Faith does not remain stationary, no more than any of our relationships remain stationary.

Faith grows when exercised. Faith also grows through regular nourishment. Those beliefs that we do not nourish become less solid. How do we nourish the faith? By prayer and contact with the believing community.

Faith is the greatest power in the world. That is what Jesus meant when he said, 'If you have faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you'. This is a striking way of saying that with faith what looks impossible becomes possible. It's not the size of it but the quantity of it that matters. 'Those with a grain of faith never lose hope, because they believe in the ultimate triumph of truth.' (Ghandi)

*Flor McCarthy SDB*

**PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY**



**NEWSLETTER**



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**Growth in Faith**

**6th October 2019**

They are very fortunate people who are born into a religious faith, and who with the passage of the years find this faith increasingly strong and sustaining. To possess a confident faith is a tremendous blessing. Only faith can answer the most profound questions of life.

Without faith, there is no reason for anything and nothing is in its proper place. Life is unintelligible and unbearable without God. Faith gives meaning to life. Faith also gives vision. A life without vision is like a night without stars.

Faith adds the buoyancy of hope to life. We need hope as much as we need food. But we can't have hope without faith. And faith results in joy. Happy those who discover the joy of believing, the rapture of faith in God, the ecstasy of heeding the divine invitation and clasping God's outstretched hand.

But we must not expect faith to clear everything up. We live in a world where many desperately seek to know all the answers. Just because we believe does not mean we know

everything. But we don't need to know all the answers. People don't have to understand a work of art to be inspired by it. Faith is trust, not certainty.

Rationalists approach God and religion as something that can be understood and explained; mystics approach God as something mysterious which can neither be understood nor explained but only experienced. Logic cannot tell us everything. However, faith does not contradict reasons; it goes beyond it, it transcends it. Faith is a gift of God, but God does not force himself on anyone.

Faith is not a thing, but a relationship with God. The expression *to lose your faith*, as one might lose a key or a purse, is really rather silly. Faith is not a thing which one loses; we merely cease to shape our lives by it.


All of us should make our own the prayer of the apostles: 'Lord, increase our faith,' because it is not enough to keep the faith; we have to grow in it. Faith is not acquired ful-

**Ireland's Greatest Voices**  
**The Three Tenors in concert**  
**Friday, 22nd Nov. 2019 at**  
**8.00p.m. in the**  
**Church of the Holy Child**




Tickets €25 – Available from the Parish Centre and the Church Shop.

'Feel Good' Popular Classic Hits from Sinatra, Bob Dylan, the Dubliners and Pavarotti. Christmas favourites 'O Holy Night' 'Silent Night' 'Ave Maria'. All the songs you love!!



**Blessing of Animals** – Don't forget, in honour of St. Francis, whose feast day is Friday 4th October, all pets will be blessed underneath the Bell Tower this **Sunday 6th October after the 12.30p.m. Mass**. St. Francis embraced poverty and preached the love of God to all. In 1221 while praying at La Verna, he received the wounds of the crucified Lord which caused him great pain in his final years. **Remember to bring your pets along for the special blessing.**

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



**Church Collection 29/9/2019**

1st Collection	€1,721
SHARE	€1,530
Family Envelope	€1,165

Parish Pastoral Council Assembly, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
 As the term of the current 3<sup>rd</sup> Pastoral Council for the parish of Larkhill/Whitehall/Santry commissioned in December 2014 is coming to an end, a Parish Assembly will be held on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Pastoral Centre to commence the process of forming the 4<sup>th</sup> PPC of our parish. We look forward to seeing a very good turnout on the night where you will have the opportunity to think about putting your name forward or voting for another parishioner, talk to members of the current PPC, who can answer any questions you may have and hear more about the election process for the formation of the next Parish Council. I look forward to seeing you there.

