

We welcome in Baptism:

Emily Margaret Higgins  
Teddy Willow White  
Ryan James Jesson  
Joshua William Jones



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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*"Increase our faith"*

**2nd October 2022**

### Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine,

12th October 2022. €599.00 per person sharing. Price includes 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement €100.00. Contact Patricia on 087 1890 236 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

### Recently Deceased:

You are asked to remember in your Prayers:

Mary Biggins  
Stephanie Kavanagh

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



### Verdi's Requiem with Our Lady's Choral Society

The magnificent Verdi Requiem featuring Our Lady's Choral Society with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra and wonderful soloists conducted by Proinnias Ó Duinn. This concert will be dedicated to the many families and friends of those who died from Covid-19 during the pandemic. Orla Boylan, soprano; Jennifer Johnston, alto; Andrew Gavin, tenor; Markus Suikonen, bass.

**National Concert Hall, 8pm, Friday, October 21.**

Visit [www.olcs.ie](http://www.olcs.ie).

### 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.



### The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Lourdes Pilgrimage Office wishes to thank parishioners for their generous contribution of €680.00. They also wish to thank those whose were involved in organising the Lourdes Associate Membership. The enrolment sheets containing the names of the Parish Associates were placed at the Grotto in Lourdes and Mass was offered for the intentions of all our contributors during the Pilgrimage. Fr. Martin Noone – Pilgrimage Director

Today's Gospel contains a simple request: the apostles ask Jesus to "increase our faith". I don't think there are any of us who would not make the same request.

Jesus answers the request with a challenge. He says: "were your faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, be uprooted and planted in the sea, and it would obey you."

This is like an encouraging sports coach or boss at work who is trying to inspire us to do better. There are also words of inspiration in our second reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to Timothy where we are told that "God's gift was not a spirit of timidity but the Spirit of power and love and self-control."

These are certainly gifts that we all need on our church today.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell published a summary of our parish responses to his initial parish *Building Hope* document last week. The archbishop offers a clear sense of the

**We continue to keep in our prayers the people of Ukraine**

direction in which we will now travel together. The document can be viewed on the Building Hope

section of [www.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.dublindiocese.ie)

The Archbishop said recently: "I am also putting in place formation programmes to support those who are willing to undertake leadership and ministry in new ways, working alongside our priests and deacons in the pastoral leadership of our parishes. I am therefore inviting women and men who feel that they are called to ministry to come forward to train for ministry as instituted lectors or acolytes or catechists. These are lay ministers, women and men, who are publicly recognised by the Church and appointed by the diocese to minister alongside priests and deacons in leading liturgies, supporting adult faith formation, and accompanying families preparing for the sacraments. I will appoint pastoral leaders – deacons, religious and lay people – where necessary when parishes cannot have a resident priest, to support the priest who will have

pastoral responsibility for that parish”.

Saint John Henry Newman wrote a famous poem called *Lead Kindly Light*:

“Lead, Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,

Lead Thou me on,

The night is dark, and I am far from home,

Lead Thou me on.

Keep Thou my feet,

I do not ask to see the distant scene, one step enough for me”.

At times in our lives when the way ahead on our journey of faith can seem to be unclear, these words of Newman may be a source of inspiration and encouragement. Certainly, in our church today, at a time much change and the headwinds of society often against us, it helpful to realise that many good Christian people had these challenges before us and prevailed to a lesser or greater extent. It is at times like this that we can echo the words of the apostles to “increase our faith.” And the best way to increase our faith may be to allow additional time in the presence of God. This may be few minutes of quiet prayer at the beginning or end of the day or perhaps to attend mass whether in person or online depending on our circumstances. It may also be possible for us to enjoy an autumn walk and to appreciate the beautiful colours of this time of the year. The poet John Keats described autumn as the “season of mists and mellow fruitfulness”. Autumn is the time for the harvest, the gathering of crops into barns as preparations are made for the coming winter. In some churches there is a celebration of the harvest festival as we thank God for the gift of the food that we eat.

Let us all reflect on how best we can increase our own faith in the circumstances of our own lives. This weekend Portmarnock parish is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary. It’s a good time to look back and to celebrate past achievements but also to look forward to a future that is certainly going to involve creative thinking and innovative ideas. When I think of previous generations in our parishes, I can say that what distinguished them was there faith and hope in the Risen Lord. Let us ask them all to inspire us from their place in the house of the Father as we step into their shoes and rise to face the challenges of our times. Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon in Portmarnock and Malahide Parishes



### **Society of the St. Vincent De Paul**

Church Gate Collection **next weekend 8th/9th October** is in aid of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul, please be as generous as you can.

The Society is urgently in need of new Members. If you have some time to spare and would be interested in volunteering please contact the Head Office of the Society at 01 8848200.

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

Sat. 1st Oct.	7.00p.m.	Marie Bourke – Month’s Mind Ettie Drumm – 1st Anniversary Sean McAllister – Anniversary & remembering children John, Maryanne & Deborah McAllister Noel Kirwan – Anniversary Bridie & Larry McGrath – Anniversaries Liam O’Brien – Anniversary
Sun 2nd Oct	10.30a.m.	Seamus Earley – Month’s Mind Deceased members of the Comiskey Family – R.I.P.
	12.30p.m.	Bridie Burke – Recently Deceased
Mon 3rd Oct	9.15a.m.	Tommy Lyng – 1st Anniversary Mona O’Donoghue – Birthday Remembrance
Tues. 4th Oct	9.15a.m.	Deceased members of the Curtis Whelan Family
Wed 5th Oct.	9.15a.m.	George Casey – R.I.P.
Thurs. 6th Oct	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Fri 7th Oct	9.15a.m.	Donal Quigley – Recently Deceased & Bernadette on the occasion of the 50th Wedding Anniversary First Friday – Altar List of the Dead
Sat 8th Oct	7.00p.m.	Rosaleen Joyce – Month’s Mind Tommy Flaherty – Anniversary Deceased members of the White Family – R.I.P. Maureen & Jimmy Fay – Anniversaries Esther Fay – Anniversary Margaret Fagan – Birthday Remembrance May O’Connor – Birthday Remembrance
Sun 9th Oct	10.30a.m.	Available for Intention
	12.30p.m.	Patricia Carey – Anniversary & Remembering her sons Liam & David Patrick Walsh – Anniversary
<b><u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u></b>		
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**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.