



that 'God's thoughts are not our thoughts, and God's ways are not our ways' (see Isa. 55.8-9). For Christians, God is light without any darkness at all, and so in order to know God we must 'walk in the light' (1 Jn 1.5-7) by living according to His will of love, by a life of attention to others.

In our search for God we are not left entirely to our own devices. We can benefit from the experience of a great many women and men across the ages. In ch. 11 of the letter to the Hebrews, the author speaks of 'the great cloud of witnesses' on which our faith can rely. He does not, for all that, keep silent about his conviction that after speaking 'at many times and in many ways,' God has now spoken His final words to us in Jesus Christ (Heb. 1.1-2). In Christ, God takes on a human form and walks alongside us.

Taizé—Seek and you will find

In his life on earth, Jesus needed to hear a human voice tell him, "You know that I love you." Three times he asked Peter, "Do you love me?" Christ asks each of us the very same question, age-old and always new: "Do you love me?" And He asks each of us to be attentive to those He entrusts to us.

Christ Jesus,

Enable us not to forget one thing:

If faith, hope and love are the basis of our existence,

It is living love that matters above all.

And you tell us,

"I, Christ, love you.

That is the source of peace of heart."

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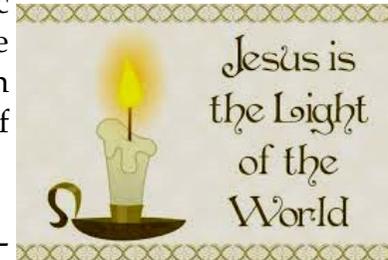


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How Can We Know God

13th November 2016

Before being a certainty for us, God is a question. Who has not wondered at one time or another about the meaning of life? 'Why does the universe exist?' 'Why am I here on earth?' 'Is there any logic behind the course of human history and of my own life?'



The religious traditions of humanity affirm that these questions have an answer which does not depend on us alone. The Bible speaks to us of a good God, the creator of all that exists, who is very close to human beings. As St. Paul explained to the philosophers of Athens, 'He is not far from any of us, for in him we live and move and have our being' (Acts 17.27-8).

The starting-point for coming to know God is thus the conviction that God does not play hide-and-seek with us but wants to be known. That is what Jesus tried to explain to His hearers when He said, 'Seek and you will find..... Whoever seeks finds' (Lk. 11.9-10). He was speaking about seeking God in prayer. Seeking God means first of all opening up the depths of our hearts to God in a dialogue made up of trust and simplicity.

All who enter in this way into a relationship with the Mystery at the heart of life are immediately brought to take part in an adventure that is not always easy. In order better to know the true God, they must gradually let themselves be divested of their own habitual ways of seeing. For if it is true that God is close to us, it is also true

Month of November

We remember our own loved ones and friends who have gone to their rest in the Lord and our own sadness this November. Tears speak out our grief, but they also witness to our love and we are glad to have loved so much that we can cry. May those we have loved rest in your embrace, O Lord.



We welcome in Baptism:



*Caoimhe Michelle Lord
Amelia Grace Hanlon
Ciara Egan
Sophia James Brady*

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



Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 15 20 25 27 2nd Jackpot: 7 12 16 17

There was no Jackpot winner. The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: B. Whitford W. Quearney M. Fitzgerald P. Hardiman R. Mullin P. Troy T. Deegan. Next Week's Jackpots:

First Jackpot €1,500 Second Jackpot €2,000 Plus seven Consolation Prizes of €25



Christmas Fayre

Christmas Fayre Sunday 27th November upstairs in the Parish Centre, from 10.30a.m. to

1.30p.m. Fun for all the Family with Santa, homemade bread & cakes and Novelty Stands. Please come and enjoy yourselves while supporting your Parish Centre. If you have any new or nearly new unwanted gifts, bottles of alcohol or juice, bric-a-brac for the Stalls which you would like to donate we will gladly accept them for one of our stalls. If you wish to bake bread or cakes please bring them on the morning of the Fayre. Many thanks for your continued support.



Date to remember!

Combined Parish Choirs present

THE ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE

Sunday, 11th December 2016 at 7.30p.m.

in Church of the Holy Child All welcome.



Capuchin Day Centre for Homeless People – Charity Race Night

Please Support Margaret Wogan's Charity Race Night – Friday Night 2nd December First Race – 8.30p.m. ALSAA Club (on the Main Road just across from Dublin Airport) Admission: €3 includes Race Book + Raffle for Christmas Hamper.

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

Monday 14th November	9.15a.m.	Denis Hamill (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Marie Barry (Month's Mind)
		Lila Mikutaitis & her family (Intention)
Tuesday 15th November	9.15a.m.	Robert Mikkutaitis (Intention)
	7.00p.m.	Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
Wednesday 16th Nov.	9.15a.m.	Rosanna, Stephen & Thomas Finlay (Anniv)
	7.00p.m.	Special Intention
Thursday 17th Nov.	9.15a.m.	Bridie & Catherine Corr (1st Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Paddy Blayney (Month's Mind)
Friday 18th November	9.15a.m.	Kevin Coffey (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Ronald Cleary (1st Anniversary)
		James (Anniv.) & Annie Cleary (Rec. Decd.)
Saturday 19th Nov.	10.00a.m.	Special Intention
Vigil	7.00p.m.	Paul Mellon, Agnes Tully, (Anniversaries)
		Maureen Murray, Anne Rocca, (Anniversaries)
		Liz Bennett, Jean & Eric Cavanagh (Anniv.)
Sunday 20th November	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	Mary & Michael Myler, (Anniversaries)
		Thomas & Rose Doyle, (Anniversaries)
		Margaret Ward (Anniversary)
	6.00p.m.	Veronica Quigley (Anniversary)

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

Wed. 16th November	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Sunday 20th Nov.	10.00a.m.	Bernie McDonald (Anniversary)

Liturgy Team

The next meeting of the Liturgy Team will take place on Wednesday, 16th November 2016 at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Centre.

Property & Finance Committee – the next meeting for the Finance Committee will take place on Monday 14th November at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Centre

Pilgrimage to Knock Sunday 4th December

in honour of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Coach from Holy Child Church at 8.30a.m. Return Fare €20. Contact Marie McAllister 842 5678

Recently Deceased: You are asked to remember in your Prayers:

**Joan McGrath Jane O'Rourke
May Allen**

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



Parish Pastoral Collection

This important Parish collection will take place next weekend 19th/20th Nov. The money we receive goes towards the training and requirements of all the Pastoral Teams. It ensures that each Team can be resourced and trained and therefore can give the best service to their ministry. **Could those who have agreed to help with this collection please come to the Sacristy before Mass next weekend and collect a basket. Many thanks for your continued help with this important Parish Collection.**

Taize Evening Prayer for end of the Year of Mercy Thursday 17th Nov. 7.30-8.30pm St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay Dn 7. All Welcome especially young pilgrims.

Church Gate Collection

this weekend this collection is for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.