

this day my daily bread'; nor does each one ask that only his or her own debt should be forgiven.... Our prayer is public and common; and when we pray we pray not for one but for the whole people, because we the whole people are one."

The spirit of the Lord's Prayer has shaped Christian consciousness from the beginning. Cyril of Jerusalem (c. 315 AD - 386), instructed those about to be baptised: "If you have anything against anyone, forgive it: you come here to receive forgiveness of sins, and you also must forgive the one who has sinned against you."

We are now approaching the end of the Season of Easter with the Feast of the Ascension and Pentecost a few weeks away. This is a good time for prayer and reflection as we await the coming gifts of the Holy Spirit. Let us allow space for the Holy Spirit to enter our lives and our decisions and to help us on to the right road. This is a beautiful time of grace in the church as we go forward in hope. May we all embrace this opportunity.

So, let us pray that this Easter season will be a time of renewal and rebirth in our own lives. That we may be enlightened and encouraged by the Holy Spirit as we continue on our journey of faith.

The writer Thomas Merton said: "Not all are called to be hermits but all need enough silence and solitude in their lives to enable the deep inner voice of our true self to be heard at least occasionally."

It is really important that we give ourselves the time and space during this Easter season to reflect on the love of Jesus and his mercy for each and every one of us. Whether that may be at the beginning or end of the day or for a few moments with a piece of scripture, we should allow ourselves some time and space for prayer and reflection.

I will conclude with the words of Pope Leo the Great once said, "Jesus is the hand of God's mercy stretched out towards us". May we all embrace this mercy through prayer during this Easter season.

Deacon Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon in Malahide and Portmarnock parishes

Please remember in your prayers the children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 21st May in the Church of the Holy Child.

Jesus, we ask you to bless the children who received Holy Communion for the first time. May this special time in their lives be a step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist.



## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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instance, on God and then on our own needs. We

A Carmelite priest once told me that "We [should] turn to God who is our help both now and always." Saint Oscar Romero once said "No prayer fully expresses our faith."

We stand with and pray for the brave people of Ukraine



acknowledge who God is and, in the second part, who we are before God. It is a prayer that shows us what is

at the heart of all prayer.

But what should we be seeking in prayer? Our lives are a journey to find God. Sometimes it is difficult to acknowledge God's presence in the midst of our busy lives and, on other occasions, we can feel loved by God. We can sometimes pray to be enlightened so that we can recognise God's presence in our lives, even if we can only realise it in retrospect.

Brother John of Taizé says of the Our Father: "They want to learn Jesus's prayer. In other words, they wish to be introduced into his own particular relationship with God. We cannot fail to be struck by two things: first, its utter simplicity – it is almost a child's prayer."

Throughout the Gospels, there are many examples of Jesus at prayer most notably in the Garden of Gethsemane. He also encouraged his disciples to go to a lonely place to pray and, when they asked him how to pray, Jesus gave us the Our Father.

The scripture scholar Father Martin Hogan says: "prayer is not about informing God about something God is not aware of. There is no need for many words, he says, because your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

The Our Father focuses, in the first

St. Cyprian (c. 200 - 258), the third century Saint, said of on the Our Father: "We do not say 'My Father, who art in heaven,' nor 'Give me

**Please Support your Parish Lotto**

17th May 2022 results :

1st Jackpot 3 5 17 30      2nd Jackpot 6 9 26 30

No Jackpot winners. The winners of the €25 prizes were as follows: M. Reid: A. Flanagan: J. Martin: B. & L. Devine:

N. MacGabhann: C. Butler: A. Byrne.

Next draw will take place on Tuesday 24th 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.



**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)

**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

**Recently Deceased:**

You are asked to remember in your Prayers: Tom Quigley Elizabeth Murray

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



**Week of Prayer to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of the Church in Dublin from May 29 to June 6 - Ascension Sunday through Pentecost to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. More info at [dublindiocese.ie](http://dublindiocese.ie)**

Next Monday, May 23, at 8.30pm you can get a flavour of these resources by connecting to the [www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com) webcam. The Sisters of the Monastery of St. Alphonsus will lead the prayerful reflections with a bonus offering of music from the Dublin Diocesan Music Group. If you can't make it for the live presentation, check out the recordings section of the monastery website afterwards, where you will find the resource. The attached booklet, one page per day, will be your companion for this 30-minute presentation.

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

Sat. 21st May	7.00p.m.	Bridget O'Sullivan – Month's Mind Phyllis Meade – 1st Anniversary Denis O'Connor, Peter Rowe – Anniversaries Con O'Mahony – Anniversary.
Sun 22nd May	10.30a.m. 12.30p.m.	Sean Brown – Anniversary Kitty & Mary Costello – Anniversaries Margaret Rankin – Anniversary Arthur Scott – Anniversary John & Ella Beades – Anniversaries
Mon 23rd May	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Tues 24th May	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Wed 25th May	9.15a.m.	Pat Lally – Month's Mind Paul Towell – Birthday Remembrance Pauline Power – Anniversary
Thurs 26th May	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Fri. 27th May	9.15a.m.	Dessie Smith & Nephew Roger Harding – Anniv.
Sat 28th May	7.00p.m.	Tommy Holland – Anniversary Deceased members of the Moore and Clarke families.
Sun 29th May	10.30a.m. 12.30p.m.	Michael Adderley – 1st Anniversary Brigid Adderley – Birthday Remembrance. Available for Intention
<b>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</b>		
Sun 22nd May	10.00a.m.	Doris Curtis, Billy Carrick – Anniversaries
Wed 25th May	10.00a.m.	Nancy Kavanagh – Anniversary
Sun 29th May	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention

**National Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock Saturday 19th June 2022**

Pick up at from |Whitehall church at 7.30a.m.

Pick up from Artane Oratory of the Resurrection at 7.45a.m.

Bring a packed lunch. See programme on poster in Church

Departure from Knock at 5p.m.

Contact Nuala Walsh 01 8424403 or Marie Darcy 01 8315647

**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*