

in order that we too may become instruments of mercy. Let us go forward on this road together."

In our second reading today, from the Book of the Apocalypse, Saint John presents us with a vision of heaven. He says: "I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband." Saint John goes on to explain further: "Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God...there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness."

It is said that, towards the end of his life, Saint John always told people to "love one another". This resonates with our Gospel reading today, Saint John quotes Jesus as follows: "I give you a new commandment: Love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another."

It has been said that Jerusalem is the only city which exists twice: both in heaven and on earth. Some of you may have had an opportunity to visit there as part of a pilgrimage to the Holy Land or may be planning to do so in the future. The editor of the *Irish Catholic* has a new book out called *An Irish Guide to the Holy Land* which may be of interest to you if you want to learn more about the part of the world where Jesus lived and carried out his ministry.

The late Stephen Redmond SJ once wrote the words "Easter is forever" which sums this Season up so well. Easter brings about a mysterious "oneness in time" (to use Saint John Paul II's phrase) between the historic events of over 2,000 years ago and the course of the centuries since then right up to our present day.

It may surprise you to learn that the Season of Easter is the longest Season in the Church's year. It lasts for 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, surpassing the six weeks of Lent and also Advent and the Season of Christmas.

As we go forward with this Season of Easter, may we be inspired by the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness and thank God for his presence amongst us. As Pope Francis says, it is our job to be instruments of God's mercy to others. Let us seek out opportunities in the coming days to reach out to those in need of mercy and compassion and to assure them of God's presence in their lives. And let us thank God for the inspiration of the church artists like Harry Clarke who help to illuminate our journey of faith.

Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon in Malahide and Portmarnock parishes.



## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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*"We too may become instruments of mercy."*

**15th May 2022**

*"Mercy is the first attribute of God. The name of God is mercy. There*

I recently visited St. Patrick's Church in Newport, Co. Mayo and was interested to see the magnificent Harry Clarke stained glass windows in the church. The main window at the back of the altar is a beautiful depiction of the final judgement which was Harry Clarke's last work. It is said that he included himself among the damned.

This was a very humble gesture for someone who had contributed so much to the stained glass of our churches in the twentieth century. During this Season of Easter, it's a good opportunity to reflect on the saving power of God's redeeming love for us all. This is reflected in the Divine Mercy devotions which we celebrated recently on the Sunday after Easter.

Pope Francis often speaks about God's mercy. He has written entitled "The Name of God is Mercy". The Pope tells us that

**We stand with and pray for the brave people of Ukraine**



*are no situations we can't get out of, we are not condemned to sink into quick sand."*

When describing the calling of

Matthew, Pope Francis says "Jesus saw the tax collector and by having mercy chose him as an apostle saying "Follow Me." Mercy is therefore key to our Christian calling.

Pope Francis recently said "Never fear the final judgement because Christ will always be at our side." He went on to say "we can rely on the intercession and benevolence of the Saints because God did not send his Son to condemn but to save. At the time of the last judgement, we will not be left alone. We can count on the goodwill and intercession of so many of our brothers and sisters who have preceded us on the journey of faith."

Pope Francis concluded the Year of Mercy by saying: "We give thanks for [this year], as we recall how we have received mercy in order to be merciful,

## Building Hope

*"The Church is continually changing and adapting. The people of God are a people on the move, a people on pilgrimage through life and history. This is how the Church actually is; never static, but continually responding to a changing cultural context."*

Archbishop Dermot Farrell

### 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.*

## Holy Child National School

You are invited to attend the 80 year anniversary celebrations of Holy Child NS. A mass will be held in the Church of the Holy Child on Tuesday 31st May at 3:15pm followed by tea and refreshments in the downstairs GP room in Holy Child NS. We hope you can join us to mark this special occasion.

If anyone has photos from their time in Holy Child NS we would be grateful if you could email them to us -

[office@holychildns.ie](mailto:office@holychildns.ie)

## Recently Deceased:

You are asked to remember in your Prayers:

Patrick Goodson  
Marie Drumgoole  
Anne Rahill



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

## Lough Derg 2022

**One day retreat to Lough Derg on Sunday, 29th May 2022.**

**Coach from Whitehall Church at 6.30a.m.**

**Pick up in City Centre at 6.45a.m. Cost €70**

**includes return fare, your stay on the island, morning tea/coffee and light lunch.**

**Returning after Mass**

**approx. 4.30p.m. Deposit €20**

**For more details please contact Marie McAllister at 086 3990998**

## We welcome in Baptism:

**James O'Connor  
Grace O'Connor  
Alabama Rose Moran  
Lucy Anne Barker**

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



## Please Support your Parish Lotto

10th May 2022 results :

1st Jackpot 3 18 19 29      2nd Jackpot 6 10 21 28

No Jackpot winners. The winners of the €25 prizes were as follows: B. & C. Carroll: J. Fitzgibbon: M. Finlay:

M. McDermott: H. & G. Murphy: J. Caul: A. Flood.

The winners of the extra Prizes of €100 were: J. & C. Smith: B. Roe: A. Meehan:

M. Hogan: L. Devine

Next draw will take place on Tuesday 17th May 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.



**Lay Ministry Collection- May 14th & 15th.** The Archdiocese of Dublin Lay Ministry Collection takes place this **Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15.** The Lay Ministry Collection will support the development of a variety of lay ministries, providing for more women and men to work alongside the priests and deacons.

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

Sat. 14th May	7.00p.m.	Tom, Mary & Jean Farrelly – Anniversaries Deceased members of the Farrelly Family – R.I.P. Dympna Rourke – Anniversary Kathleen McCabe – Anniversary Cecilia O'Neill – R.I.P.
Sun 15th May	10.30a.m.	Geraldine Whyte – Month's Mind Anna Smyth, Billy Brady – Anniversaries
	12.30p.m.	Patrick Joseph Kelly – Month's Mind Annie Burke – Anniversary Florence Lynch – Birthday Remembrance
Mon 16th May	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Tues 17th May	9.15a.m.	Dennis Whooley – Anniversary
Wed 18th May	9.15a.m.	Special Intention
Thurs 19th May	9.15a.m.	Pat Kilgallon – Anniversary
Fri. 20th May	9.15a.m.	Patrick Smith – R.I.P.
Sat 21st May	7.00p.m.	Bridget O'Sullivan - Month's Mind Phyllis Meade – 1st Anniversary
Sun 22nd May	10.30a.m.	Available for Intention
	12.30p.m.	Kitty & Mary Costello – Anniversaries Margaret Rankin, Arthur Scott – Anniversaries John & Ella Beades – Anniversaries
		<u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u>
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