

wonderful to see the sheep and new born lambs out in the fields after the long winter. There was a great sense of life moving on, of energy and new birth.

Pope Francis has given that title, *The Joy of the Gospel*, to one of his writings. He writes *“the Gospel offers us the chance to live life on a higher plane, but with no less intensity: Those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others”*.

Saint John XXIII once said that *“the church is like an old village fountain and, from its tap, fresh water must always flow.”*

Reflecting on these words, Father Martin Hogan says that the church always has the responsibility to ensure that the fresh water of Jesus is always flowing. In the Gospel today, Jesus speaks about the very close relationship that exists between the shepherd and his flock. As is said in the letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians: *“the one who calls you is faithful.”* (5:24).

The month of May is especially dedicated to Our Lady in the church. I remember the May altars at school when I was younger. Let us pray for the intercession of Our Lady especially during this month of May that she will guide and direct us to the work that her son Jesus wants us to do. We might like to say a decade of the rosary or one of the familiar prayers like the Memorare:

“Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to you do I come, before you I kneel, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen”

Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon in Malahide and Portmarnock parishes.

The *Regina caeli* is said in place of the Angelus during Eastertide.

Queen of Heaven

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech you, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



NEWSLETTER



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8th May 2022

on a retreat or simply taking some “time out” in the nearby National Botanic Gardens to

The person reading today’s Gospel has a relatively easy job as it is probably one of the shortest Sunday Gospel readings. But it is packed with meaning and resonance.

We stand with
and pray for the
brave people of
Ukraine



appreciate the beauty of nature at this time of the year and to thank God for the many blessings in our lives.

Today’s Gospel speaks about sheep. St John tells us that Jesus said: *“the sheep that belong to me listen to my voice.”* This image of sheep would have been much more familiar to the audience that St. John was writing for than it is for us today. Pope Francis has spoken about ministers having the *“smell of their sheep”*, which suggests being close to the people they are caring for.

There is also a focus on listening in this parable. The sheep “listen” to the voice of Jesus. We too need to be attentive to the word of God in our lives. Father Martin Hogan says: *“We need that element of silence in our lives in order to really listen to God’s word.”*

Perhaps we might consider going

Jesus assures us that: *“I give them eternal life, they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.”* Father Martin suggests that, in this reading, Jesus is telling us that *“[he] won’t let us go easily even if we are prone to wandering off.”* He adds; *“the Lord who call us is also working with us helping us to respond to his calling.”*

When referring to sheep and lambs. I often think how Jesus chose to appear as a lamb on the altar at the apparition at Knock. The Cistercian writer, Father Berchmans Walsh, said that Knock is only apparition known to him in the world where the Lamb of God appears.

I was driving across the country a couple of weeks ago and it was

Building Hope

"The Church is continually changing and adapting. The people of God are a people on the move, a people on pilgrimage through life and history. This is how the Church actually is; never static, but continually responding to a changing cultural context."

Archbishop Dermot Farrell

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

St. Kevin, pray for us. St. Brigid, pray for us.

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**

Prayer for the People of Ukraine

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine,

For all those suffering or afraid,

that you will be close to them and protect them.

*We pray for world leaders, for compassion,
strength and wisdom to guide their choices.*

We pray for the world; that in this moment of crisis,

we may reach out in solidarity

to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice

become a reality

for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.

Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Our Lady of Kyiv, pray for us!

Anniversary Frame -If your loved one has an anniversary coming up please consider giving their name to the Sacristan or place in one of the safes. It will then be put in the Anniversary Frame, placed on the Altar and prayed for at all Sunday Masses. Small donation appreciated.



We welcome in Baptism:

**Hannah Kathleen Degnan
Sarah Shiels**

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



Please Support your Parish Lotto

3rd May 2022 results :

1st Jackpot 6 11 20 30 2nd Jackpot 1 15 18 22

No Jackpot winners. The winners of the €25 prizes were as follows: N. Turner: M. & T. Hannigan: J. Hardiman:

C. Barker: M. Phillips: T. Mullins: A. Ryan.

Next draw will take place on Tuesday 10th May 2022

Prizes are as follows: 1st Jackpot €15,000 2nd Jackpot €2,000

Plus seven Consolation Prizes of €25 & five extra prizes of €100



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.

W.A.R.A. Coffee Morning

**Changed to
Afternoon**

Monday, 9th May

2p.m. to 4p.m.

Main Hall,
Parish Centre

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

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Church of the Holy Child

Sat. 7th May	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Sun 8th May	10.30a.m.	Mollie Collins – 1st Anniversary
	12.30p.m.	Noel Scully – Month's Mind Seamus Gibbons – 1st Anniversary
Mon 9th May	9.15a.m.	Michael Hennessy – Anniversary
Tues 10th May	9.15a.m.	John Joe Herity – Anniversary
Wed 11th May	9.15a.m.	Sr. Eithne O'Donovan – Anniversary Sr. Anne Kavanagh – Anniversary
Thurs 12th May	9.15a.m.	Phyllis Bolger – Anniversary
Fri. 13th May	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Sat 14th May	7.00p.m.	Tom, Mary & Jean Farrelly – Anniversaries Deceased members of the Farrelly Family – R.I.P. Dympna Rourke, Kathleen McCabe – Anniversaries Cecilia O'Neill – R.I.P.
Sun 15th May	10.30a.m.	Geraldine Whyte – Month's Mind
	12.30p.m.	Patrick Joseph Kelly – Month's Mind Annie Burke – Anniversary
<u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u>		
Sun 8th May	10.00a.m.	Christy Hughes – Month's Mind
Wed 11th May	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Sun 15th May	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention

