

moment is utterly unique.

This should concentrate our attention on what we are experiencing now. But every moment is also fleeting. How quickly life's stream runs down to the sea. This fleetingness gives life its poignancy and makes it all the more precious. 'For we do not enjoy this world everlastingly, only briefly; our life is like the warming of oneself in the sun.'

(Aztec Indians).

The Lord, the Good Shepherd, wants us to have life. Therefore, let us not be so timid and fearful. Let us live whatever presents itself to us, because everything is a gift from God. Life is generous to those who seize it with both hands.

Mere existence is not enough for us. 'What people are looking for is not meaning in life, but the experience of being alive – the rapture of living' (Joseph Campbell). We are meant to live. It is a well-known fact that those who have lived fully and intensely, do not feel cheated at death. 'Fear not that your life will end; rather fear that it may never have begun.' (Thoreau). The poet Patrick Kavanagh, said:

Autumn I'd welcome had I known love in the summer days.
I would not weep for flowers that die
if once they'd bloom for praise.
I would not cry for any tree
Leaf lost, a word of misery.
I would not make lament although
My harvest were a beggar's woe.

Jesus began his ministry with these words: 'Believe in the Good News.' what is the Good News? The Good News is: '*I came that you may have life and have it to the full.*'

Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB

PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



NEWSLETTER



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Living Life to the Full

7th May 2017

'I came so that you may have life and have it to the full.' (Gospel)

Is Jesus talking only about eternal life or also about this life? I have no doubt but that these words are to be applied to our life on earth as much as to our hope of eternal life.

There is a lovely Spanish legend that goes like this. When people arrive at the gate of heaven seeking to enter, St. Peter asks them a strange question. He says to each one, 'Tell me this. Have you taken advantage of all the earthly joys which God in his goodness made available to you while you were on earth?'

If a person replies, 'No I haven't, Peter shakes his head sadly and says, 'Alas, my friend, I can't let you in – Not yet at any rate. How can you expect to be ready for the heavenly joys if you have not prepared yourself for them

through the medium of earthly ones? I shall be obliged to send you back down to earth until you learn better.'

In the past the Christian religion tended to be identified with restrictions and prohibitions. Many of us were brought up on a theology of detachment from the world. This present life was viewed as nothing more than a time of trial. This kind of spirituality discouraged enjoyment of life. It led to half-heartedness. It was as if we were always keeping something back. Always living cautiously, fearfully, miserly.

It ought to be possible to enjoy life to the fullest while being devout and religious at the same time. However, to live fully is not the same as to live it up.

Life is a fragile gift. Every



Eternal City, Rome

Thurs 28th Sep –Tues 3rd Oct 2017
Mgr. John Fitzpatrick will lead our tour to Rome

Hotel Domus Carmelitana 3* is centrally located in Rome about 10 mins walk from St. Peters. Price €799.00 per person sharing B & B. For more information and to book please contact Anne in the Parish Office. Tel: 01 8375274. Booking subject to availability.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations today 7th May 2017. Please make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, keep our priests in your prayers throughout the week, encourage your children, grandchildren or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest, religious brother or sister and pray a rosary for more young men & women to respond to God's call.

We welcome in Baptism:
Shay Frankie O'Hanlon
Conor Damien Robinson
Fionn Gavin McGillicuddy
May these newly baptised children always know and love Jesus as their friend.



Recently Deceased:
You are asked to remember in your Prayers: Paddy Bolger
Dick Harcourt
Mary Finnegan



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



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

7th -12th September 2017
Hotel Solitude ****
5 Nights – Full Board
Fully Inclusive Price €725

Spiritual Director Rev. Tom Kearney
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

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.



Blessing for Expectant Mothers will take place on Thursday 25th May at 8.00p.m. in Our Lady of Mercy Church, Brookwood Grove, Artane.

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF H.U.D.T. (Help us dry tears) Divine Mercy in Action. Will be held in the Holy Child Parish Centre on next Thursday 11th May 9.30a.m. – 12noon,

Parish Pastoral Collection
This important Parish collection will take place next weekend 13th/14th May. The money we receive goes towards the training and requirements of all the Pastoral Teams. It ensures that each Team can be resourced and trained and therefore can give the best service to their ministry.

Could those who have agreed to help with this collection please come to the Sacristy before Mass this weekend and collect a basket. Many thanks for your continued help with this important Parish Collection.

Collection this weekend is for the support of Dublin Diocesan Students preparing for Ordination. This will replace the SHARE collection

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

Monday 8th May	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Deceased members of the Farrelly and the Brady Families (R.I.P.)
Tuesday 9th May	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Wednesday 10th May	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Thursday 11th May	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Lily Brennan (1st Anniversary) For those who sympathised & supported the Bolger Family at their recent bereavement
Friday 12th May	9.15a.m.	St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society
	7.00p.m.	Brena Flanagan (1st Anniversary) Phyllis Bolger (1st Anniv) & sister Ena (R.I.P.)
Saturday 13th May	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
	Vigil 7.00p.m.	Lizette & Lenny Murphy (R.I.P.) Michael & Bridie Kelleher (Anniversaries) Dympna Rourke (Anniversary)
Sunday 14th May	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	Batt, Margaret and Anne O'Mahony (R.I.P.) Robert Gibson (Anniv.) & Deceased family members (R.I.P.)
	6.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball		
Wednesday 10th May	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Sunday 14th May	10.00a.m.	Henry Wally Dillon (1st Anniversary)



Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:
1st Jackpot: 15 17 18 20 2nd Jackpot: 6 9 12 16
There was no Jackpot winner. The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were:
U. Kearns: G. Comiskey: M. Davitt: T. Halpin: D. Tierney: T. Mullins: B. Adderley
The winners of the five special prizes of €100 were: P. & K. Tolan: BMB Tea Room:
B. Roberts: M. & J. Kearney: K. Burns.
Next Draw: 1st Jackpot €7,250 2nd Jackpot €2,000
Plus seven consolation prizes of €25

Attention Pedestrians!

Please be extremely careful in crossing the Swords Road at the pedestrian lights. Over the past few weeks a number of 'near' accidents and incidents have been witnessed and reported since the traffic lanes have been changed by the new barriers. Do not hesitate to report any such incidents to Public Representatives & the appropriate transport authorities.

Whitehall Residents Reunion
St. Colmcilles G.A.A. Club,
Collins Ave, on Sat, 24th June
Music, food & craic = friends.
Tickets €12 limited availability.
Phone 8370663 087 0523052.
Admission only with ticket.