

welcomes (no welcome of course without preliminary grace from God, but this grace was offered even to one who has rejected). The difference is not from God but from humanity's side.

Each of us, even every creature, even every microscopic grain of sand, is loved by God in a divine and overwhelming way. If we take this seriously, we really are overwhelmed. We are, at this very moment, infinitely small points of reception of a love without limits. This thought is enough to give us a dizziness and overwhelm us. But God wants us to welcome this declaration of his love with peace, humility, joy and confidence.

"You are loved." This statement has nothing to do with some general or collective affirmation. God does not say : " You are loved " in the plural. Of course we are all the beloved of God.

But saying, " You are loved ," God speaks to the person who is myself , the "me" that he calls with a secret name ... "You are loved." Not "You were," or "You will be." It is not yesterday or the day before yesterday that I was loved. It is not tomorrow or the day after that I'll be loved, but today, at this very moment... *Fr. Damian McNeice*

Family Mass Sunday 12.30

We have a vibrant group of young people involved in ministry in the Church of the Holy Child.

New members are always welcome to join the Youth Choir, the young Ministers of the Word or the Altar Servers.

If you are interested please come to the Mass at 12.30 and speak with a member of the Family Mass Team or one of the Priests.

Please note rehearsals for the Stations of the Cross for families will take place on Wednesdays at 4p.m. Just come along to the Parish Centre if you would like to take part.

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PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



NEWSLETTER



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To be loved ... What does this mean, when the lover is God?

This Sunday's Gospel features a wonderful dialogue between the Samaritan woman who comes to the well and Jesus in whom she encounters a Love that makes sense of all the thirsts in her life. She went on to witness to the people of her own town: "Come and see a man who told me all I ever did." (John 4:29). Here is a little extract from an Italian Book "Il roveto ardente" [The burning bush] written by a monk and published by the Community of Bose Monastery, Italy, that speaks eloquently of the intensity of the love we meet in God.

To be loved ... What does this mean, when the lover is God? Whatever our concept of love may be, all love is the movement of one being to another being, with the desire of a certain union.

The love of God for humanity is

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a movement of God toward us, not simply so as that He makes Himself known to us, or (according to our abilities) imitated, but rather to gift and unite himself to us ...

God not only tells us : "you are loved", which means : "I want to unite myself to you ." He tells us : "You are loved intensely" ...

The love of God is like the atmospheric pressure that surrounds us, that sustains all beings and exerts its pressure on every side. Love lays siege to every being and tries to discover a breach, a path to the heart, through which love can penetrate everywhere. The difference between the saint and the sinner is that the sinner closes their heart to love, while saints open themselves to this love.

In both cases, the love is the same and the pressure is the same. One rejects, the other

Eternal City, Rome
 Thurs 28th Sep – Tues 3rd Oct 2017
 Mgr. John Fitzpatrick will lead our tour to Rome
 Hotel Domus Carmelitana 3*



Is centrally located in Rome about 10 mins walk from St. Peters. Price €799.00 per person sharing B & B. For more information and to book please contact Anne in the Parish Office . Tel: 01 8375274



Adult Faith Development Team
Lenten Meditation
Private Mindfulness Class
 for a group from our Parish (*number restricted to 20*) followed by tea/coffee. Monday, March 27th, 2017
 Margaret Aylward Centre for Faith and Dialogue.
 Holy Faith Sisters, Glasnevin, Dublin 11. 10.30a.m. - 12.30p.m. Cost €10
 If you are interested in this event please leave your name and phone number at Reception in the Parish Centre. (Ph. 01 8375274)

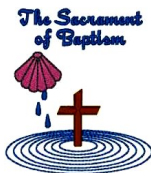


Crosscare Annual Collection for Youth Services will take place at all Masses this Weekend 18th/19th March. It will replace the usual SHARE Collection.

Holy Child Church Organ Fund
 The Church Organ Fund has been nominated to take part in the Tesco Community Fund. But we need your help! We're asking you to simply drop into our local Tesco store and pick up a blue token to Vote for us. Our local Tesco store is in Omni Park



We welcome in Baptism:
 Noah Eddie Corcoran
 Abbie Mae Kelly
 Sophie Jessica Melia
May these newly baptised children always know and love Jesus as their friend.



Divine Mercy Sunday 23rd April Pilgrimage to Knock
Coach from the Church of the Holy Child at 8.30a.m. For details and to book contact Marie McAllister at 01 8425678

Recently Deceased:
 You are asked to remember in your Prayers:
 Gerard Cooney
 Anthony Meehan
 Loretto Dempsey
 Brendan Downey
 Albert Kelly
May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.



The Encounter Dublin City: Are you looking for more in life? Join other young adults (20s & 30s) live music, reflective prayer in adoration, life, faith & purpose. Free event Friday March 24th 8.00pm. St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay, Smithfield.

St. Vincent de Paul Collections
There is no collection for St. Vincent de Paul on Sat/Sun 1st/2nd April. There will be a Church Gate collection on the 8th/9th April for Sunshine House



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 7th -12th September 2017
Hotel Solitude ****
 5 Nights – Full Board – Fully Inclusive Price €725
 Spiritual Director Rev. Tom Kearney
 In conjunction with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage (single room subject to confirmation – supplement €175)
 To book please contact Anne in the Parish Office Tel: 8375274



Please Support your Parish Lotto
 Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:
 1st Jackpot: 1 11 29 30 2nd Jackpot: 1 3 8 19
 There was no Jackpot winner. The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were:



M. Bolton; M. Hallissey; M. McGuirk; A. Barry; J. Costello;
 M. Barber; J. Venables.
Next Week. First Jackpot €5,750
Second Jackpot €2,000 plus consolation prizes of €25

Mass Intentions for the coming week
Church of the Holy Child

Monday 20th March	9.15a.m.	Fr. Matt Cunningham (1st Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Tuesday 21st March	9.15a.m.	Rose & Harry Murphy (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Michael & Peggy Kearns, and daughter Theresa Doolan (Anniversaries)
Wednesday 22nd March	9.15a.m.	Vincent McGarry (Anniversary)
	7.00pm.	Available for Intention
Thursday 23rd March	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Friday 24th March	9.15a.m.	Maureen McGrath (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Saturday 25th March	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Michael Ennis (R.I.P.)
Sunday 22nd March	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	Available for Intention
	6.00p.m.	Available for Intention
		Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball
Wed. 22nd March	10.00a.m	Available for Intention
Sunday 26th March	10.00a.m.	June Besagni, Teresa Campelli, & Oscar Phogz Baustista (Anniversaries)

WMOF 2017 Special Collection: The World Meeting of Families Collection will take place on 1st and 2nd of April 2017. This Collection will replace the SHARE Collection at all Masses that Weekend. The National Finance Committee thank our Parishioners who gave so very generously to the First National Collection last year.