

always find in faith, nourished by the Word and by the Sacraments, the strength needed to love God, even in the experience of illness.

Like Saint Bernadette, we stand beneath the watchful gaze of Mary. The humble maiden of Lourdes tells us that the Virgin, whom she called “the Lovely Lady”, looked at her as one person looks at another. Those simple words describe the fullness of a relationship. Bernadette, poor, illiterate and ill, felt that Mary was looking at her as a person. The Lovely Lady spoke to her with great respect and without condescension. This reminds us that every person is, and always remains, a human being, and is to be treated as such. The sick and the those who are disabled, even severely, have their own inalienable dignity and mission in life. They never become simply objects. If at times they appear merely passive, in reality that is never the case.

After her visit to the Grotto, thanks to her prayer, Bernadette turned her frailty into support for others. Thanks to her love, she was able to enrich her neighbours and, above all, to offer her life for the salvation of humanity. The fact that the Lovely Lady asked her to pray for sinners reminds us that the infirm and the suffering desire not only to be healed, but also to live a truly Christian life, even to the point of offering it as authentic missionary disciples of Christ. Mary gave Bernadette the vocation of serving the sick and called her to become a Sister of Charity, a mission that she carried out in so exemplary a way as to become a model for every healthcare worker. Let us ask Mary Immaculate for the grace always to relate to the sick as persons who certainly need assistance, at times even for the simplest of things, but who have a gift of their own to share with others.

On this Twenty-fifth World Day of the Sick, I once more offer my prayerful support and encouragement to physicians, nurses, volunteers and all those consecrated men and women committed to serving the sick and those in need. I also embrace the ecclesial and civil institutions working to this end, and the families who take loving care of their sick. I pray that all may be ever joyous signs of the presence of God’s love and imitate the luminous testimony of so many friends of God, including Saint John of God and Saint Camillus de’ Lellis, the patrons of hospitals and healthcare workers, and Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, missionary of God’s love.

Dear brothers and sisters – the sick, healthcare workers and volunteers – I ask you to join me in praying to Mary. May her maternal intercession sustain and accompany our faith, and obtain for us from Christ her Son hope along our journey of healing and of health, a sense of fraternity and responsibility, a commitment to integral human development and the joy of feeling gratitude whenever God amazes us by his fidelity and his mercy.

Pope Francis

## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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### Extract from the Message of his Holiness Pope Francis for the 25th World Day of the Sick 2017

*Amazement at what God has accomplished: “The Almighty has done great things for me...” (Lk 1:49)*

In his message for World Day of the Sick 2017, Pope Francis has the following to say: Dear Brothers and Sisters, The Twenty-fifth World Day of the Sick will be celebrated throughout the Church and in a special way at Lourdes. The theme of this year’s celebration is Amazement at what God has accomplished: ‘*The Almighty has done great things for me....*’ (Lk 1:49).

Instituted by my predecessor Saint John Paul II in 1992, and first celebrated at Lourdes on 11 February 1993, this Day is an opportunity to reflect in particular on the needs of the sick and, more generally, of all those who suffer. It is also an occasion for those who generously assist the sick, beginning with family members, health workers and volunteers, to give thanks for their God-given vocation of accompanying our infirm brothers and sisters. This celebration likewise gives the Church

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renewed spiritual energy for carrying out ever more fully that fundamental part of her mission which includes serving the poor, the infirm, the suffering, the outcast and the marginalized (cf. *John Paul II, Motu Proprio Dolentium Hominum, 11th February 1985, 1*).

Even now, I am spiritually present at the grotto of Massabielle, before the statue of the Immaculate Virgin, in whom *the Almighty has done great things for the redemption of mankind*. I express my closeness to all of you, our suffering brothers and sisters, and to your families, as well as my appreciation for all those in different roles of service and in healthcare institutions throughout the world who work with professionalism, responsibility and dedication for your care, treatment and daily well-being. I encourage all of you, the sick, the suffering, physicians, nurses, family members and volunteers, to see in Mary, *Health of the Infirm*, the sure sign of God’s love for every human being and a model of surrender to his will. May you



### Please Support your Parish Lotto

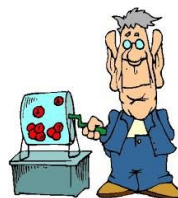
Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:  
1st Jackpot: 2 3 14 16 2nd Jackpot: 11 19 23 28  
There was no Jackpot winner.

