

which we refuse to look at. And we have no shortage of excuses. They spring up to our defence like over-enthusiastic security guards. The excuses that kept the invited guests from attending the wedding feast, weren't all bad. In fact, in most cases they were perfectly good ones: one man wanted to attend to his land; another to his business; and so on. But this is precisely what makes them so dangerous. We don't see them as a posing a threat.

The greatest danger facing us is not that we might abandon God and turn to evil, but rather that we might just ignore his invitation. To ignore God's invitation altogether is the worst form of refusal. It implies indifference. Indifferent people are the hardest to convert.

We are invited not merely as individuals but as a community. It is the banquet of the new People of God, namely the Christian community. The invitation challenges us to give up our isolationism, our exclusivism, our self-sufficiency. To accept means to admit our need and willingness to receive from others, to share with others, to associate with others, and to collaborate with others.

We don't have to earn our place at the banquet. We are invited. It seems so simple to come to an unearned banquet. However, for class-conscious people that can be difficult.

Fr. Flor McCarthy SDB

Family Mass

The 12.30p.m. Family Mass Team are looking for young people to join their Youth Ministry Teams. So, if you are interested in joining the Youth Choir, the Young Readers or the Altar Servers please come to the Church on Sunday and meet with the members of the Family Mass Team who will be present after the 12.30p.m. Mass to provide information on each ministry.



PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



NEWSLETTER



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The Banquet

15th October 2017

Jesus' story might seem a little far-fetched. Who would be so crazy as to turn down an invitation to a royal wedding? But people can be very foolish. There is a streak in us that not only refuses the good, but can't even recognise it. God is continually calling us as individuals and a community, to a deeper and more authentic life. But, alas, this precious invitation is like the seed that fell among the thorns. It gets choked. A brief look at our lives will show how this happens.

There is that letter I know I should write, but just now I am not in the mood.

There is that sick person I know I should visit, but right now my favourite programme is on television.

I know I need to pray, but I just don't seem to be able to find time for it.

I know I should make an effort to get to Mass on time (or just to get to Mass at all), but something always gets in the way.

I know I should be more charitable towards X, but I just can't summon up the will to make the effort.

I know that dishonesty is wrong, but I tell myself that everybody does it, and what I do is minor compared to what others are up to.

I know I don't do my job as well as I should, but why should I break my back when others are not pulling their weight?

I know I drink too much, but I'm under a lot of pressure these days. I know I should spend more time with my children, but I need that overtime money.

One could go on. Each of us, if we got down to it, could draw up quite a long list of things which we know in our heart of hearts, we should do, or should not do, but

LOTTO

Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 1 9 17 30 2nd Jackpot: 12 22 25 29

No Jackpot winner.

The winners of the Seven Consolation Prizes of €25 were:-

M. Hennessy: C. Reid: E. McDonnell: C. Barker: M. Reamon: R. Kelly:
A. Meehan.

Next Draw: 1st Jackpot €13,000 2nd Jackpot €2,000

Plus seven consolation prizes of €25



November Dead List Altar List of the Dead envelopes are provided at the doors of the Churches. We invite you to complete and return to the Sacristan or leave in the Church safes. All Masses on the First Friday of each month are offered for all names on the Altar List of the Dead.

Liturgy Team: A meeting of this Team will take place in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 18th October at 7.30p.m.

Ministers of the Word: The new Group C roster is now available for collection from the reception area in the parish centre.

Why passing your faith through prayer matters – Families with children baptised during 2014 are invited to a short meeting in the Parish Centre at 13.15 on October, 15th. Faith based activities for the children and a short discussion

Crosscare - Sincere Thanks – €7,125. Crosscare (Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin) wish to thank parishioners for their unflinching generous response to their recent Annual Appeal.

Recently Deceased You are asked to remember in your Prayers:

Deborah Gaffney, John King
Thomas (Tommy) Flaherty

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



Life in the Spirit Renewal of Faith Programme

Beaumont parish is running this programme in the Parish Centre of the Church of the Nativity of Our Lord, Montrose Park, Beaumont. Monday 16th Oct. there will be a seminar which will continue every Monday until November 27th at 8.00p.m. For all enquiries contact Teresa at 087 206 9249

World Mission Sunday Collection

Next Sunday 22nd October, Pope Francis invites all Catholics to contribute to a special Mission Sunday collection. World Missions Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas missions. Mass will be televised on RTE on 22nd October 11.00 am This Collection will take place at all Masses next weekend of the 21st/22nd October It will replace the usual Share Collection.

Church Gate Collection

this weekend this Collection is for the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit.

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

Monday 16th Oct.	9.15a.m.	Thomas Flaherty (Recently Deceased)
	7.00pm	Available for Intention
Tuesday 17th Oct.	9.15a.m.	Michael & Margaret Padden (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Patrick Blayney (1st Anniversary)
Wed. 18th Oct.	9.15a.m.	Patricia Thornton (Recently Deceased)
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Thurs. 19th Oct.	9.15a.m.	William McDermott (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Kitty Kelly
Friday 20th Oct.	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Gilbert & Frances Berg Alexander Ward (Anniversary)
Sat. 21st Oct.	10.00a.m.	Eleanor Hennigar (Month's Mind)
Vigil	7.00p.m.	Susan Darcy (Month's Mind) Christy Moore (1st Anniversary) Garry Curley (Anniversary) Maureen Jimmy & Esther Fay
Sunday 22nd Oct.	8.30a.m.	Jimmy Ennis (Anniversary)
	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	Georgina Moran (Anniversary) Jimmy Ennis (Anniversary)
	6.00p.m.	Available for Intention
		Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball
Wed. 18th Oct.	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Sun. 22nd Oct.	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention

Triduum in honour of St. John Paul II Our Lady Help of Christians, Navan Road Dublin 7 will host a triduum from the following dates: 20th, 21st, 22nd Oct. Friday 20th - 7.30pm- Fr. Aidan Galvin; 21st - 6.30pm.-Fr. John Moran; Sunday 22nd; 10.30am (Feast Day) - Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo - Papal Nuncio. All welcome. Enquiries to 01 8380265.

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena A solemn Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help will take place from 17 - 25th October in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus, Drumcondra. Join them for Mass at 9.30am and 8.00pm each day. All welcome.

Larkhill & District Credit Union Golden Jubilee

Larkhill Credit Union is celebrating its 50th Year and International Credit Union day from the 16th to the 31st October There will be a free daily draw for all their members.



Volunteers are required at Larkhill & District Credit Union Ltd. Do you have free time and would you be interested in ensuring the continuation of the credit union?

Only members of the credit union aged over 18 need apply. Email contact details to robrien@ldcu.ie or phone details to 01 8427815 or call to office and leave name and contact details for the attention n of Nomination Committee.