

As soon as the danger for me had begun, the two colleagues who were beside me whispered words of encouragement. One said: "Courage! If the Lord gives a burden, he also gives the strength to carry it." The other colleague said: "Don't be afraid; there are so many people in the whole world who are praying for the new Pope." When the moment of decision came, I accepted."

He also referred to what can now be seen as a providential act by his predecessor Blessed Paul VI some time previously:

"Pope Paul not only made me a Cardinal, but on the wide footbridge in St Mark's Square, he made me blush to the roots of my hair in the presence of 20,000 people, because he removed his stole and placed it on my shoulders. Never have I blushed so much!"

This was certainly an indication that Blessed Paul VI may well have favoured Albino Luciano as his successor with such a significant gesture. We have further insights into his spirituality from the Sunday Angelus on September 10th 1978 when he said:

"We are the objects of undying love on the part of God. We know: he has always his eyes open on us, even when it seems to be dark. He is our father; even more he is our mother. He does not want to hurt us, He wants only to do good to us, to all of us."

He was certainly a man of humility when he explained why he chose the first double barrelled papal name:

"I shall be called John Paul." I have neither the "wisdom of the heart" of Pope John, nor the preparation and culture of Pope Paul, but I am in their place. I must seek to serve the Church. I hope that you will help me with your prayers."

Let us pray to the Venerable Albino Luciani that he will also help us with his prayers and that his wonderful example and simple spirituality will inspire the Church of our times and assist us with the challenges that we face in life. Gerard Reilly is a Permanent Deacon in Donaghmede and Ayrfield parishes



Christmas Fayre Sunday 26th November – upstairs in the Parish Centre, from 10.30a.m. to 1.30p.m. Fun for all the Family with Santa, homemade bread & cakes and Novelty Stands. Please come and enjoy yourselves while supporting your Parish Centre. If you have any new or nearly new unwanted gifts, bottles of alcohol or juice, bric-a-brac which you would like to donate we will gladly accept them for one of our stalls. If you wish to bake bread or cakes please bring them on the morning of the Fayre. Many thanks for your continued support.



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NEWSLETTER



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The Venerable Albino Luciani

It was announced on Thursday November 9th that Albino Luciani – perhaps better known as Pope John Paul I – was declared "Venerable" by Pope Francis and is now on the path to Sainthood.

Three Popes of the twentieth century have already been canonised: Pius X, John XXIII and John Paul II. In addition, Paul VI was beatified in 2014.

They are now joined by perhaps a lesser known Pope whose short reign of only 33 days took place back 40 years ago next year in 1978. Yet he made a lasting impression and is fondly remembered as the "smiling pope". His concern for the poor and simple lifestyle have caused many people to speculate that, had he lived, would his pontificate have resembled that of Pope Francis?

When speaking at a General Audience on September 27th 1978, Pope John Paul I said:

"To love God is therefore a journeying with one's heart to God. A wonderful journey! The Journey also brings sacrifices, but these must not stop us...to love God is also a journey: God wants it to be more and more intense and perfect."

Albino Luciani was born on 17th October 1912 in Canale d'Argordo in Italy. He was ordained in 1935 and later received a doctorate from the Gregorian University in Rome. He was named Bishop of Vittorio Veneto by Saint John XXIII in 1958, who also consecrated him as Bishop later that year. He attended the Second Vatican Council and was made Patriarch of Venice by Blessed Paul VI in 1969. He was elected Vice President of the Italian Bishops Conference in 1972 and was created a Cardinal the following year. He was elected Pope on 26th August 1978 and died not long afterwards on 28th September 1978.

Pope John Paul I later explained what happened just before he was elected: *"Yesterday morning I went to the Sistine Chapel to vote tranquilly. Never could I have imagined what was about to happen."*

LOTTO

Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 3 20 27 29 2nd Jackpot: 3 7 16 22

No Jackpot winner.

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

J. Clarke: J. Soden: E. McConnell: B. Magee:

M. Maher: D. Smith: P. Murphy.

Next Draw: 1st Jackpot €14,250 2nd Jackpot €2,000

Plus seven consolation prizes of €25.



