

faith. One wonders what the nine lepers derived from their terrible experience. Since they didn't thank God, it is unlikely that they derived any spiritual benefit from the experience.

Like Naaman before his illness, in good times we forget God, even though we may continue to pay lip-service to him. But then an illness or some such thing brings us to our knees, and we are suddenly face to face with our poverty, weakness and mortality. We realise how flimsy are the foundations on which we have built our hopes.

If this brings us closer to God, and makes us more spiritual, it will prove to be a blessing in disguise. It seems that of the ten lepers only one of them was brought closer to God through his illness and recovery.

We don't always have control over what happens to us but we do have control over how we react to what happens to us. For instance, two people are severely wounded in an accident. One chooses to live the experience in bitterness, and is destroyed by it. The other lives it in gratitude. He trusts that what happened, painful though it was, holds the possibility that good can come out of it. It's not a question of forgetting it, but of remembering it and integrating it into his life.

The willingness to give something back is a great sign of gratitude. When you are full of gratitude, there is no room for bitterness and resentment. All happy people are grateful. Ungrateful people cannot be happy.

Gratitude

Once there was a young man who had never thought of donating blood.

But then his father got very ill and was hospitalised.

One day the son was sitting by his father's bedside as he was getting a blood transfusion.

As he watched the blood flowing into his father's veins, he suddenly realised that someone had donated the blood that was now keeping his father alive.

Straight away he made up his mind to become a donor, and he was as good as his word.

Many are willing to avail of the generosity of others, but few are willing to give something back.

This is why gratitude is so important.

It makes us want to give something back.

Fr. Flor McCarthy SDB

PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



NEWSLETTER



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Looking Deeper

The story of the ten lepers has a very obvious lesson, namely, the importance of showing gratitude. But it has another lesson: finding God through pain. Pain can drive people away from God, or it can bring them close to God. Many converts are Good Friday converts - they enter the Kingdom through the gates of suffering. Naaman is a good example.

At one stage in his life he was on the crest of a wave. He had a prestigious job - commander-in-chief of the mighty Syrian army. He was highly regarded by his king. He had all the trappings of worldly success - wealth, power, fame. He had no need of God. Religion played no part in his life. He is typical of some successful people today who seem to have no place for God in their lives.

However, when he was at the

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height of his power he contracted the dreaded disease of leprosy. All of a sudden his world began to disintegrate. One minute he was on top of the world. Next minute he was falling into the abyss.

Desperate for a cure, he swallowed his pride and sought help from the prophet Elisha in Israel, the little country he had plundered and despised. However, what he was looking for was a 'quick fix' so that he could go back and resume his old life exactly as before.

But he soon discovered that there was no such thing as a 'quick fix'; there was no quick and painless cure. So he had to learn to be humble and patient. He had to learn to take orders for a change. But it proved well worth his while because not only was he cured of his leprosy, but he was converted as well. He found the true God. So in the end he had reason to give thanks for his leprosy, because through it he received the gift of

We welcome in Baptism



Sadie Jane Farrell,
Evan Elijah Arubayi,
Ben Stephen Clarke
Max James Garland

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

Parish Hospitality Team

New members are required for this important welcoming Parish Ministry. When there is a big event in the Parish i.e. the November Mass of Remembrance, Reconciliation Services or any occasion which might involve the Parish offering light refreshments, this team is required to help with pouring tea/coffee, and the clean up etc. If interested please contact Anne in the Parish Office. Tel: 01 8375274

Parish Pastoral Council – The next meeting of the Council will take place on Monday, 10th October at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Centre.

God's Housekeepers are seeking new Volunteers:

If you have an hour to spare any morning after Mass, we would like your help to keep our Church in its pristine condition. Please leave your name and number in the Sacristy. Tel: 8375274



Recently Deceased:

You are asked to remember in your Prayers: Michael Walsh
Mary (May) Butler
Elizabeth O'Hara

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



Volunteers Required



The Parish Centre is looking for someone who would be willing help out in Reception and in the Coffee Shop. Monday or Tuesday afternoons from 2.30p.m. to 4.30p.m. If you are available please contact Tina at 01 8375274

The Family Mass Sunday 12.30p.m.



We are looking for more young people to join our Youth Ministry Teams: **The Youth Choir**, the **Young Ministers of the Word** or the **Altar Servers**.

Full training will be given. If you are interested in joining one of the youth ministries please talk to a member of the Family Mass Team after the 12.30p.m. Mass on Sunday.



The late Nicholas Courage R.I.P.

The family of the late Nicholas Courage wish to thank their friends and neighbours for their expressions of sympathy and condolences. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for their intentions.

November Dead List - Altar List of the Dead envelopes are provided at the doors of the Churches. We invite you to complete and return to the Sacristan or leave in the Church safes. All Masses on the First Friday of each month are offered for all names on the Altar List of the Dead.

Church Gate Collection this Weekend is for the Society of Sat. Vincent de Paul. Next Weekend it is for CASA (Caring & Sharing Association)



Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 4 13 16 29 2nd Jackpot: 6 7 14 23

No Jackpot winner. The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were:

P. Flaherty: B. Devine: A. O'Dea: C. Gallagher: P. Kavanagh: E. Keegan: N. Masterson. The five special prizes of €100 were: **C. Holden: A. Rundle: M. Reynolds: A. McCoy: E. O'Connor.**

Next Week's Jackpots : First Jackpot €15,000 Second Jackpot €2,000 Plus seven Consolation Prizes of €25



Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

Monday 10th October	9.15a.m.	Eugenio & Maria Lamayo (Anniversaries)
	7.00p.m.	Michael Purdue (Anniversary)
Tuesday 11th October	9.15a.m.	Julia Glen (Month's Mind)
	7.00p.m.	Deceased Members of the Egan Family
Wednesday 12th Oct.	9.15a.m.	Mary O'Connor (Birthday Remembrance)
	7.00pm	Christy Keogh (Anniversary)
Thursday 13th Oct.	9.15a.m.	Deirdre Mongan (Special Intention)
	7.00p.m	Thresi Amma (R.I.P.)
Friday 14th Oct.	9.15a.m.	St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society
	7.00p.m.	Tom Kelly (Anniversary)
Saturday 15th Oct.	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
	Vigil 7.00p.m.	Eddie & Sheila Darcy, Tom Reilly (Anniversaries)
Sunday 16th October	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	Sheila Quearney (Month's Mind)
		John O'Connor, Breda Ralph, & Bridget Crowe (Anniversaries)
	6.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball		
Wednesday 12th Oct.	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Sunday 16th October	10.00a.m.	Frank Dornan, Sadie Piggot (Anniversary)

Can you hear me? International Day for the Eradication of Poverty Prayer Service in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus Drumcondra 8.00p.m. or watch on [www. rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com) 17 October 2016. Prepared by Chaplaincy Students of DCU Music led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group. *Poverty is not being without money but being without hope*

Ministry Advocacy & Compassion. The Catholic Church & 1916 – St. Kevin's Chapel The Pro Cathedral Exhibition continues from 1.30p.m. to 5.30p.m. Admission is free. This exhibition takes you into the heart of the fighting during the Easter Rising, where Catholic priests risked their lives to minister the sacraments to the wounded and dying. Examine the crucial acts of the nuns and clergy as they responded to the immediate needs of the hungry and displaced by providing them with much needed food and shelter. The interactive touchscreen shows never before seen documents from various religious archives, all relating to the Rising.