

down and had let each other down. They looked around and like any group felt memories of hurt, shame, let-down, injury and harm. They saw those who had abandoned Jesus and tried to cover up the sin; or they saw others who just knew they had done wrong and were sorry. All were forgiven."

Father Donal concludes his reflection with these words: "We follow Christ with all sorts of personal gifts, talents and sins in our back-pack. Like people on pilgrimage, we are cluttered. The Holy Spirit opens our hearts to let this baggage just fly away! We are people of freedom and of a new song."

He then challenges us by asking: "What song do I sing in the presence of the Lord? One that brings me back into misery like singing of shame and misery or one that brings me into the freedom of the Alleluia? Can my heart dance with the joy and hope of Pentecost?"

In Donaghmede parish we have the Confirmation ceremony for one of our RCIA candidates this Pentecost Sunday. Let us pray for her that the Holy Spirit will inspire and direct her journey of faith in the years to come as she prepares for her wedding in Brazil next year. It is certainly a very appropriate day for a Confirmation ceremony and we also pray that, as a parish community, we may also experience the grace of the Holy Spirit at this time as we try to discern our way forward as church in these most challenging times.

Deacon Gerard Reilly

Gerard Reilly is a Permanent Deacon in Donaghmede and Ayrfield parishes

Dardistown Cemetery Mass Sunday, 7th July 2019

This annual Mass is a huge undertaking for our Parish and many people are required to help our Parish Team. We invite Ministers of the Eucharist to volunteer to minister at this Mass. We also require people to accompany each Minister carrying an umbrella (this will enable people attending the Mass to see clearly where each Minister of the Eucharist is standing during the distribution of the Blessed Sacrament). Maybe each Minister could bring along another person to help with this. People are also needed to help with the Collection before and after the Mass. If you can help in any way please leave your name and contact details on the list available on the table in the Parish Centre or with the Sacristan in the Church of the Holy Child or in Blessed Margaret Ball.

Our sincere thanks for your continued help with this special Mass in our Parish.



PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



NEWSLETTER



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*"We are people of freedom
and of a new song"*

9th June 2019

Some of you may have visited Manresa, the Jesuit Retreat Centre in Clontarf. In the prayer room, there are some beautiful stained glass windows by the renowned artist, Evie Hone.

One of them is entitled "Pentecost". The Manresa website explains that:

"The window shows the arrival of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles. The lower section depicts the ministry of the Apostles after Pentecost as they attended to the care and healing of the sick."

The fact that Our Lady is depicted right in the centre of the apostles with her hands raised in prayer as the Holy Spirit descends on them is really significant. The mother of Jesus remained with the apostles after the Crucifixion, the Resurrection and the Ascension. Now, she is also present at Pentecost. It can be said that, through her prayers and patience, she encouraged the Apostles to prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit. This time has been described as the first Church retreat as the apostles prayed and reflected on their future mission in the Church.

It's also a good time for us to reflect on

our own mission and ministry as we all have one. It may be a ministry of prayer, a ministry of welcome, a ministry of assisting others, a ministry of service to the poor, a ministry of music or a ministry on the altar assisting with the liturgy.

Just as the apostles did not know what the call of Jesus would mean in their lives, so it is for us as Jesus's plans for us may only become gradually clearer over time. As Blessed John Henry Newman wrote:

*"Lead kindly light,
Lead gently on,
I do not ask to see the distant scene
One step is enough"*

Father Donal Neary makes the following comments about Pentecost: "Pentecost is really something new! The first reading is a new call and new mercy. The gospel is about the coming of the Spirit and the main sign of the Spirit is forgiveness."

He goes on to say that: "There was a lot of need for forgiveness around in the first group of Jesus' followers. They had let him

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes Wed. 4th – Mon. 9th September 2019

Hotel Solitude **** 5 Nights Full Board

Fully Inclusive Price €759 per person sharing.

(single room €180 supplement)

Travelling in conjunction with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage.

For more information and to book

please contact Anne in the Parish Office Tel: 01 8375274



We welcome in Baptism:

Ellie Nora Zhou O'Halloran

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



Ministers of the Eucharist – If you are interested in being a Minister of the Eucharist just leave your name and contact phone number, marked for the attention of Fiona Walsh, into reception in the Parish Centre.

