

and love for our brothers and sisters.

Of course, the opening words of Jesus's ministry is not a commandment but rather a proclamation. He says "*the kingdom of God is close at hand.*" So, while the Commandments are important, Jesus's main task is to proclaim that his kingdom and God's mercy are truly amongst us. The meaning of this passage is quite clear, the challenge is how to live it.



Given the extensive instructions in the Hebrew Bible (some 613 commandments), there was a discussion among the rabbis regarding the core or essence of the Law. I think we can all feel some sympathy with the Jews struggling to cope with 613 laws and wondering which were the important ones.

I think that the words of Jesus in today's Gospel are helpful and consoling. We are told that the entire bible can be summarised in two simple phrases which mean loving God and loving your neighbour.

It is said that when St. John the Evangelist, who was the youngest and longest lived of the twelve apostles, was an old man, he would always say that the most important commandment of Jesus is to love.

This is, of course, by no means an easy challenge in our world today with all the challenges that we face as we try to renew and revitalise our parishes. Perhaps in the coming week, let us try to create some space silence in our lives to allow time for prayer and reflection, perhaps either at the beginning or the end of the day. This gives us an opportunity to thank God for the blessings that he has given us and to ask him for what we need.

It is important to reach out to our neighbours whether at home, at work or at school and to assist them as our circumstances allow. During the Summer months, we must not forget the less well-off, and we might consider contributing to a charity such as the Society of St Vincent de Paul whose funds will be especially needed in the coming weeks for back-to-school expenses.

Blessed John Henry Newman once said "*In a higher world it is otherwise but here below to live is to change and to be perfect is to change often.*" Let us pray in the coming week to be open to God's grace through prayer and reflection. And ask God to help us to reach out to our neighbours in need wherever we may find them. St. Vincent de Paul once said "*do whatever good lies at your hands*" which is a challenge for us all.

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NEWSLETTER



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**Love the Lord your God
with all your heart**

10th July 2022

written in the Law? What do you read there?" He then takes these two

In today's Gospel from Saint Luke, which is about love, Jesus quotes directly from the Hebrew scriptures when he tells us: "*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind and your neighbour as yourself.*"



commandments from different parts of the bible and puts them together. Jesus tells us that these two great commandments resemble each other in importance. In linking them as he

does, Jesus wants to show is that love for God and love for our neighbour are inseparable. He reminds us that we cannot separate love of God and love of neighbour. God wants us to love all the people that he loves as well, which includes everyone we meet in whatever circumstances.

The first commandment to love God is taken from the book of Deuteronomy chapter six. Its part of a short prayer called the *Shema Yisrael*, the great daily prayer of Judaism. The second commandment to love your neighbour as yourself is taken from chapter 18 of the Book of Leviticus. It is often said that the New Testament cannot be fully understood without reference to the Hebrew Scriptures. Today's Gospel is certainly a very good example of this.

These ancient prayers present a real and immediate challenge to each and every one of us today. This brief exchange is found in all three synoptic Gospels (Mark 12:28-31 and Matthew 22: 37-39). In reality, it is also found in the Fourth Gospel with its extraordinary emphasis on love—love from God, love for God

In response to the question of the Lawyer, *What must I do to inherit eternal life?* Jesus says "*What is*

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2022

This will be our first annual Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes since the start of the Covid pandemic. We will travel as usual alongside the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage, led by Archbishop Dermot Farrell from Wed. 7th September until Mon. 12th September

Spiritual Leader will be V. Rev. Paul Kenny. During your stay you will have an opportunity to participate in all the various ceremonies.

Pilgrims will also visit places connected with the life of Saint Bernadette - the Boly Mill, Cachot and Parish Church as well as her childhood home in Bartres.

Hotel La Solitude (early booking will ensure the group stays together at this hotel)

5 nights €789 per person sharing Full board accommodation in Lourdes

Complimentary Travel Insurance (up to 79 years) Single supplement €38 per night

For more information please contact Anne in the Parish Office 01 8375274

If you are interested in travelling with us please book early to avoid disappointment.



Please Support your Parish Lotto

5th July 2022 results: 1st Jackpot- 18 19 23 27 2nd Jackpot 4 8 16 28

No Jackpot winners. The winners of the €25 prizes were as follows:

M. Redmond: J. Hughes: A. Byrne: M. Maher: C. Colclough:

G. Fogarty: P. Conlon.

The winners of the €100 prizes were: D. Devine: M. Fagan:

B. Barnwall: L. Lawlor: A. Farrell:

Next draw will take place on Tuesday 12th July 2022

Prizes are as follows: 1st Jackpot €15,000 2nd Jackpot €2,000

Plus seven Consolation Prizes of €25

Envelopes available at the church doors and in the Parish Centre.

Entries must be received by 9.45a.m on Tuesday morning.

Results will be published at the Church doors and in the Parish Newsletter.

There are a number of Lotto winner cheques yet to be collected. Please contact the Sacristy/Parish Office and check if you are one of the winners.



We welcome in Baptism:

Zack Keith Ryan

Brody Paul Ryan

Bobby John Donohoe

Leon Peter Malone

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



The Building Hope Prayer

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise. You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts. We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family.

Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another, in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of creation.

May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and a new life deep within us.

May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word, bringing forth truth, justice and peace.

May the Holy Spirit working in and through us do much more than we dare to imagine

As we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

St. Laurence O'Toole, pray for us

St. Kevin, pray for us. St. Brigid, pray for us.

Donal Quigley RIP

Ba mhaith le Bernadette, Alma MáireÁine agus Caoimhín buíochas a ghabháil as ucht an cúnamh agus cairdeas a taispeánadh dúinn ag an tráth seo.

We would like to thank parishioners and the parish team for their sympathy and support following the death of Donal. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Recently Deceased:

You are asked to remember in your Prayers:

Enda O'Donovan

Mairead Hennessy

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



St. Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection

The monthly collection for the local Society of St. Vincent de Paul will

take place this **Saturday 9th/Sunday 10th July.**

Please be as generous as you can.

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

Sat. 9th July	7.00p.m.	Majorie Bermingham – Anniversary Patrick McCormack – Anniversary
Sun 10th July	10.30a.m. 12.30p.m.	Available for Intention Jim O'Connor – Anniversary Paddy Ralph – Birthday Remembrance Vincent Morrissey – R.I.P. Bridie Morrissey – Remembrance
Mon 11th July	9.15a.m.	Kitty Murphy – Anniversary
Tues 12th July	9.15a.m.	Hazel Jinson – First Birthday For the intentions of all those who sympathised and supported the Quigley family at the time of Donal's death.
Wed 13th July	9.15a.m.	James O'Toole – Anniversary
Thurs 14th July	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Fri 15th July	9.15a.m.	Doreen & Fred Begley – Anniversaries
Sat 16th July	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Sun 17th July	10.30a.m. 12.30p.m.	Available for Intention Bernie Magee – Month's Mind Margaret Morris – R.I.P. Adrienne Downey – Anniversary
Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball		
Sun 10th July	10.00a.m.	Terry O'Brien – Month's Mind
Wed 13 July	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Sun 17th July	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention

Summer Dues -Archbishop Farrell has invited parishioners to contribute again to the Summer Dues in support of our Priests. Envelopes are available at the Church doors. Our sincere thanks for your ongoing generous financial support.