

Archbishop Martin went on to say that, in reflecting, we should also look forward:

"We look towards the future of the Church in Dublin and in Ireland....the Church had too often become closed in on itself and became marked at times with what Pope Francis called attitudes of aloofness and clericalism that at times in your history have given the real image of an authoritarian, harsh and autocratic Church"

The Archbishop concluded his remarks in a way responding to the great question of today's Gospel: *"Who do you say that I am?"*:

"We learn to know Jesus as the one who revealed to us who God is, a God of mercy and compassion, a God not just of judgment but a God who offers us forgiveness and new beginnings. In the Church we experience hope and renewal."

Let us pray today that we may be given the grace to bring others to Jesus, especially those who may have lost their way or may be in need of help or consolation.

As we return to work, school or college after the summer holidays, it's a good time to ask what "new beginnings" we can nurture in our own lives and how we can build up the church in our own parish community. St Therese of Lisieux wrote about the importance of *"doing small things with great love"*. That may well be quite a good starting point for us as continue on our journey of faith this autumn. Gerard Reilly

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NEWSLETTER



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**"In the Church we experience
hope and renewal"**

16th September 2018

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks a question that each of us will have to answer at some point in our lives: *"Who do you say that I am?"*
"The Christ of God": St Peter's extraordinary profession of faith echoes down to us through the centuries. What would we say if we were asked the same question? If social media (with its preference for short, pithy soundbites) were around in the time of Jesus, this very question and St Peter's subsequent reply, might have appeared on Facebook or Twitter.

Elsewhere in the Bible, the experience of encountering God is described in different ways. We are told in the Book of Kings that Elijah was able to identify God in a gentle breeze. Of course, our own experience of God can be less dramatic than St Peter who knew him literally face to face.

St Teresa of Avila tells us that she looked for God everywhere and finally found him within herself. So,

let us ask ourselves today who we say Jesus is and what he means to us in the different circumstances of our own lives.

The poet Patrick Kavanagh once said that *"God is in the bits and pieces of life."* At Mass, Jesus is present in the community of faith who are gathered, in the Word of God and in the Eucharist.

Speaking in Lourdes his week, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin said: *"We gather in the remarkable atmosphere of peace and serenity that is the mark of Lourdes. It is a time for each of us to reflect on what is deepest in our hearts as believers. We can stand back from our everyday concerns and reflect on the special protection that Mary, Mother of the Church, offers our Church and us."*

Not all of us have the opportunity to travel to Lourdes but we should allow ourselves time to pause now and then and "smell the roses", so that we can thank God for the gift of his renewing presence in every aspect of our lives.

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 the Parish Office and leave your name and number.

It's great fun so why not give it a try!!



Crosscare – Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin.
Annual Collection for Community & Homeless Services will take place THIS weekend 15th/16th Sept. at all Masses. It will replace the usual SHARE collection.

Inspired by the example and teachings of Jesus Christ, Crosscare has: A VISSION of a society where all people have the opportunity to fulfil their potential. A MISSION to provide innovation and relevant services to those most in need.

Parish Liturgy Team – the next meeting of the Liturgy Team will take place on Wednesday, 19th September at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Centre.

We welcome in Baptism:

Éireann Rose Berry

May this newly baptised child always know and love Jesus as her friend.



Blessing for Expectant Mothers:

A Special Blessing for expectant Mothers will take place on Wed. 19th Sept. 2018 at 8.00pm in Our Lady of Mercy Church, Artane.

Recently Deceased:

You are asked to remember in your Prayers – Niall Irwin
 Alice Cuffe, Alice Duffy
 Lily O’Hanlon,
 Terence Whelan



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

St. Aidan’s C.B.S. Opening Evening
Boys Secondary School, Collins Avenue Extension. Opening Evening – Thursday, 20th September 2018 6.30p.m. – 8.30p.m.

Invitation to parents and pupils of primary 4th, 5th and 6th classes.

Learn about their courses, facilities, extra curricular activities and much more.

Website: www.staidanscbs.com



Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning
in aid of St. Francis Hospice

Dorothy Gray & Evelyn Lyons
invite you to join them on

Thursday, 20th September 2018
at 47, Lorcan Road, from 10a.m. - 1p.m.

Tea/Coffee/Raffle.

They look forward to meeting you all again!

Our Lady of Mercy College, Beaumont
Open Night Tuesday 18th September 2018

From 7.00p.m. to 9.00p.m. Application forms will be available on the night . Tel: 837 1478.

Open Evening 2018

Margaret Aylward Community College

The Thatch Road, Whitehall, Dublin 9.

Tues. 18th Sept. from 4p.m. -6p.m. “A warm caring school environment. A variety of subjects and high quality teaching. A high level of student support in small classes.” Programmes offered: Junior Certificate, Transition Year, Leaving Certificate, Leaving Certificate Applied, Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme.
 Info: www.margaretaylwardcc.ie

Anam Cara North Dublin the organisation that supports bereaved parents will be holding a bereavement information evening on Wednesday 19th September at 7.30p.m. in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. They need to confirm numbers attending to cater for Tea/Coffee before Tues. 18th September. Tel: 085 2888 888.

LOTTO Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday’s winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 9 24 27 28 2nd Jackpot: 6 10 11 20 No Jackpot winner.

The winners of the 7 prizes of €25 were: B. Magee: V. Cullen: C. Reid:

J. & A. Lavelle: M. Coonan: T. Mullins: C. Shelley.

Next Week’s Lotto: First Jackpot € 10,250 Second Jackpot €600

7 Consolation Prizes of €25

Coffee Morning for St. Francis Hospice
 will take place in Santry Community

Centre on Thursday 20th September from 10a.m to 12.30p.m.

Please support.



Coffee Morning in aid of St. Francis Hospice
 will be held on

Thursday 20th September at 9, Thatch Road . Lovely

raffle prizes. All Welcome



Highfield Healthcare’s Bridge Club! - Calling All Bridge Players Would you have a few hours to spare every month to join our volunteer team? Further information contact Helen Hennessy tel: (01) 8865435 or 086 8385181

Ballymun Adult Read & Write Scheme – Would you like to return to learning, brush up on reading, writing, or use a computer, tablet or smartphone? Day & evening courses take place in CDET Ballymun Adult Educational Centre. For more information Tel: Christine 01 8622402 or email admin@barws.ie

Mass Intentions for the coming week
Church of the Holy Child

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| Mon. 17th Sept | 9.15a.m. Anne O’Donoghue (Anniversary) |
| | 7.00p.m. Colm McEvoy & Noel Kelly (Anniversaries) |
| Tues. 18th Sept. | 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Available for Intention |
| Wed. 19th Sept. | 9.15a.m. Eleanor Hennigar (1st Anniversary) |
| | 7.00p.m. Available for Intention |
| Thurs. 20th Sept. | 9.15a.m. Available for Intention |
| | 7.00p.m. Kathleen Kelly (R.I.P.) |
| Fri. 21st Sept. | 9.15a.m. Marie Keane (Anniversary) |
| | 7.00p.m. Pete McDermott (Anniversary) |
| Sat. 22nd Sept. | 10.00a.m. Available for Intention |
| Vigil | 7.00p.m. David Donohoe (Anniversary) |
| | Brendan Halpin (anniversary) |
| | James & Mary Campbell (Anniversaries) |
| Sun. 23rd Sept. | 11.15a.m. People of the Parish |
| | 12.30p.m. Mary (May) McGarry (Anniversary) |
| | 6.00p.m. Available for Intention |
| | <u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u> |
| Wed. 19th Sept. | 10.00a.m. Available for Intention |
| Sun. 23rd Sept. | 10.00a.m. Joseph Wogan (Anniversary) |
| | Jean Reilly (Anniv) and her husband Jack (R.I.P.) |