The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were:  
P. Moore; M. Partridge; R. McDonnell; J. Soden;  
M. Mullery; H Whelan; T. Kinsella.

The winners of the five special prizes of €100 were: N. O'Brien;  
M. Dineen; J. Doyle; P. Downes; M. Finlay.

#### Next Week.

First Jackpot **€4,500** Second Jackpot **€2,000** plus seven consolation prizes of **€25**



#### The Sacrament of Baptism



#### Annual Baptism Mass

The annual Mass for all children baptised in 2016 will take place in the Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball on Saturday 18th February 2017 at 12 noon.

Refreshments will be provided after Mass. All welcome

**25th World Day of the Sick** – Mass & Anointing of the sick – Sunday, 12th February 2017. St. Gabriel's Church, Dollymount, Dublin 3 at 3 p.m. If you would like to bring an ill relative or friend for anointing you are very welcome.

#### Adult Faith Development Team Prayer for Lent

Fr. Donal Neary S.J. will speak about Prayer, on Wed Feb 22nd at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Centre.

#### Recently Deceased:

You are asked to remember in your Prayers:

Edward Kelly  
Barry McGoldrick

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



**ACCORD Dublin** -The annual collection for ACCORD, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the family will be made at all Masses on the weekend of **18th & 19th February 2017**. It will replace the usual SHARE collection.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:

- ◆ Marriage Preparation Courses
- ◆ Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships.
- ◆ A Relationship & Sexuality Programme in Schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support so please give what you can on 18th /19th February.

#### John Killeen R.I.P.

The family of the late John Killeen wish to thank friends and neighbours for their kind expression of sympathy on the sad loss of John. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for their intentions.

**Knock Pilgrimage to New York 8th-14th May** – Requiem Mass on Saturday 13th May. Re-internment of remains of John Curry, the youngest of the Knock witnesses. Tel: (01) 241 0800

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

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

Monday 13th February	9.15a.m. Special Intention 7.00p.m. John Towell (RIP.)
Tuesday 14th February	9.15a.m. John McGrath (RIP.) 7.00p.m. Fr. John O'Donoghue (RIP.)
Wednesday 15th Feb.	9.15a.m. Jimmy Dixon (RIP.) 7.00pm. Maureen Smith (Month's Mind) Robert Hazley (1st Anniversary) Thomas Hallinan (Anniversary)
Thursday 16th February	9.15a.m. For the intentions of those who sympathised with the Family on the death of the late Maurice Coffey. 7.00p.m. Available for Intention
Friday 17th February	9.15a.m. Available for Intention 7.00p.m. Peter Bermingham, Seamus Lehane (Annivs.)
Saturday 18th February Vigil	10.00a.m. Available for Intention 7.00p.m. Teresa & Francis Harding Anniversary Dennis Spierin, Dennis Hockley(Annivs.)
Sunday 19th February	11.15a.m. People of the Parish 12.30p.m. Vera Doyle (Month's Mind) John Wisley, May Cooley (Anniversaries) Mary & James Kane (RIP.) 6.00p.m. Available for Intention
<b>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</b>	
Wed. 15th February	10.00a.m. Terry O'Neill, Harry & Anne Callan (Annivs)
Sunday 19th February	10.00a.m. Mary (1st Anniv.) & Christopher Finn (Anniv.) Tony Finn (RIP) Tom & Maura Flanagan (Anniversaries)

**St. Aidans CBS:** The St. Aidan's CBS Tanzania Immersion group would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the parishioners of Holy Child Church, & Margaret Ball Chapel for the very generous donations that were made to their project on the weekend of the 3rd Feb. Almost €3,000 was raised. The Group hugely appreciate your support.

**The Aware Resilience Series 2017**  
This year's fundraising Talk takes place on Thurs. 16th February in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin 8. Speaker will be Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. Reception at 7pm. Followed by resilience lecture at 7.30pm. Q&A. Tickets €25 and all funds raised go to Aware Nationwide support. For more information contact Tel: Mr. Drew Flood. 086 6069736

**Voices of Hope** – Join Our Lady of Victories Gospel Choir and Young Adult Group for a night of inspirational music and reflection at 8p.m. on Friday, 3rd March 2017 in Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road, Dublin 11 (Free Entry)  
For more info see: [www.olv.ie](http://www.olv.ie) - All Welcome

