

## Hope in Our Times

Schools and Colleges reopen after the long closedown but it is definitely not a return to 'business as usual'. Please God pupils and students will stay safe and healthy and continue to grow together in wisdom and knowledge. Our prayers and good wishes go out to school communities, teachers, parents and all involved in the field of education. Inevitably Sacraments that we associate with schools were postponed this year, but we look forward to celebrating them over the next few weeks. Invitations have been issued to parents and pupils of 6th Class from our local parish schools to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 12th September. While the ceremony will be more simple this time, it is a lovely occasion for families and an opportunity to receive the fullness of God's Holy Spirit.

First Holy Communion which we usually celebrate in the Month of May will also be different to other years but we have reserved Saturday, 3rd October for it to take place, God willing. Further information will be available when schools are up and running.

Our Parish Masses (schedule on front page), are helping so many who have missed being in communal prayer and receiving the Sacrament of Communion. These continue mainly as a result of a tremendous effort of voluntary help from teams of stewards and people who sanitise our churches after each celebration. We deeply appreciate this huge commitment.

On behalf of parishioners and priests I would like to express our sincere gratitude to Fr. Jim Hickey S.M.A. who has served in this Parish for many years. A parishioner himself, he has given of his time, learning and spirituality with a selfless generosity. Officially retired for many a year, at almost 97 years of age he is well entitled to a good restful break. We wish him many years of good health and a remembrance in our prayers.

Thanking you for your continued support, I wish you and your families God's blessing as we move through Autumn.

*May God who is blessed above all  
Bless us in all things through Christ,  
So that whatever happens in our lives  
Will work together for our good.* Fr. John Jones

## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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Our Churches are reopened for Masses.

**AUTUMN 2020**

### Mass Times

**9.15a.m. Monday - Friday - Holy Child**

**10.00a.m. Wednesday - Blessed Margaret Ball**

**(No 7.00p.m. weekday or 10.00a.m. Saturday Mass)**

### Sundays

**7.00p.m. Saturday Vigil - Holy Child**

**11.15a.m. - Sunday - Holy Child**

**12.30p.m. - Sunday - Holy Child**

**6.00p.m. - Sunday - Holy Child**

**10.00a.m. - Sunday - Blessed Margaret Ball**

**Confessions available immediately after 7p.m. Mass on Saturday in the Oratory in Holy Child**

Holy Child Church is open Monday – Friday until 12 noon for private prayer – availability will depend on sanitation work and funerals taking place. All Masses are live streamed on [www.whitehalldublindiocese.ie](http://www.whitehalldublindiocese.ie)

**Financial Update** – Grateful appreciation to all who are helping to restart the process of changed methods of financial contribution, not least the people who have made donations to parish funds. Family offering envelopes may continue to be left in the church safes. As baskets are no longer passed through the seats at Mass, your contributions to the Common Fund (first collection towards the support of the priests) and the SHARE collection may be placed in the safes at the exits in the Churches.  
Sunday 23rd August – Common Fund – €1,496.00      SHARE- €655  
Family Offering Envelopes (previous two weeks) €2,015  
Thank you.