

172 sick pilgrims from Dublin travelled to Lourdes and were cared for by a small army of volunteers which included 130 sixth year pupils from 23 secondary schools across the Diocese, along with 300 young adults in the 19-23 age group. In addition, there were 10 doctors, 46 nurses and a large number of adult helpers many of whom come every year paying their own way and taking annual leave from work. Their commitment and dedication is quite extraordinary.

In total 1,850 pilgrims travelled to Lourdes last week and were led by His Grace, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. By any standards this is an extraordinary logistical challenge and full credit to all involved. Speaking at the end of the pilgrimage, Archbishop Martin said: *"We have cared for our sick pilgrims and our sick pilgrims have inspired us. We have been renewed in our faith and in our devotion to Mary, our Mother and Mother of the Church."*

The Archbishop concluded by saying: *"My hope is that we will take away with us the lessons we have learned about our God who looks after the poor and the weak and who challenges us to renounce a logic of power and possession."*

Each of us has to respond to the challenge as to how we can bring the spirit of Lourdes to the care of the sick and less well off in our own community. Our own parish pilgrims lit a candle for all your intentions which were specially remembered at the shrine.

Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon in Donaghmede and Ayrfield parishes



Church Collection 8/9/2019	
1st Collection	€1,951
SHARE	€1,300
Family Envelope	€845

Holy Communion
is available to all communicants
under both kinds at the Main Altar,
Priest's Chair side.



PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



NEWSLETTER



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15th September 2019

Today's Gospel is the familiar story about the prodigal son who went off and squandered his inheritance but was later forgiven and welcomed back home by this father. I often reflect on the reaction of his brother who did everything right and played by the rules but felt (perhaps unfairly) that he got very little thanks for his diligence and loyalty.

As the Jesuit writer, Father Donal Neary puts it when reflecting on this reading: *"This is a real family story about breakups and reconciliation, about love that covers all sorts of happenings and about love to the end. It is about a father who loved all the time, and many a parent identifies with it."*

Father Kieran O'Mahony makes the following point about this reading: *"Like many a parable, this story makes its point in what seems to be unfair: the spend-thrift son is rewarded and the elder son is hurt and angry. Jesus is telling us that love is a free gift, not something we earn by our goodness. This is true of human love, and is also true of God's love."*

The spiritual writer Henri Nouwen,

wrote a wonderful book called "The Return of the Prodigal Son" which I would recommend if you ever come across it. It has sold over a million copies worldwide. In the book, Nouwen reflects on his experience of contemplating Rembrandt's famous painting of the Return of the Prodigal Son. It's a wonderful book where art meets a famous gospel story and inspires a wonderful meditation by the author. We may not immediately think about art as a means of spiritual reflection but a picture can sometime speak a thousand words and, of course, each of us will have our own reflection on what we are observing.

I have just returned from a wonderful and inspiring pilgrimage to Lourdes with a number of our parishioners. What really impresses me about Lourdes is the wonderful care that is taken of the sick and elderly people who visit and stay, not usually in hotels, but in the Accueil Notre Dame which is located on the grounds of the shrine. This year

Parish Lotto

Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 4 17 25 27 2nd Jackpot: 11 24 28 29 No Jackpot winner.

The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: P. Kavanagh: S. Doyle:

D. & H. McGrath: B. Mahon: P. & M. Moore: M. Breen: T. Brown.

Next Week's Lotto Draw: First Jackpot €15,000 Second Jackpot €1,750

Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25



Parish Pastoral Council Assembly, Wednesday 16th October 2019

As the term of the current 3rd Pastoral Council for the parish of Larkhill/Whitehall/Santry commissioned in December 2014 is coming to an end, a Parish Assembly will be held on **Wednesday, 16th October 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Pastoral Centre** to commence the process of forming the 4th PPC of our parish. We look forward to seeing a very good turnout on the night where you will have the opportunity to think about putting your name forward or voting for another parishioner, talk to members of the current PPC, who can answer any questions you may have and hear more about the election process for the formation of the next Parish Council. I look forward to seeing you there.

