

temptations by quoting words from scripture. The accounts of the temptation of Jesus are found in the first three Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. The time that Jesus spent in the desert reminds of our own need for prayer and reflection during Lent. Thomas Merton said: *"We all need enough silence and solitude in our lives to enable the deep inner voice of our true self to be heard at least occasionally."*



Jesus uses the word of God in order to push back against evil. This is something that we can do as well. When we are confronted with difficult or challenging situations, we can seek guidance and consolation from the words of the bible. Many of us will have our favourite or frequently quoted passages. For example, I often find myself returning to the Beatitudes which I think so well reflect the qualities of the person of Jesus. Lent is a very good time to reflect on and pray with the scriptures. Perhaps we can find a few minutes at the beginning or end of each day to do this.

Pope Francis based his Message for Lent 2022 on a passage from St Paul's Letter to the Galatians, *"Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all"* (6:9-10).

He tells us: *"Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness."* And adds the following: *"Let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbour, giving joyfully and generously to others, especially those in most need"*.

Pope Francis concludes his message by reminding us that *"the soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer, and enriched by charity."* He invites us not to grow tired of doing good and calls us to *"believe firmly that 'if we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time,' and that, with the gift of perseverance, we shall obtain what was promised, for our salvation and the salvation of others."*

As we pray especially this Lent for peace, let us remember our brothers and sisters in the Ukraine who are suffering so much this time as a result of the Russian invasion. May the Lord sustain them at this very difficult time and may they know his presence in their many challenges.

Please keep the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) candidates from throughout the Archdiocese, who are taking part in the Rite of Election in the Pro Cathedral this (Sunday) afternoon with Archbishop Farrell, in your prayers as they prepare to receive the sacraments at the coming Easter Vigil.

*Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon in Malahide and Portmarnock parishes*

## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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*"Jesus too had to struggle  
with temptation"*

**6th March 2022**

The practice of putting ashes on the head to mark repentance goes back to Old Testament times but it was Pope Gregory the Great around 600 AD who made it part of the Christian celebrations of the first day of Lent.

Ashes are made of the palms from Palm Sunday which are then blessed and placed on the forehead in the form of a cross. Many of you will have received these blessed ashes last week on Ash Wednesday.

This Lent we are invited to share the joy of the Gospel message which is one of mercy and hope. Perhaps our mission is to bring light into the darkness and difficulties of people's lives and to share with them the hope of the Gospel.

The Jesuit writer Father Donal Neary has written a lovely reflection on Lent where he makes some very worthwhile and insightful point: *"The focus of Lent is not on*

**We stand with  
and pray for the  
brave people of  
Ukraine**



*what we give up  
but on what we are  
given. We focus  
our minds on the  
self-giving love of  
Jesus which we*

*will celebrate in Holy Week"*.

It's important to remember that Lent is not only a time to give up. It is also a time to give to, whether that's additional time in prayer, going to daily mass when we can or helping those in need wherever we may find them.

Lent can sometimes be seen as a negative or challenging time but I think we should focus on the opportunities for renewal and revitalisation that it brings to our lives. And may we be inspired by the example of Jesus in today's Gospel who was able to resist temptation and was not to be distracted by the temptations of the world.

In our Gospel today, we are reminded that Jesus too had to struggle with temptation. It is worth noting that Jesus refutes the



### The Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### **Prayer for Peace in Ukraine**

Risen Christ, as we remain in silence before you,

we let this ardent prayer rise up:

may the firing of weapons in the land of Ukraine cease!

Welcome into your love those who are dying from violence and war,  
console the families in mourning,

support those who have had to take the road of exodus.

Faced with incomprehensible suffering, we still believe that your  
words of love and peace will never pass.

You gave your life on the cross and you opened a future for us, even beyond death.

So, we implore you: give us your peace. You are our hope. Br. Alois – Taize Dublin



**First Parish Synod meeting will take place in the Parish Centre, Holy Child on  
Tuesday night 7.00p.m. – 9.00p.m. All welcome**

**Listening to our Young Church -Dublin Diocesan Teen Synod -Young People of  
Dublin - This is your chance! Pope Francis wants to hear what you think or feel about  
our Church. We would love to hear your voice at our Dublin Diocesan Teen Synod! Join  
us online **Thursday 31st March 6:30pm - 8pm.** You can register online using this link:**

<https://forms.office.com/r/jVYZSdxbf1> Registration closes on the 25th March at  
5pm. For more information, email: [synod@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:synod@dublindiocese.ie)

### **Recently Deceased:**

You are asked to remember in your  
Prayers – Colm Hughes,  
Paddy Cullen,  
Declan Magrath  
Fr. John O'Connell

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



### **We welcome in Baptism:**

**Noah Keane  
Brody James McCallum  
Penelope Jade Sheehan**

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



### **Please Support your Parish Lotto**

Last weeks' results :

1st Jackpot 10 12 22 30 2nd Jackpot 16 26 27 30

No Jackpot winners. The winners of the €25 prizes were  
as follows: B. McMahon: M. Maher: S. McLoughlin:

A. Flanagan: E. Dean: M. Gormley: A. Fox.

Next weeks' Prizes are as follows; 1st Jackpot €15,000 2nd Jackpot €1,700

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.



*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the  
wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. Luke 4:1*

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name. By Baptism, we  
are members of the Body of Christ, the people of God. Give us the encouragement we  
need to bring faith, hope and love in abundance to meet the challenges before us on the  
Synodal Pathway. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the  
fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created and you shall  
renew the face of the earth.

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

Sat 5th Mar 7.00p.m.

Daisy Heffernan – Anniversary

Sun 6th Mar 10.30a.m.

Justin Coonan – 1st Anniversary

Stephen Bolton – Birthday Remembrance

Vincent Kavanagh, Brigid Adderley – Anniversaries

Cora McGuigan – Anniversary

12.30p.m.

Available for Intention

Mon 7th Mar 9.15a.m.

Lily & Tim O'Regan – Anniversary

Catherine, Patrick & Martin O'Malley – Remembrance

Tues 8th Mar 9.15a.m.

Special Intention

Wed 9th Mar 9.15a.m.

Molly & James Reader – Anniversary

Thurs 10th Mar 9.15a.m.

Claire & Jim Bennett – Anniversaries

Annie Lindsay – Anniversary

Fri 11th Mar 9.15a.m.

Available for Intention

Sat 12th Mar 7.00p.m.

Phyllis Melon – Anniversary & deceased members  
of the Mellon Family – R.I.P.

Sun 13th Mar 10.30a.m.

Available for Intention

12.30p.m.

Hughie Hooper – Month's Mind

William Brady – Anniversary

### Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

Sun 6th Mar 10.00a.m.

Ann Rundle – Month's Mind

Sadie Redmond - Anniversary

Peter Carolan – Anniversary

Wed 9th Mar 10.00a.m.

Jude Conlan – Birthday Remembrance

Sun 13th Mar 10.00a.m.

Ann Delaney – 1st Anniversary