

between the first and second collections. There is also an on-line payment facility for the Common Fund and Share collections on the front page of the diocesan website. Click on "Donate".

The situation of isolation that many will feel with the current restrictions challenges the Christian community to be attentive to and remember those in our communities who live alone and especially families carrying extra burdens.

I am well aware of the burdens and uncertainty that this complex situation places on priests. We will experience a workload that is uncharted. We must pray for each other, support one another and remain hopeful and be a focal point to provide hope for others. Our Churches can remain open and offer consolation and comfort to us all.

Over the next days, up-dated information will be made available on the diocesan website. +Diarmuid Martin Archbishop of Dublin

CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC
Further advice of the Irish Bishops in response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus

The following instructions take into consideration the new norms issued by the Irish government to be in force at 18.00 today. Bishops are asked to promulgate these instructions in their diocese as soon as possible.

These instructions complement the advice issued yesterday by the Irish Episcopal Conference and remain in place until 29th March. It is likely that these restrictions will continue for some time after that, and instructions regarding the celebration of Holy Week will be issued in due course.

The motivation for these new restrictive measures is a sense of care for the common good and especially for those most vulnerable. Each Christian community should be acutely aware of the responsibility to care for those who are most at risk. For example, even where it may not be appropriate to visit the elderly, a simple telephone call to enquire about their needs could mean so much to them.

NORMS—All non-essential pastoral gatherings and meetings, such as formation gatherings, retreats and seminars are cancelled.

All Confirmations are postponed until further notice.

Every Catholic is entitled to a dignified Christian burial. Attendance at Funeral services and Masses should be limited to close relatives and must not exceed 100 attendees within the Church building. Similarly, Church weddings and baptisms may be celebrated on condition that the attendance in Church does not exceed 100 people.

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PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



NEWSLETTER



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**IMPORTANT LETTER FROM
ARCHBISHOP DIARMUID MARTIN
ON CORONAVIRUS SPECIAL
MEASURES**

15th March 2020

Please read carefully the advice (below) issued this afternoon Thursday 12th March by the Irish Bishops.

Whereas I realise that many of these restrictive measures will make pastoral life more difficult, we have to remember that as a society we have a duty of care to protect ourselves and above all to protect others.

All Confirmations are postponed until further notice. This applies with immediate effect.

Are Masses cancelled? Not absolutely. Where normal attendance On Sundays or Weekdays is less than 100, there is no reason not to hold public Mass. Mass with limited congregations can be celebrated to permit participation by webcam. Pope Francis does this himself every morning. Attention can be drawn for those who cannot attend Mass to the traditional practice of Spiritual Communion.

In the current emergency, all are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass. Funerals: Funeral Masses can be celebrated but limited to close relatives or friends with at most 100 people inside the Church. Larger gatherings of up to 500 could take place outside after Mass or at a graveyard. Similarly Church Weddings and Baptisms can take place on condition that attendance does not exceed 100 people inside the Church.

Within Churches it is necessary that people observe a distance of at least one metre from each other. This is because one of the easiest ways in which the virus is transmitted is through close contact.

It is not permitted to pass baskets or collection bags from person to person. Arrangements must be Made for closely monitored Collection points at entrances to Churches, with distinction

Cont. from back page- In these difficult and uncertain times, people find strength, consolation and hope in prayer. Churches should remain open for prayer each day.

In the current emergency situation, all are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass. Parishes should inform parishioners of the local possibilities to participate in Mass via local radio and on line. It may be possible for some parishes to facilitate attendance at Mass while still observing the health authority's limit of 100 people.

This is an occasion for all of us - especially in families -to pray more intensely for each other and especially for those who have succumbed to the illness. We should pray also for those in the frontlines - especially doctors, nurses and medical staff and other carers, including clergy - that the Lord will protect them as they place their own wellbeing at risk in the service of all.

Prayer for our protection—We ask for prayers for those affected by the Coronavirus. Placing all our trust in the Lord, and asking Our Lady to intercede for us, we invite everyone to pray these prayers:

Extract from Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection,
implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy,
hear and answer. Amen.

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

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



Please Note: Due to Government instruction on the Coronavirus there will be no Mass celebrated in Blessed Margaret Ball on Sundays. There will be no Masses celebrated in Holy Child - Saturday for the Vigil at 7p.m., Sunday 12.30., & 6p.m. The 11.15 Mass will be available via live streaming and Parish Radio. For the moment the weekday morning and evening Masses will continue as the numbers are below 100. These changes are in place until further notice.

Mass Intentions – Church of the Holy Child

- Sat. 14th Mar. 10.00a.m. Bernadette Bonny – Month's Mind
Betty & Ned O'Leary – Anniversaries
- Vigil 7.00p.m. Liam & Ursula Stobie - Anniversaries
- Sun. 15th Mar. 11.15a.m. Charles Barnwall R. I. P. – Recently Deceased
Phyllis Mellon – Anniv. & decd. members of the Mellon Family
- 12.30p.m. Thomas Kennedy, Angela Gibbons -1st Anniversaries
Seán & Paul Crowe, Catherine Higgins – Anniversaries
Pat Rafferty – Anniversary
- 6.00p.m. Peig & Pat O'Callaghan – Anniversaries
- Mon. 16th Mar. 9.15a.m. Philomena O'Keeffe – Birthday Remembrance
- 7.00p.m. Louis & Ciaran Cottell – Anniversaries
- Tues. 17th Mar. 7.00p.m. Finbarr Hourihane – Anniversary
- Fri. 20th Mar. 9.15a.m. Mary McDermott – Anniversary
- Sat. 21st Mar. 7.00p.m. Mary Walsh – Anniversary
- Sun. 22nd Mar. 11.15a.m. Michael Ennis – Anniversary
- 12.30p.m. Ciaran Kelly – Anniversary
Elizabeth & Frederick Gorman – Anniversaries
- Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball**
- Sun. 15th Mar. 10.00a.m. Richard Dignam & granddaughter Lauren Johnson- Anniv
Jo & Liam Dornan – Anniversaries
Kathleen McGovern, Peggy Eaton – Anniversaries
- Sun. 22nd Mar. 10.00a.m. June Besagni – Anniversary
Patrick & Elizabeth Foy – Anniversaries

Parish Lotto Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:
1st Jackpot: 16 21 24 27 2nd Jackpot: 2 16 24 26 No Jackpot winner.
The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: B. & M. Brady; M. O'Brien;
M. Carragher; B. Berry; M. Elliott; C. Anthony; P. Halpin.
Next Week's Lotto Draw: First Jackpot €15,000 Second Jackpot €1,100
Plus 7 consolation prizes of €25 .
Please Note – No Lotto draw taking place on St. Patrick's Day.
The next Lotto Draw will take place on Tuesday, 24th March 2020



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) Guidelines for Religious Services

Signs of Peace -The shaking of hands as the method of conveying the Sign of Peace, is suspended. The sign of peace will be conveyed by turning to the person each side of you and offering a smile or nod or bow.

Holy Communion -To minimise the risk of spread of infection, only the celebrant should drink from the Chalice. Holy Communion should be administered into the hands only and NOT onto the tongue.

Please Note: Parish Centre is closed until further notice due to Government instructions on COVID-19 (Coronavirus)