

We can do this by recycling, wasting less water and caring for plants and animals. The care we give the earth shows God how much we love him and the beautiful home he has given us. Lord, help us to care for our common home.

**Wednesday**—Today is Grandparents' Day, and we are asked to think about how our grandparents have watched over our common home, just as they watch over us. Our grandparents can play a special role in our lives. They can be very important teachers who show us how to love, how to be caring and how to share. They can teach us about the past and about the importance of our common home and how to cherish it. They can teach us about the beauty of God's creation and help us to learn to care for it as we grow. We thank you Lord for our grandparents, help us to be thankful for all they teach us.

**Thursday**—Today we think about how we can protect our common home. God has entrusted us with the care of the earth. We can protect and care for our home in all we do each day; for example, by reducing our rubbish, recycling and using the resources of our world carefully. We pray that God will give us the courage to make changes in how we treat and use the resources of our home so that every creature on earth can see the beauty of his creation and come to know their responsibility to be a steward of the earth. We pray that we may all work to protect our common home.

**Friday**—As Catholic Schools Week comes to a close we are asked to think about how we can share our common home. Our world is a gift to all who live here: the people, the animals and the plants. Our world is not always shared equally: there are people who have no home, no food or water; people forced to leave the place they live because of war, natural disasters, famine or drought; plants and animals treated cruelly. In the letter he wrote to us, Pope Francis told us that 'we must share with others.' This reminds us of the words of Jesus, who told us to love one another, to be kind and caring. To show God how much we love him and how thankful we are for the home he has given us, we have to work to share our home equally with all who live here. Lord, help us to share our common home.



## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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

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*Catholic Schools Week begins this week. The Education Secretariat has produced a flier for the Primary and Secondary Schools. Below are some of the thoughts and reflections taken from it which are useful for all of us.*

**Monday**—Today is the first day of Catholic Schools Week 2017. This year we are learning with Pope Francis about caring for our common home. Our common home is not just the community or the country we live in, but our entire world. Caring for our home is so important that Pope Francis wrote a letter to remind everyone about our responsibility to love and care for the earth. Today we think of the beauty of the world that God created for us. Our world is a gift from God. From the shining sun to the twinkling stars, the deep blue seas and the snowy mountain tops, God made it all. From the colourful flowers to the beautiful animals, God made it all. We can see the beauty of God's world all around us if we stop and look. When we take time to see the beauty of our



world we can learn how important it is and we can remember to thank God for the beauty of his creation. Lord, help us to always see the beauty of our common home.

**Tuesday**—Today we are asked to think about how we can care for our common home. God gave us the earth and the earth gives us many gifts which help us to live. It gives us water, food and energy. It gives us so much to help us care for ourselves, but Pope Francis asks us to think about how we can care for the earth. We can try to use only what we need and try to live our lives in ways that help the earth.

**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 Sep 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 Feb 28th 2017. A waiting list will be in place after this date.

**Liturgical Calendar**

**Wed. 1st Feb** – St. Brigid’s Day  
**Thurs. 2nd Feb** – The Presentation of the Lord – **Candlemas Day:** Blessing of Candles will take place before the 9.15a.m. and 7.00p.m. Masses. Please leave candles in the Sacristy on Sunday with your name clearly on them.  
**Fri. 3rd Feb.** – St. Blaise Blessing of Throats will take place after the 9.15a.m. and 7p.m. Mass in Church of Holy Child

**Adult Faith Development Team:**  
 A meeting of this Group will take place in the Pastoral Centre on Wednesday 1st February at 7.30p.m.

**Minister of the Eucharist Roster:**  
 The Roster for February is now available in the Parish Centre on the table in Reception.

**First Friday- 3rd February:**  
 Mass Schedule: Holy Child Church- 9.15am & 7pm. Blessed Margaret Ball 10a.m. Confessions on Thursday after the 9.15am Mass and before the 7pm. Mass.

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

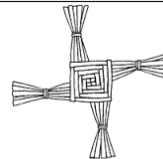
**Vera Doyle**  
**Helen Byrne**  
*May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.*



**Adult Faith Development Team**  
**Prayer for Lent:** Fr. Donal Neary S.J. will speak about Prayer, on Wednesday Feb 22nd at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Centre.

**Central Remedial Clinic – Art Exhibition 2017:** Saturday 18th February 11am to 6pm & Sunday 19th February 11am to 5pm. Venue: Central Remedial Clinic, Clontarf. Info: Róisín 838 7636

**Prayer to St. Brigid**  
 Saint Brigid you were a woman of peace  
 You brought harmony where there was conflict.  
 You brought light to darkness.  
 You brought hope to the downcast.  
 May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.  
 Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.  
 Strengthen what is weak within us.  
 Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. **Amen**



**Grandparents’ Day**  
**Grandparents Day occurs during Catholic Schools Week (29th January to 4th Feb. 2017).** Parents are encouraged to invite their children to say a little prayer for their Grandparents on this day.



**Please Support your Parish Lotto**

Last Tuesday’s winning numbers were:  
 1st Jackpot: 4 12 18 22 2nd Jackpot: 4 8 14 25  
 There was no Jackpot winner.

The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were:  
 A. & D. O’Brien; M. Kerrigan; S. Bolton; T. Purdue;  
 E. Meehan; B. Browne; M. Kane.

**Next Week. First Jackpot €4,000 Second Jackpot €2,000**  
**Plus 7 consolation prizes of €25**



**Mass Intentions for the coming week**

**Church of the Holy Child**

<b>Monday 30th January</b>	9.15a.m. Mary Ellen Moore (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m. Available for Intention
<b>Tuesday 31st January</b>	9.15a.m. Available for Intention
	7.00p.m. Catherine Gilmer, Ben Philpott (Annivs.)
<b>Wednesday 1st February</b>	9.15a.m. Maria Murray (1st Anniversary)
	7.00pm. Michael & Esther Egan (Anniversaries)
<b>Thursday 2nd February</b>	9.15a.m. Available for Intention
	7.00p.m. Margaret Matthews (1st Anniversary)
<b>Friday 3rd February</b>	9.15a.m. Altar List of the Dead
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<b>Saturday 4th February</b>	10.00a.m. Walter Murphy (Month’s Mind)
<b>Vigil</b>	7.00p.m. Tommy Murray & Eileen Jackson (Annivs.) Mary & John Halpin, Paul Conlon (Annivs.)
<b>Sunday 5th February</b>	8.30a.m. Lily Moore (Anniversary)
	11.15a.m. People of the Parish
	12.30p.m. Mandy McDonagh Farrell (Month’s Mind)
	6.00p.m. Martha Herron (Anniversary)
	<b>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</b>
<b>Wed. 1st February</b>	10.00a.m. Available for Intention
<b>Friday 3rd February</b>	10.00a.m. Altar List of the Dead
<b>Sunday 5th February</b>	10.00a.m. Bob Farrar (Anniversary) Alison McCarthy (RIP Remembrance)

**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)

**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. 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.