We welcome in Baptism:

Aaliyah Rose Groves McHale
Max Murray



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

World Day of the Poor

This Sunday, November 19th marks the first ever World Day of the Poor announced By Pope Francis.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin is seeking practical support for a **Parish Food Appeal on December 2nd and 3rd** for the Crosscare FoodBanks. Items most needed include Shampoo & Hygiene Products, Soups, Tinned meats, Seasonal Biscuits and Cleaning Products. Items may be left in Church of the Holy Child & Blessed Margaret Ball on December 2nd/3rd.

Recently Deceased You are asked to remember in your Prayers:

Sheila Doyle
Thomas Albert O'Brien
Carmel Fleming

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



Great gift idea for Christmas

"You Raise Me Up"

Red Hurley Concert

with special guests Whitehall Adult Choir

Church of the Holy Child

27th April 2018 at 8.00p.m.

Tickets €20 in aid of New Church Organ

Tickets on sale in Church Shop before & after

11.15a.m. Mass on Sunday 3rd, 10th, & 17th

December & at the Carol Service

10th December 2017 at 7.30p.m.

Parish Pastoral Collection

Church Gate Collection

This important Parish collection will take place **this weekend 18th/19th November**. The money we receive goes towards the training and requirements of all the Pastoral Teams. It ensures that each Team can be resourced and trained and therefore can give the best service to their ministry.

Could those who have agreed to help with this collection please come to the Sacristy before Mass this weekend and collect a basket. Many thanks for your continued help with this important Parish Collection.

Pilgrimage to Knock

Friday 8th December.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Coach from Church of the Holy Child at 8am. Contact Marie McAllister
Tel: 01 8425678

Date to remember!

Combined Parish Choirs present

THE ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE

Sunday, 10th December 2017

at 7.30p.m.

in Church of the Holy Child

All welcome.

Are you ready for Christmas?

Take Time out from the Hustle

and Bustle and prepare to

celebrate the birth of Jesus

Advent Reflections (4 Sessions)

Every Wed. from 29th Nov. 2017 10.30 –

12.30pm Quiet Prayer, Meditation, Music,

Scripture or go to Twilight Retreat Tues,

12th Dec. 7.30 – 10.00pm .To book a place con-

tact: Mercy Centre, St. Brendan's Drive

Coolock, Dublin 5 Tel. 848 7259



Monastery of St. Alphonsus Remembrance Service

will take place on Thursday 23rd November at 8pm in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus, St. Alphonsus Road, Drumcondra. Gather to remember and pray for those who have died in a gentle and prayerful space. The music will be led by members of the Dublin Diocesan Music Group.

Christmas Concert - Gardiner Street

Parish presents Liam Lawton on

Monday 4th December at 8pm

in Church of St. Francis Xavier.

All proceeds to the Jesuit Mission in Assam, NE India.

Tickets cost €20

and will be available at the door.

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

Monday 20th Nov.	9.15am.	Available for Intention
	7.00pm	Agnes Tully (Anniversary)
Tues 21st Nov.	9.15a.m.	& 7.00p.m. Available for Intention
Wed. 22nd Nov.	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00pm.	Veronica Quigley (Anniversary) Anne & Jack Merriman (Anniversary)
Thurs. 23rd Nov.	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Jimmy (1st Anniversary) & Tracy Bellew (Anniv.)
Fri. 24th Nov.	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Fr. Ray Mullins (Anniversary)
Sat. 25th Nov.	10.00a.m.	James Kavanagh (Month's Mind)
Vigil	7.00p.m.	Rita Lynch (Month's Mind) Seamus Hyland (Anniv) & Son John (1st Anniv) Teresa Shanahan (Anniversary)
Sunday 26th Nov.	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	Angela (Anne) Murphy (Month's Mind) Mary & Michael Myler (Anniversaries) Niall McCann (Birthday Remembrance-R.I.P.)
	6.00p.m.	Tommy Holden (Month's Mind)
		<u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u>
Wed. 22nd Nov.	10.00a.m.	Linda Foran (Anniversary)
Sun. 26th Nov.	10.00a.m.	Noreen Dempsey (Anniversary) Michael Howard & Jimmy O'Neill (Anniversaries)