

We welcome in Baptism:

Reeva-Ann Catherine Murphy
Rían Daniel Tallon
Thomas Darragh O'Brien
Ethan David McGlynn Beatty



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

Parish Lotto

As the lotto Licence is up for renewal we will be pausing the draw until we receive the new licence.

We would ask that you **do not send in any envelopes until further notice.**

PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



NEWSLETTER



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23rd October 2022

World Mission Sunday 23rd October 2022

This weekend parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. The kindness shown will help overseas missionaries to continue to share the love of God with some of the world's most marginalised and vulnerable people. Thank you for supporting in whatever way you can, and please remember it is more than an appeal for financial help. Missionaries also need spiritual support. On World Mission Sunday missionaries take great strength in knowing that the faithful of the world are keeping them in their thoughts and prayers. Help right now. Donate €4.00 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Alternatively donate at www.missio.ie or call Missio Ireland on 01 497 2035. To learn more go to www.missio.

Altar List of the Dead

Envelopes for the Altar List of the dead are now available on the tables at the door of the Church. Please complete and return before the end of the month.



University Church- Weekly Taizé services have resumed at Newman University Church on Tuesdays at 6pm. The Taizé service includes about 40 minutes of song, prayer, and silence. The church is dimly lit, the Taizé cross is brought out as a focal point of prayer, and the congregation brings forward lit candles with their prayers. There is tea and biscuits after the service each Tuesday.

Book Launch – Reluctant Missionary by Fr. Brendan Cooney

Fr. Brendan Cooney, our former assistant priest, has published a new book called Reluctant Missionary. It will have a mini launch in Blessed Margaret Ball after Mass on Mission Sunday, October 23rd. It will be on sale in the parish at the introductory price of Euro €10.

Recently Deceased: We remember all our friends and loved ones who have recently died in Christ.

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



The Biblical scholar, William Barclay, tells the story of the woman tourist in Germany. The guide took a group through the composer Beethoven's house. He showed them the piano on which he had composed his famous *Moonlight Sonata*. A woman in the group immediately sat down and played some bars from the sonata. The guide told the group that a renowned Polish pianist and composer had recently been shown the piano. The woman gushed, "And I bet he sat down and played just as I did." But the guide said, "No, Madam. He said he was not worthy to touch those keys."

We continue to keep in our prayers the people of Ukraine

And so it is with today's Gospel reading which contrasts two very different people at prayer. This reading, unique to St Luke, is a direct continuation of last Sunday's Gospel and is on the same theme of prayer. The focus shifts, however, from persistence in last week's reading to humility. Humility probably

isn't a well understood word today – even though it really means being down to earth (and not, of course, humiliation or low self-esteem). Humility is really about being true to ourselves. The word humus from which it is derived means earth. So, we are being reminded today that humility is really about being ourselves. This is well described in the words of the Prophet Micah who invites us to "act justly, love tenderly and to walk humbly with our God."

The word "mercy" is associated with the prayer of the tax collector. He says "God be merciful to me a sinner." This echoes the words of Pope Francis where he described himself on several occasions as a sinner. Maybe he was thinking of this reading when he said that. And Jesus tells us in Matthew's gospel: "what I desire is mercy not

sacrifice". In his Gospel St Luke, whose feast day we celebrated last Tuesday, shows special concern for the poor and the outsider. It is said that he was a Greek doctor and a companion of St. Paul. In his Second Letter to Timothy, St. Paul writes: "Luke is with me... I find him a useful helper in my work". St. Luke also wrote the Acts of the Apostles which really is the second volume of his Gospel. We have been reading from St. Luke during on Sundays during this liturgical year. Luke puts greater emphasis on prayer than do the other Gospel writers, and he often mentions Jesus'

prayers. In fact, there are three parables about prayer unique to Luke's Gospel:

The Friend calling at Midnight (11:5-8), 2)

The Widow and the Judge (18:1-8)

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector (18:9-14)

The scripture scholar, Father Kieran O'Mahony, points out that "it is commonly recognised that the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector is a trap – it even exposes latent anti-Judaism. The commentary in the *Jewish Annotated New Testament* may not convince everyone, but it does have the merit of making us read the parable in a fresh way:

"Some readers dismiss the Pharisee as hypocritical, sanctimonious, and legalistic, and in turn identify with the tax collector, the repentant, humble, and justified sinner. This approach is not surprising, given that Luke has presented numerous maleficent Pharisees as well as several admirable tax collectors. However, once readers choose to identify with the tax collector and reject the Pharisee, the parable traps them: to conclude in effect (following 18.11), "God, I thank you that I am not like this Pharisee ..." places readers in the very position they condemn. Moreover, this interpretation overlooks the Pharisee's numerous excellent qualities: tithing, fasting, giving thanks without asking for something in return".

Father Kieran adds: "The parable is also a cautionary tale against judging others negatively on the basis of externals. Perhaps God, who looks into the heart, sees another picture".

The challenge for us all in the week ahead is perhaps to look beyond appearances and to be open to the possibility that God may be speaking to us through people that we may not expect and even in difficult situations. He is asking us to be humble and to listen to his word in the different circumstances of our lives. Above all, in our Gospel today, Jesus is asking us, like the tax collector, to be people of prayer.

Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon in Malahide and Portmarnock parishes

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

Sat. 22nd Oct.	7.00p.m.	Albert Ray – 1st Birthday Remembrance –R.I.P. Arthur, Mary & John Paul Ray – Remembrance Paddy Blayney- Anniversary Christopher & Charlotte Gately – Anniversaries Cecil Manning – Anniversary Rita Lynch – Anniversary
Sun 23rd Oct	10.30a.m.	Yvonne Flynn – Birthday Remembrance Senan Costello – Anniversary
	12.30p.m.	Eamonn O'Reilly – Month's Mind
Mon 24th Oct	9.15a.m.	Fr. Hickey – Birthday Remembrance Michael O'Prey – R.I.P.
Tues. 25th Oct	9.15a.m.	Joseph & Con Harrington – Anniversaries Mary O'Rourke – Anniversary Sarah Comiskey – Birthday Remembrance May O'Toole – Anniversary
Wed 26th Oct	9.15a.m.	Mick Brew – Anniversary Helena Foran – Birthday Remembrance
Thurs 27th Oct	9.15a.m.	Eileen Clarke, Sr. Philomena Conroy – Annivs.
Fri 28th Oct	9.15a.m.	Mary & Vincent Regan – Anniversaries
Sat 29th Oct	7.00p.m.	Michael O'Prey – Recently Deceased Mary, Patrick & Nelly Mooney – R.I.P. Peg Fitzgibbon – Anniversary Tomás & Maureen Holt – Anniversary
Sun 30th Oct	10.30a.m.	Seamus & John Hyland – Anniversaries Mary & Daniel Dooley – Anniversaries Anne Gisby – Anniversary
	12.30p.m.	Thomas Colgan – 1st Anniversary Kathleen Gibson – Anniversary Dermot Brangan – Anniversary
<u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u>		
Sun 23rd Oct	10.00a.m.	Special Intention & Thanksgiving
Wed 26th Oct	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Sun 30th Oct	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

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