

number of really committed Christians. As a preface for the Mass reminds us, Christ *“never leaves his flock untended.”*

Each and every one of us has a duty and responsibility to *share our faith* with others. It should not, as the Gospel says, be hidden away. Of course, each of our lives and our circumstances are different. But whether we are at work, at home or at school, there are many ways that we can respond to our Gospel calling by reaching out to others and helping those in need. St. Vincent de Paul once said *“Do whatever good lies at your hands”* and St. Teresa of Calcutta often encouraged people to find Calcutta in their own communities.

As Church, I think we can only move forward together in the coming years by working collaboratively as lay people, catechists, youth workers, priests, sisters and deacons as we try to respond to the call of the Gospel in our times.

In our Gospel today, Jesus says:

“Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved.”

Father Kieran O’Mahony makes the following point: *“The Sermon on the Mount has entered world literature as a great synthesis of the teaching of Jesus. In today’s reading from the Sermon, Jesus teaches a morality of the heart, that goes well beyond our eternal actions to the heart, the inner “sanctum” from which our actions spring. It is very searching and, as we know, very true.”*

Writing about today’s Gospel, Father Donal Neary says the following:

“Jesus asks for forgiveness and reconciliation when he speaks about leaving a gift at the altar to go for reconciliation. He commends marriage, and faithfulness in marriage, in his views on divorce. This collection of Jesus’ sayings form a background to how he lived his life himself.”

Back in 2016, Pope Francis said: *“It is not enough to just respect the commandments and do nothing more. Christian life is not just an ethical life: it is an encounter with Jesus Christ”.*

Let us pray for the grace to put this into practice in our own lives and ministry in the week ahead.

Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon in Donaghmede and Ayrfield parishes.

Holy Communion is available to all communicants under both kinds at the Main Altar, Priest’s Chair side.



Church Collections 11/02/20

1st Collection	€1,581
SHARE	€1,405
Family Envelope	€1,450

PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



NEWSLETTER



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“How can we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil?”

16th February 2020

I am reading a book at the moment called *Pastoral Ministry in Changing Times* by Father Aidan Ryan which was published by Messenger Publications last year. It focuses on the current position of the Church in Ireland in the challenging times that we all live in.

Father Aidan quotes from psalm 137 and asks, *“How can we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil?”* In a way, he is asking how we can share the joy of the gospel authentically in the world that we live in today which is perhaps more hostile to the message than may have been the case for previous generations.

We can already see from the recent general election results a certain volatility and unpredictability in the electorate which went the way of the Labour Party in the past but has now gone in the direction of Sinn Fein.

“There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune.” I thought of these words from Shakespeare’s play *Julius Caesar*

in the context of the election as the tide goes in and out for various political parties.

There are certainly challenges for the Church in our world today not least to interpret the signs of the times through the light of the gospel in a society that has changed immeasurably in recent decades. It is important to offer an authentic witness to the faith that will encourage others with the Christian life.

God gives us grace which is sufficient for our needs and the tasks he gives us to do. As Church, we can only move forward together by sharing our gifts in different forms of ministry. As Pope Benedict said, we are all co-responsible for the task of spreading the gospel in our times.

There was never a golden age of Christianity. Every age brought it’s own challenges for people of faith and the Holy Spirit has always found a way through. In every time, there are only a certain

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

9th – 14th September - Hotel Solitude 5 nights – Full Board
 Fully inclusive Price €765. (Single rooms subject to availability €180).
 In conjunction with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage
 For details & to book please contact the Parish Office Tel : 8375274.



PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE – Bethany Support Group – Beginning on

Wednesday 19th February ladies who find it difficult to cope with bereavement or loss of any kind are invited to avail of the help and support of the Bethany Bereavement Support Group. They will be warmly welcomed every Wednesday between 2.30p.m. and 4.00p.m. in the Parish Centre at Holy Child Church. Please note they no longer meet in the Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball.

We welcome in Baptism:

Rian Gerard Price
Sophie Elizabeth Dignam Kirwan

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



Blessed Margaret Ball Folk Group -25th Anniversary Mass -Next Sunday, 23rd Feb

the Blessed Margaret Folk Group will celebrate their 25th Anniversary at 10a.m. Mass in the Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball. They would like to invite past members to join them on the day. Rehearsals will take place on Monday 17th Feb at 8.30p.m. For more details please contact Mary 083 3469029

Liturgy Team: meeting of this Team will take place on Wednesday 19th February at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Centre.

Special Collection for ACCORD (The Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family) will take place at all Masses this weekend 15th/16th February. It will replace the usual SHARE Collection.

Eucharistic Adoration Holy Child Church

Mon. - Friday 9.45a.m. - 11.45a.m. & 18.00p.m. – 19.00p.m. All welcome. Additional volunteers appreciated. For further information please contact Marian 087 0533214

Age Action (Ireland) Care & Repair Programme for 60+ year olds; Have you a small repair job which you would like to have done for you? This programme uses a pool of trustworthy volunteers & handypersons to carry out minor repairs for older people. All volunteers vetted & carry official Care & Repair identification cards. Free Service; you only pay for the materials used where required. Age Action maintain a register of reliable & honest tradespersons for bigger jobs & accept requests for small gardening jobs. Tel: 01 4756989

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

Kathleen Flanagan
Francis Fintan McMahon
May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.



Anniversary Frame -If your loved one has an anniversary coming up please consider giving their name to the Sacristan or place in one of the safes. It will then be put in the Anniversary Frame placed in front of the Altar and prayed for at all Sunday Masses. Small donation appreciated.

Mass Intentions – Church of the Holy Child

Sat. 15th Feb. Vigil 7.00p.m. Mary Moran, John Wisley – Anniversaries
 Joe & Lily Hughes – Anniversaries
 Sun. 16th Feb. 11.15a.m. Rose Doyle & Josie Connolly R. I. P.
 Mary Waldron, Gerry Higgins – Anniversaries
 Peter & Ciss Kearney – Anniversaries
 12.30p.m. John Kavanagh – 1st Anniversary
 Vera O'Brien, Hannah Raymond – Anniversaries
 Seamus Lehane – Anniversary
 Joe & Eileen O'Connor – Birthday Remembrance
 James & Mary Cecilia Stapleton – Anniversaries
 Niall McCann – Anniversary
 6.00p.m.
 Mon. 17th Feb. 9.15a.m. P. C. Kurian, Carmel Murphy – Anniversaries
 7.00p.m. Thomas F. Hallinan – Anniversary
 Tues. 18th Feb. 7.00p.m. Margaret Quinn – 1st Anniversary
 Marie & Paddy Dunne – Anniversaries
 Thurs. 20th Feb. 7.00p.m. Aidan Maher – Anniversary
 Fri. 21st Feb. 9.15a.m. Thanksgiving
 Mary O'Toole- Anniversary
 Sat. 22nd Feb. Vigil 7.00p.m. Michael Stewart - Month's Mind
 Kitty & Pauric Murphy – Anniversaries
 Sun. 23rd Feb. 11.15a.m. Nancy Hockley, Denis Spierin – Anniversaries
 Francis & Teresa Harding – Anniversaries
 Mary & James Kane – Anniversaries
 Ken O'Connor – 2nd Anniversary
 12.30p.m. Kathleen O'Hara – 1st Anniversary, Husband George,
 Kate & George – R. I. P.
 Monica Hogg, Seamus Domican – Anniversaries
 6.00p.m. Michael Deegan – Anniversary
Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball
 Sun. 16th Feb. 10.00a.m. Deceased members of the Finn Family – Anniversaries
 Joe Maguire – Recently deceased
 Sun. 23rd Feb. 10.00 a.m. Paul Kane – 1st Anniversary
 Victoriano De La Cruz (Jr.) - Anniversary
 Joy Corazon Bawtista – Anniversary

Parish Lotto

Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were: 1st Jackpot: 13 14 18 29
 2nd Jackpot: 8 9 10 24 No Jackpot winner.

The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: P. Casey; B. Cooke;
 M. Kilmurray; M. Hogan; D. Weafer; F. Fowler; B. Berry.

Next Week's Lotto Draw: First Jackpot €15,000 Second Jackpot €900
 Plus 7 consolation prizes of €25

