

inspiration from Mary, Mother of Evangelization. Moved by the Spirit, she welcomed the Word of life in the depths of her humble faith. May the Virgin Mother help us to say our own "yes", conscious of the urgent need to make the Good News of Jesus resound in our time."

Of course, people will tell you that the great missions today are much closer to home. Ironically, at a time when the Church is growing substantially in Africa and Asia, where so many of our missionaries went to work, the Church at home is not as vibrant as it once was.

We can help missionaries in many ways both by our prayers and by assisting the different missionary orders financially when we can afford to do so, perhaps by buying a magazine or supporting a collection.

Pope Francis says: *"The mandate of the Gospel to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt 28:19-20) has not ceased; rather this command commits all of us, in the current landscape with all its challenges, to hear the call to a renewed missionary "impulse".*

"Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the 'peripheries' in need of the light of the Gospel".

Let us pray this weekend for all missionaries whose vocation it is to spread the Gospel far from home. May we be inspired by their example of selfless service and hard work. And let us also reflect on the example of their lives as we try our best to support their work and spread the Gospel in our own parish community. Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon in Donaghmede and Ayrfield parishes

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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"Mission at the Heart of the Christian Faith"

22nd October 2017

The theme for World Mission Sunday today, is 'Mission at the Heart of the Christian Faith'. It may surprise you to learn that there are almost 1,200 Irish missionaries serving throughout the world today.

Pope Francis reminds us that *"World Mission Day gathers us around the person of Jesus, the very first and greatest evangelizer, who continually sends us forth to proclaim the Gospel of the love of God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit."*

I can certainly recall as child meeting various nuns and priests that were "home from the missions" for their holidays which might only have been once every three years or so. I was always very impressed by their faith and commitment as well as their dedication to the third world countries where they worked. Also, in hindsight, they

came over as happy, contented and fulfilled in their missionary work despite the sacrifices they had to make.

We had a family friend who worked as a Spiritan missionary in Sierra Leone for 26 years and, on his visits home, he would tell us stories about travelling around to the various out stations of his vast parish on a motor bike or a pick-up truck and the work he did building schools and hospitals often assisting the workers with his own hands. He trained local catechists and sent them to the villages and towns. He built churches in many towns as well as schools and the hospital. Unfortunately, there was a serious armed conflict in Sierra Leone in the 1990s and he was caught up in an ambush and was killed along with a number of other people while trying to evacuate a hospital. Pope Francis tells us that: *"in carrying out our mission, let us draw*

LOTTO

Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:
1st Jackpot: 2 4 9 17 2nd Jackpot: 1 2 13 28
No Jackpot winner.



The winners of the Seven Consolation Prizes of €25 were:- B. Doyle:
P. Hayden: P. Kavanagh: M. Fallon: G. Murphy: J. Nugent: S. Beades.
Next Draw: 1st Jackpot €13,250 2nd Jackpot €2,000 plus seven consolation prizes of €25

World Mission Sunday Collection 21/22nd October – This weekend is Mission Sunday. Donations are collected to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. World Missions Ireland is the official charity for overseas missions. It is responsible for coordinating Mission Sunday in Ireland and, through local bishops, churches, and missionary congregations around the world ensures that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked so please give what you can. This collection will replace the SHARE Collection at all Masses.

We welcome in Baptism:

Maisie Abigail Roberts
Edison Myles Roberts
Jack Alan Bruton
Kendall Gribbin



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

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.

Adult Faith Development Team

A meeting of this Team will take place next Wednesday 25th October at 7.30pm. in the Parish Centre.

Mass of Remembrance Friday, 10th November 2017 at 7.00p.m. in the Church of the Holy Child.

For all parishioners and friends who have died since November 2016. At this Mass, each person who has died will be remembered by name. All Welcome

Recently Deceased

 You are asked to remember in your Prayers:

Geraldine Campbell
Carmel Cleary
Frances Feehily
Edward Dillon



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

Legion of Mary Project-Day for young people, Ballyvaloo Retreat Centre Wexford from 9.30am to 5.00pm. on Saturday 28th October. Donation only. Lunch provided. Tel: 083 8854345 All welcome.

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

Monday 23rd Oct.	9.15a.m.	Eleanor Hennigar (Month's Mind)
	7.00pm	Charlotte Gately (Anniversary)
Tuesday 24th Oct.	9.15a.m.	Bridie McGarry (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Tomás Holt (Anniversary) Pamela Harcourt
Wed. 25th Oct.	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Joseph & Con Harrington (Anniversaries)
Thurs. 26th Oct.	9.15a.m.	Peter Kelly (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Friday 27th Oct.	9.15a.m.	Eileen Clarke (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Sat. 28th Oct.	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Vigil	7.00p.m.	Olive Heron, Frank Dunne, (Anniversaries) John & Imy Smith (Anniversaries)
Sunday 29th Oct.	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	Peg Fitzgibbons, Seán Smith, Cillian Shanley, Elizabeth & Frederick Gorman (Anniversaries)
	6.00p.m.	Cecil Manning Anniversary)

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

Wed. 25th Oct.	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Sun. 29th Oct.	10.00a.m.	Margaret (Peg) & John Dunne, Ross Mahon (Annivs)

Triduum in honour of St. John Paul II

Our Lady Help of Christians, Navan Road Dublin 7 continues the triduum on Sunday 22nd; 10.30am (Feast Day)- Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo – Papal Nuncio. All welcome. Enquiries to 01 8380265.

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 of Nomination Committee.

Thanks: The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes thank the parishioners of Larkhill/Whitehall/Santry for their generous contribution in respect of their recent appeal for Associate Membership.

The Irish Pilgrimage Trust are seeking applications for young people to travel with them to Lourdes next Easter.

They welcome applications for young people with a physical disability or illness (aged 11- 30), a learning disability (aged 11-30), a serious illness up to the age of 11 accompanied by a parent or guardian. Tel: 091 796 622.