

He reassures us that:

"This is life in its fullness: life in God; a life of which we now have only a glimpse as one sees blue sky through fog."

When speaking about the faithful departed last November, Pope Francis said:

"The faith we profess in the resurrection makes us men and women of hope, not despair, men and women of life, not death, for we are comforted by the promise of eternal life, grounded in our union with the risen Christ."

Pope Francis reminds us that; *"A fundamental mark of the Christian is a sense of anxious expectation of our final encounter with God"*.

Reflecting on the next life he explains that:

"Paradise is not a fantasy place, nor is it an enchanted garden. Paradise is the embrace of God, infinite Love, and we enter thanks to Jesus, Who died on the cross for us. Where there is Jesus, there is mercy and happiness."

He then says:

"We too will be able to repeat the words of the elderly Simeon, also blessed by the encounter with Jesus, after an entire life consumed in expectation: "Lord, now you are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation" (Lk 2: 29-30).

Let us continue to pray for and remember our faithful departed during the moment of November and be assured that they are praying for us as well. Pope John XXIII (who is now a Saint) was once asked if he prayed for the dead.

He replied:

"I often think of the departed, they keep me good company."

I think this is a very good way of thinking about it. We believe that those who have gone before us to God remain with us in spirit. They are absent but not gone. Let us pray for the grace in the coming weeks to experience the consolation of God's presence as we reflect on the lives of those who have inspired, encouraged and helped us in life and are now enjoying the rewards of their goodness and kindness with the Risen Lord in heaven.

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11th November 2018

In November, we specially remember the faithful departed who have gone before us to God. It's often called the Month of the Holy Souls when we pray for family, friends and neighbours that we knew in this life. We also remember those who may have no one to pray for them.

Many people choose to commemorate their deceased family and friends by adding their names to our parish Altar List of the Dead. It's an important tradition to maintain every year as those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead are remembered regularly at masses in our church throughout the year. Please consider filling out the Altar List of the Dead in the coming days when you have time.

Both Pope Francis and Pope Benedict have tried to explain the

meaning of life after death within the limitations of our language and understanding. I hope that their reflections below will offer some consolation especially to those amongst us who may have lost a friend or family member in the past year and are particularly feeling their absence around now.

When speaking about the next life in 2012, Pope Benedict XVI said:

"Death opens to life, to eternal life, which is not an infinite duplicate of the present time, but something completely new."

In a beautiful reflection, Pope Benedict goes on to explain that: *"Our hope, then, lies in the love of God that shines resplendent from the Cross of Christ who lets Jesus' words to the good thief: "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (Lk 23:43) resound in our heart."*

**Parish Assembly Whitehall Parish
Wednesday 5th December 2018**

A Parish Assembly will take place in Whitehall Parish Centre on Wednesday, 5th December 2018 at 7.30p.m., to discuss the needs of the Parish in light of the recent visit of Pope Francis to Ireland and his call to the Mission of the Laity. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin has asked that as a Parish we look at issues around how do we go forward now in the challenge of renewing the faith we have in our hearts and renewing the life of the Church? Reflecting in particular on the Pope's strong message of the importance and beauty of passing on this faith and the message of Jesus in the Gospel to the next generation.

We would encourage all parishioners to attend this meeting and share their views.

Noreen O'Prey - Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council

Live Streaming Service

The Parish Council is happy to announce a live streaming from Church of the Holy Child starting Monday 12th November. This development means that parishioners unable to physically attend services will be able to do so from their location. It allows those who have moved abroad keep in touch from their home parish. Access is via the parish website <http://www.whitehall.dublindiocese.ie/> The live image currently appears on the home page. By simply clicking the enlarge button on the bottom right hand of the image, a full screen view is obtained. Queries should be submitted via 'contact' on the website.

Pilgrimage to Knock on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Saturday 8th December

Coach from Whitehall Church at 8.00a.m.
Contact Marie McAllister 01 842 5678

Frank Duff, Founder of the Legion of Mary Commemoration of the Servant of God

38th Anniversary Mass – Saturday 17th November at 3.00p.m.

Principal Celebrant and Homilist–

Most Rev. Diarmuid Martin Archbishop of Dublin.

Venue: St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1. All are welcome.



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**Sunday 27th/28th October 2018
Church Collections**

1st Collection €1801.00
Share Collection €1,595.00
Family Offering €2,610.00

Holy Day 1st November 2018

1st Collection €906.00
Share Collection €655.00
Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

Church Gate Collection this weekend is for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

We welcome in Baptism:

**Kenneth Grant Callaway
Antony Greg Evans**



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

5th National Collection – for WMOF 2018

will take place at all Masses this weekend 10/11th November. It will replace the usual SHARE Collection.



Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 4 8 16 23 2nd Jackpot: 13 16 21 30 No Jackpot winner.
The winners of the 7 prizes of €25 were: M. Fitzgerald; G. Donohoe; D. & A. O'Brien; P. O'Sullivan; A. M. Byrne; B. Hewitt; B. Barnwall.
The winners of the 5 Special prizes of €100 were: C. Maher; B. C. Lopez; K. Fox; B. O'Toole; M. & J. Stanley.
Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot €12,250 Second Jackpot €1,000
7 Consolation Prizes of €25

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Church of the Holy Child

Mon. 12th Nov. 9.15a.m. Available for Intention
7.00p.m. Tony Travers (Anniversary)
Rose & Harry Murphy, Peggy McBride (Anniversaries)

Tues. 13th Nov. 9.15a.m. Denis Hamill (Anniversary)
7.00p.m. Anne, Jack & Patrick Morrissey (Anniversaries)
Denis Kelly (Birthday Remembrance)

Wed. 14th Nov. 9.15a.m. Available for Intention
7.00p.m. Robert Power (Birthday Remembrance)

Thurs. 15th Nov. 9.15a.m. Available for Intention
7.00p.m. Elizabeth Gibbs (Anniversary)

Fri. 16th Nov. 9.15a.m. Rosanna, Stephen & Thomas Finlay (Anniversaries)
7.00p.m. Edward McDermott (Anniversary)

Sat. 17th Nov. 10.00a.m. Available for Intention
Vigil 7.00p.m. Mercedes McDonnell, James McCabe (Month's Mind)
Ronnie Cleary (Anniversary)

Sun. 18th Nov. 11.15a.m. People of the Parish
12.30p.m. Anne Rocca (Anniversary)
6.00p.m. Marian Beaver (R.I.P.)
Margaret Ward (Anniversary)

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

Wed. 14th Nov. 10.00a.m. Available for Intention
Sun. 18th Nov. 10.00a.m. Carmel Fleming (1st Anniversary)
Marie Flood (Anniversary)

Wedding Ring

A gold wedding ring was found on the Church grounds Thursday afternoon. It is engraved on the inside. Please contact the Sacristy or Parish Office if you think it may be yours.

Christmas Fayre Sunday 25th November – Parish

Centre, from 10.30a.m. to 1.30p.m. Fun for all the Family with Santa, homemade bread & cakes and Novelty Stands & Raffle. If you have any new or nearly new unwanted gifts, alcohol or juice, bric-a-brac, which you would like to donate, we would gladly accept them for one of our stalls. If you would like to bake bread, scones or cakes you can bring them on the morning of the Fayre. Thanking you for your continued support.