Church Collections 2/6/2019

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| 1st Collection | €1,945 |
| SHARE | €1,250 |
| Family Envelope | €1,635 |

Many thanks.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

A heartfelt thanks to all who gave donations & bought tickets for H.U.D.T. Coffee Morning and Raffle on Thursday 16th May, also to Beaumont Bakery for their delicious cakes. You helped to raise €1,025 for homeless children and elderly. God bless you all.

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

Fr. Tommy Murphy – native of Holy Child Parish, Priest of the Diocese. Last appointment Adm. James' Street.

Michael McLoughlin

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



Invitation - The Servant of God

FRANK DUFF Founded the

Legion of Mary 7th Sept. 1921.

Born 7 June 1889 Died 7 Nov. 1980

Annual Cemetery this Sunday

June 9th 2019 - Commemoration

Ceremony - Glasnevin at 3.00 pm Speaker:

Fr. Eamon McCarthy. Ceremony will conclude with procession to the grave of Frank Duff.

Ceremony will take place in Chapel near main gate of cemetery, Finglas Road. Buses from City, Parnell St. Nos. 40, 40A, 40B, 40C



Cemetery Masses 2019: Masses/Prayers

Balrothery Sunday 16th June-Prayers at 4pm
Fingal, Sunday 16th June-Mass at 12pm
Glasnevin Sunday 30th June-Mass at 3pm
Dardistown Sunday 7th July-Mass at 3pm
Balgriffin Sunday 7th July-Mass at 12pm

Always Be Ready: Ecumenical Bible Week

2019 will take place from 10-16th June from 7am to 8.15am in different venues. The theme this year is "always be ready -to give an answer... for the hope that you possess." It will open with a Prayer Breakfast in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay (10 June)" On Thursday 13th June Holy Cross College Clonliffe will host a symposium.-"How can we be Christian in Ireland today" chaired by Archbishop Michael Jackson. Thinking Allowed will take place in the evening reflecting on the theme "What does it mean to be a Christian in Ireland today?" Among the panellists will be Archbishop Martin and leaders of other Christian faiths. Details on www.bibleweek.ie

Please **Parish Lotto** Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 11 16 20 24 2nd Jackpot: 4 11 12 22 No Jackpot winner.

The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: G. & W. Kenny, S. Reid, M. & D. Hanrahan, R. Kelly & S. Doyle, A. Rundle, B. Screene, D. & A. O'Brien.

The winners of the 5 special prizes of €100 were: A. Byrne, J. Fitzgibbon, K. Burns, L. Hooper, A. Reilly.

Next Week's Lotto Draw: First Jackpot €15,000 Second Jackpot €1,050

Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25



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

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| Mon. 10th June | 9.15a.m. Mrs Treasa Joseph (Anniversary) |
| | 7.00p.m. Available for Intention. |
| Tues. 11th June | 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Available for Intention |
| Wed. 12th June | 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Available for Intention |
| Thurs. 13th June | 9.15a.m. Special Intention |
| | 7.00p.m. Available for Intention |
| Fri. 14th June | 9.15a.m. Philip Lacey (Anniversary) |
| | 7.00p.m. Available for Intention |
| Sat. 15th June | 10.00a.m. Special Intention |
| Vigil | 7.00p.m. William Brady (Month's Mind), Dan Breen (1st Anniv) |
| | Joe Lacey, Gerald Jordan (Anniversaries) |
| Sun. 16th June | 11.15a.m. Carol McDonnell (1st Anniversary) |
| | Megan Farrell (Anniversary) |
| | 12.30p.m. Kevin Lee (Anniversary) |
| | 6.00p.m. Laurence & Brenda Devlin (Anniversaries) |

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

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| Wed. 12th June | 10.00a.m. Available for Intentions |
| Sun. 16th June | 10.00a.m. Tom Stafford (1st Anniversary) |



The Strawberry Fayre - Sunday 30th June 2019 10.30a.m. – 1.00p.m.

This has always been a wonderful morning with lots of strawberry goodies. Any new or nearly new unused gifts gladly accepted for our stalls. If you would like to bake bread, cakes or scones for the cake stall, donate bottles of alcohol or juices for the Wheel of Fortune or if you can help in any way, it would be very much appreciated. Don't forget to buy some raffle tickets. Come and join us on the day and show your support for our Parish Centre.

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



Anam Cara North Dublin will hold its **monthly evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 19th June at 7.20p.m. in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin.** This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, or circumstances of death or whether recent or not. No events July or August. Tel: 085 288 888.

The Church Gate Collection this weekend is for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul