

impression on us and encourage us on our journey of faith. But, it's only with hindsight that we can fully appreciate the benefit of such encounters.

Thirdly, Jesus reminds us that wealth and possessions - as an end in themselves - can be a barrier to faith. Of course, we all need certain things for our daily lives and that's fair enough but I think the issue that Jesus is pointing us towards is that we should not allow the accumulation of wealth to *dominate* our lives. The main goal of our lives should not involve the accumulation of wealth especially at the expense of others. So, we are being asked to be modest with our possessions and live lives that are focused on the values of the Gospel.

Sometimes we can look back on our lives and reflect on the Robert Frost poem, "The Road Not Taken." Could we have made different decisions or accepted other challenges? In the context of today's Gospel, we can imagine that the rich young man must have often recalled his meeting with Jesus and wondered what might have happened had he accepted his invitation. Someone once said to me that we should do our best and let God's grace do the rest. In the challenges of life and the challenges of being people of faith, I think we have to make the best call we can with God's help. In the words of the poet Seamus Heaney we can "*believe that a further shore is reachable from here.*" In other words, our prayers are listened to and God is present in our lives. Gerard Reilly

Gerard Reilly is a Permanent Deacon in Donaghmede and Ayrfield parishes

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. Or contact Anne in the Parish Office 01 8375274 and leave your name and number.



PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



NEWSLETTER



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"Good Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

14th October 2018

In today's Gospel, we come across the familiar figure of the rich young man who encountered Jesus during his ministry and asked him what he needed to do in order to inherit eternal life.

Unlike with the apostles, Jesus did not call the young man directly or select him for ministry. Instead, the young man chose to go over to him. What is also interesting about the story is that the young man decided not to pursue the call of Jesus. We are told that "*he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.*"

There are a number of points that can be made about this story. Firstly, he is described as a "young man." So, perhaps he was still not mature enough to take on the challenge of the Gospel. Jesus may have recognised that he was not yet ready for this task. There are many times in our lives when we

may be asked to do something but we may not be ready to take on the challenge. It could be a project at work, school or college or perhaps an opportunity to join a football team or sports club. We may conclude that, while we appreciate the invitation, our resources may not permit us to take it up at that particular time.

Secondly, the young man is one of the few prominent characters in the New Testament who does not accept the challenge that Jesus offers him. Of course, we do not hear about this again, so we have no idea how his life worked out into the future. I am sure we can speculate that the encounter with Jesus did have a profound effect on the young man and most likely altered the course of his life for the better.

Often in our lives, we can meet people who will make a deep

We welcome in Baptism:
Henry Patrick O'Byrne
Aoibheann Mary Brady
Brody Joseph O'Connor
Ava Catherine Coyne



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

Liturgy Team

The next meeting for the Liturgy Team will take place on Wednesday, 17th October at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Centre.

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

Ministers of the Word - The new Group C roster is available for collection from the table in the reception area in the parish centre.

Sunday 7th October 2018 Church Collections

1st Collection €2008.00
 Share Collection €1,670.00
 Family Offering €595.00
 Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

Recently Deceased:

You are asked to remember in your Prayers –
John Tobin
May he enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.



TLC Santry/ Cara Care Santry invite all carers and people living with Dementia to our Dementia Café - Daisy Chain Café -Circle of Support

Come and join us for a cup of coffee/tea, nice cake, a chat, support and interesting talks on living well with DEMENTIA

Location TLC Nursing Home Santry (Beside the Santry Sports Surgery Clinic)

25th October 2018 at 6pm until 7.30 pm and monthly on the last Thursday of the month

Talk: Remembering Yesterday – Caring Today

Ms. Kavitha Ramalingam

Advance Nurse Practitioner

Chat and make friends - No Charge

An Evening of Prayer, Music & Reflection

Join us on Monday 15th October at 8.00pm in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus for an evening of prayer, music and reflection which will explore the call to holiness of Pope Francis - *Rejoice and be Glad*. The Prayer Service will be prepared by the part-time Chaplaincy students of DCU with music by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group or view on www.rednuns.com

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Annual clothing Appeal - Church of the Holy Child & Blessed Margaret Ball

Collection of the bags: Saturday Vigil Mass 13th October & Sunday 14th October morning Masses only.

World Mission Sunday - next Sunday, 21st Oct.,

Pope Francis is asking you and every Catholic worldwide to come together in celebration of World Mission Sunday. On this special day every Church, in every Parish across our globe will give what they can, no matter how little, towards the World Mission Sunday collection. It will replace the usual SHARE Collection.

Church Gate Collection

The collection this week is in aid of the Society of the St. Vincent de Paul.



Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 9 13 17 22 2nd Jackpot: 2 8 20 30 No Jackpot winner.

The winners of the 7 prizes of €25 were: G. Levins: M. Maher: M. Murphy:

V. McDonnell: J. Newman: C. Smith: T. McCabe.

Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot € 11,250 Second Jackpot €800

7 Consolation Prizes of €25

An Evening of Pastoral Reflection for Funeral Ministry Teams

An Evening of Pastoral Reflection for existing Funeral Ministry Teams takes place on 24th Oct. 7.30 – 9.30pm in Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3. This is for those who have some experience of this ministry and wish to grow in it. Please register for this by the 17th October to Grainne of the Liturgical Resource Centre – Email: litsec@dublindiocese.ie

Following on from this there will be a new cycle of training for NEW Funeral Ministry Teams with three modules beginning in November.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Church of the Holy Child

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| Mon. 15th Oct. | 9.15a.m. Fr. Jack O'Donoghue (Anniversary) |
| | 7.00p.m. Available for Intention |
| Tues. 16th Oct. | 9.15a.m. Available for Intention |
| | 7.00p.m. Frances Murphy (Birthday Remembrance) |
| Wed. 17th Oct. | 9.15a.m. Margaret & Michael Padden (Anniversary) |
| | 7.00p.m. Paddy Blayney (Anniversary) |
| | Deceased members of the Divine Mercy Group (R.I.P.) |
| Thurs. 18th Oct. | 9.15a.m. Available for Intention |
| | 7.00p.m. Kitty Kelly (Anniversary) |
| Fri. 19th Oct. | 9.15a.m. William McDermott (Anniversary) |
| | 7.00p.m. Michael Fitzgerald (Anniversary) |
| | Jimmy Ennis (Anniversary) |
| Sat. 20th Oct. | 10.00a.m. Rita Smyth Martinez (1st Anniversary) |
| Vigil | 7.00p.m. Gilbert & Frances Berg |
| | Christopher Moore (Anniversary) |
| | Gerry Curley (Anniversary) |
| | Cecil Manning (Anniversary) |
| Sun. 21st Oct. | 11.15a.m. People of the Parish |
| | 12.30p.m. Angela Murphy (1st Anniversary) |
| | Carmel Cleary (1st Anniversary) |
| | James & Ronnie Cleary (R.I.P.) |
| | Jimmy Ennis (Anniversary) |
| | 6.00p.m. Available for Intention |
| | <u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u> |
| Wed. 17th Oct. | 10.00a.m. Available for Intention |
| Sun. 21st Oct | 10.00a.m. Available for Intention |