Noreen O'Prey – Chairperson

Ireland's Greatest Voices

The Three Tenors in concert
Friday, 22nd Nov. 2019 at 8.00p.m. in the Church of the Holy Child

Tickets €25 – Available from the Parish Centre and the Church Shop. 'Feel Good' Popular Classic Hits from

Sinatra, Bob Dylan, the Dubliners and Pavarotti. Christmas favourites 'O Holy Night' 'Silent Night' 'Ave Maria'. All the songs you love!!



Volunteers Urgently Needed:

St Vincent to Paul urgently need volunteers - You can help once a week or fortnightly for about 3 hours and we always visit in pairs. We offer full training and support. It is very rewarding and as President Higgins says, it is the best gift you can give to your community and you will be helping those less fortunate. Please join us, we need you! For more information on what we do and how we do it or to join please go to www.SVP.ie or volunteer@svp.ie or Tel: Enda at 01 8198405.

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

Patrick Hennessy,
James Moran

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



Eucharistic Adoration Holy Child Church

Mon. – Fri. 9.45a.m. - 11.45a.m. & 18.00p.m – 19.00p.m. All welcome. Volunteers required Wed. 10.45a.m. to 11.45a.m. Thurs. 18.00p.m. to 19.00p.m. Can you commit? Please just turn up and sign the attendance register. Gentle reminder to all regular attendees to sign the register. Further info. Tel: Marian Kilgallon 087 0533214

Mass Intentions from the 14th September 2019 Church of the Holy Child

Sat 14th Sept	10.00a.m. Marian Beaver – 1st Anniversary- Joe McDonnell – Anniv
	7.00p.m. Sean (Snr.), Sean (Jnr) & Maureen Thorphy – Anniv
	Paul Carragher – Anniversary
	Mary Bowes – Anniversary
Sun. 15th Sept.	11.15a.m. Bridie Gaine – Month's Mind
	12.30p.m. Nuala Clarke, Dan O'Connor, Ellen & William Lawlor & Michael Eccles – Anniversaries.
	6.00p.m. Olive Murphy – Month's Mind
	Noel Kelly – Anniversary
Mon. 16th Sept.	9.15a.m. & 7.00pm – Available for Intention
Tues. 17th Sept.	9.15a.m. Frank & Nora McGreevy – Anniversaries
	Tresa Deuasias – Anniversary
	7.00p.m. Colm McEvoy – Anniversary
Wed. 18th Sept.	9.15a.m. Available for Intention
	7.00p.m. Eileen Noonan – 1st Anniversary
Thurs. 19th Sept.	9.15a.m. Jimmy & Joan O'Brien – Anniversaries
	7.00p.m. Available for Intention
Fri. 20th Sept.	9.15a.m. Available for Intention
	7.00p.m. Kathleen Kelly – Remembrance
Sat. 21st Sept	9.15a.m. Marie Keane – Anniversary
Vigil	7.00p.m. Sean Moore – 1st Anniversary
	David Donohoe, George Troy, John, Nora & Gene Dowd, Bill, Eithne & Brian Denihan - Anniversaries
Sun. 22nd Sept.	11.15a.m. George O'Brien – Anniversary
	12.30p.m. Available for Intention
	6.00p.m. Brendan Halpin – Anniversary
	Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball
Sun. 15th Sept.	10.00a.m. John & Julie McCormack – Anniversaries
	Ted Redmond – Anniversary
	Tommy Kiernan – Anniv. & deceased members of the Kiernan Family. R.I.P.
Wed. 18th Sept.	10.00a.m. Available for Intention
Sun. 22nd Sept.	10.00a.m. Francis Jones, Marlene Byrne, Anna Sakiz, & Joseph Wogan – Anniversaries



The Family Mass Sunday 12.30p.m. - Are you interested in joining one of the Youth Ministry Teams? **The Youth Choir, the Young Ministers of the Word and the Altar Servers** all are recruiting new members. Full training will be given. If you are interested please speak with a member of the Family Mass Team on Sunday at the 12.30p.m. Mass or contact Anne in the Parish Office – 01 8375274.

Ballymun Adult Read & Write Scheme: Daytime & Evening Courses in CDETB Ballymun Adult Education Centre. No Charge. For more info Tel: Christine 862 2402 or **Email admin@barws.ie**