*Noreen O'Prey – Chairperson*



**St. Therese of Lisieux**

Last Tuesday, 1st October was the Feast Day of St. Therese of Lisieux, much loved by many Dubliners who call her the 'Little Flower'. During the **7.00p.m. Mass on Monday 7th October Fr. Damian McNeice** will mark the Feast of St. Therese, with a brief homily about her spirituality and give blessings with a relic of the popular Carmelite Saint. All are very welcome

**We welcome in Baptism:**  
**Kyren Carroll Kidd**

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



**Recently Deceased:**

You are asked to remember in your Prayers: Elizabeth Sweeney  
 Pauline Fox  
 Maureen Scully  
 Stephen McConnell  
 Matthew McHugh  
*May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.*



**Church Gate Collection – St Aidan's CBS** is embarking on a sixth Tanzanian Immersion project in 2019. Thirteen students and four staff plan to travel to Arusha in northern Tanzania to link up with their partner school, Sinon High School. The boys will attend school in Tanzania for a half day each day and immerse themselves in the Tanzanian education system. In the afternoons, they will visit orphanages, a teenage remand centre and the Plaster House, where they spend time playing with the children and helping out. St. Aidan's students benefit enormously from development awareness and gain a deep appreciation for the struggle that people in the developing world face each day. The previous Immersion team raised €12,000 to donate to the projects which they visited. Please give what you can to help this very worthwhile project.

**Parish Lotto**

Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 8 25 28 29 2nd Jackpot: 12 14 16 24 No Jackpot winner.  
 The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: M. & J. Stanley; C. Reid; P. Kavanagh; M. Kerrigan; M. Breen; J. & C. Smith-McCabe & P. Caul.  
 The winners of the five special prizes of €100 were: N. Keenan; BMB Tea Room; A. Ruddle; S. English & M. Kelly.  
 Next Week's Lotto Draw: First Jackpot €15,000 Second Jackpot €1,900  
**Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25.**



**Mass Intentions from the 28th September 2019 Church of the Holy Child**

Sat. 5th Oct. Vigil 7.00p.m.	Martin Philbin - 1st Anniversary John Tobin - 1st Anniversary Noel Kirwan & Michael Walsh – Anniversaries
Sun. 6th Oct. 11.15a.m.	Jimmy Moran - Month's Mind Seamus & Brid Dunne, Anne Carmel Duff - Annivs.
12.30p.m.	Maureen O'Reilly – Month's Mind
Mon. 7th Oct. 9.15a.m.	Mona O'Donoghue - Birthday Remembrance Thanksgiving
7.00p.m.	Thanksgiving
Wed. 9th Oct. 9.15a.m.	Peggy Leonard – R.I.P.
Thurs 10th Oct 7.00p.m.	Michael Purdue – Anniversary
Fri. 11th Oct. 9.15a.m.	St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society
7.00p.m.	Mercedes McDonnell – 1st Anniversary
Sat. 12th Oct. 10.00a.m.	Damian Doyle - recently deceased R.I.P.
7.00p.m.	Elizabeth Doyle, Eddie & Sheila Darcy – Anniversaries Rita Lynch, Teresa O'Connor – Anniversaries Mary O'Connor – Birthday Remembrance
Sun. 13th Oct 11.15a.m.	Patrick James Savage - 1st Anniversary Olive & Seán Timothy - 1st Anniversary Florence Mackey – Anniversary
12.30p.m.	Mary Campbell – Month's Mind Ciaran Kelly & Chris Standen – Birthday Remembrance
<b>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</b>	
Wed. 9th & Sun. 13th Oct.	10.00a.m. No Intentions

**Liturgy Team** – The next meeting of this group will take place on Wednesday 9th October at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Centre.

**Thanks** – Crosscare thank parishioners who contributed a total of €4,025 to their recent collection for Crosscare Community, Homeless & Youth Services.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul Annual Clothing Appeal**

**Church of the Holy Child Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball**  
 Bags will be handed out this weekend, the 5th & 6th October. They will be collected the following weekend, **12th and 13th October.**