

our fellow human beings differently. We learn to see and to feel the ways in which we are intimately connected to creation. Pope Francis teaches us to see things differently so that we can learn to act differently.

The challenge for all of us is to 'examine our lifestyles' by asking ourselves: Are my actions impacting on existing environmental issues? Am I resolved to making the world a better place for the next generation? Am I aware that people in the developing countries are suffering because of the actions and attitudes of the first world and that the world is, in fact, a common home for all? Can I improve my personal actions for the common good? These questions create space for dialogue on the issue of sustainability, which is far-reaching and can be a topic of discussion for many departments with our Catholic schools.

*Catholic Schools Week – The Resource Writing Team*

*A prayer for our earth by Pope Francis*

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,

so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

that we may protect the world and not prey on it,

that we may sow beauty, not pollution and

destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,

to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united

with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle

for justice, love and peace.

Amen



## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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**Catholic Schools Week 2017**  
**29th January – 3rd February**

**22nd January 2017**

*Learning with Pope Francis to care for our Common Home.*

As we close the door on the Year of Mercy, we are now being called into action to care for our world and to care for each other. The Church reminds us that we have a duty of care to the world and everything in it, for 'she must above all protect mankind from self-destruction.' Pope Francis facilitates the type of learning that reminds us that we can change the world by changing our ways through receiving a good education.

For Pope Francis, a good education begins in the home. It is within our families that we learn to respect human life and the world: 'In the face of the so-called culture of death, the family is the heart of the culture of life.' In the name of the Father, by the example of Jesus and through the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit, we continue to encounter God in our world, not just through the people we meet, but also through the



physical world.

In a homily delivered many years ago, we heard the following phrase: 'Our world is hurting to be loved.' We are stewards of creation, and, therefore, it is our job to be aware of the many issues that damage our world: pollution, climate change, drought, loss of biodiversity and the reducing respect for the dignity of all God's creation. This does not mean that we merely research such issues and make empty statements about how they are unjust. Rather, *Laudato Si* calls us to act on this injustice by teaching us to see the world, every living thing and all of

### Holy Child National School

**To all parents/guardians of children starting primary school in September 2017.** Holy Child National School is accepting applications for enrolment in their Junior Infant classes for the coming academic year, starting September 2017. The application form is available to download from their website [www.holychildns.ie](http://www.holychildns.ie) or you can call to the school office any school day between 9am and 3pm. Applications should be returned to the school office with a completed form, proof of address (utility bill), birth certificate of the child and baptismal certificate (if appropriate). The closing date for receipt of applications is February 28th 2017. A waiting list will be in place after this date.



We welcome in Baptism:

Joseph Liam Fleming  
Maisie Rose Georgina Fleming  
Aoife Anne Browne

*May these newly baptised children always know and love Jesus as their friend.*

#### Catholic Schools Week 2017 29th January - 3rd February

The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is **-Learning with Pope Francis to Care for Our Common Home.** It is hoped that this theme will help schools to gain an understanding of the Pope's encyclical letter *Laudato Si'*. The encyclical letter, published on 24th May 2015, discusses the harm humankind has caused on earth and calls on 'every person living on this planet' to make necessary changes in our lives to protect our planet.

#### Recently Deceased:

You are asked to remember in your Prayers:

**Maureen Smith  
Jim Kilbride  
Bernadette Flood  
Carmel Doherty  
Vera Doyle**



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

**Open Day – Whitehall College of Further Education, Coláiste Caoimhin, Moibhi Road Glasnevin** Wednesday 25th January 2.00–6.00pm.  
Tel: (01) 837 6011. Email: [info@whitehallcollegcefc.dcteb.ie](mailto:info@whitehallcollegcefc.dcteb.ie)

#### Ignatius of Loyola for Today:

Join Fr. Donal Neary for an Introduction to the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola in Our Lady of Mercy Church, Brookwood Grove, Artane, Dublin 5 for five Tuesdays starting on 24th January – 21st February from 7.30pm.-8.45pm. each evening. Topics for discussion include Guidance for Prayer & Reflection and will link Spirituality with Life Experiences – (Cost by donation). All welcome.

#### Life to the Full (Jn. 10: 10) Book Club:

Join other **young Adults** each week to meditate, share and discuss life, faith, purpose & how to live life to the full. We read a chosen spiritual book over a few weeks and come to reflect and discuss our thoughts. Thursdays 7.00pm-8.30pm. St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay, (Smithfield)

#### Ewe Thina: This group walk God's Way.

Want to get fit? Embrace God in nature and build true friendships? Join other young adults (20s & 30s) for reflective hikes around Dublin area. For more info contact: [siohan.tighe@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:siohan.tighe@dublindiocese.ie)



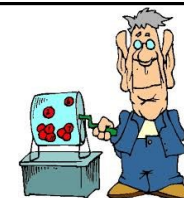
### Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:  
**1st Jackpot: 1 7 18 28 2nd Jackpot: 2 4 20 23**  
There was no Jackpot winner.

The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were:  
C. Reid: T. Madden: A. Reilly: R. Cullen:

M. & A. Keyes: M. McAllister: E. Power.

**Next Week. First Jackpot €3,750 Second Jackpot €2,000**  
**Plus 7 consolation prizes of €25**



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

Monday 23rd January	9.15a.m.	Peter O'Neill (RIP)
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Tuesday 24th January	9.15a.m.	Fr. Bernard Collier (RIP)
	7.00p.m.	Bridie Reilly (RIP)
Wednesday 25th January	9.15a.m. & 7.00pm.	Available for Intention
Thursday 26th January	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Annie & Jack Morrissey (Anniversary)
Friday 27th January	9.15a.m.	Special Intention
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Saturday 28th January	10.00a.m.	James & Lena Maguire & Decd. Relatives (RIP)
Vigil	7.00p.m.	Frank Heron, Beatrice Colfer (1st Anniv.) Thomas Hanlon (1st Anniversary) James Birchall (Anniversary)
Sunday 29th January	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	Maurice Coffey (Month's Mind) Keelin Cooney (1st Anniversary) Deceased Members of Chambers Family (RIP) Thomas Harman (Anniversary)
	6.00p.m.	Bill Seymour (Anniversary) Special Intention of the Family, Friends & Neighbours of Danny & Doris Birney (RIP)
		<u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u>
Wed. 25th January	10.00a.m.	Iris & William Barry (Anniversaries)
Sunday 29th January	10.00a.m.	Agnes Murphy (Anniversary) Michael & Kathleen Mulhall (Anniversaries) Bernie Hanlon (RIP)

**Laudate Festival 2017** -Come to the Laudate Festival and join in an evening of music and reflection in Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Rd. - Tues 31st Jan. at 7p.m. This is a pilot project of the Education Secretariat and the Liturgy Resource Centre which brings together children from 21 Primary Schools of the Archdiocese to sing a shared repertoire of liturgical music and to mark Catholic Schools Week 2017. All are invited to join in the singing and the prayer with these young people-entry is free.