

which is not an infinite duplicate of the present time, but something completely new."

Pope Francis tells us: *"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."*

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. I think they are especially present with us at mass and that's why it is so important to remember our relatives and friends at anniversary masses which is a wonderful tradition in this parish.

Let us pray that we will 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.

As we reflect this weekend on St Luke's "Sermon on the Plain", let us thank God for the gifts and blessings of our lives and to pray that we will always be aware of those who are less well off whether materially or spiritually. We should never underestimate the importance of a kind word, a smile or even a brief chat. In our world today, we are so busy and are often using social media as a way of keeping in contact with people. This is fair enough but it's not the same as having an opportunity to greet someone in person and to talk to them.

I remember a busy priest once told me that he was rushing out of the church to his next commitment and encountered a lady who was visiting the church. His first thought was to speak to her briefly and move on but he realised that this may have been the only opportunity for her that day to share what she said to him. And he was very glad that he took the time to listen to her.

Please God, in our busy lives, may we also allow time to do the same.

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PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



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The Sermon on the Mount

17th February 2019

Father Kieran O'Mahony tells us that our Gospel reading today the "Sermon on the Plain" in Luke corresponds to the "Sermon on the Mount" in Matthew.

Jesus presents us with a vision of society that is almost the exact opposite of what we would expect. He tells us:

"How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy are you, who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied."

And

"Happy are you, when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven."

The message here is that God's ways are not our ways and that he looks at things differently to the way we do.

When reading these words, I am

reminded of the tremendous emphasis that Pope Francis puts on the poor. He frequently visits and meets with those who are not well off and has recently provided facilities for the homeless near St Peter's Square. One way that we can assist the poor is to contribute to the Society of St Vincent de Paul or another charity that helps the homeless.

In our second reading, St Paul makes a dramatic statement. He tells us that:

"If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people."

But he goes on to assure us that: *"Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep."*

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

"Death opens to life, to eternal life,

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019

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ACCORD: The Annual Collection for Accord, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family will be made at all Masses this weekend **16th & 17th February 2019**. This collection will replace the usual **SHARE** Collection.

ACCORD Dublin offers Marriage Preparation Courses, counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships and Relationship and Sexuality Programmes for primary and secondary Schools.

We welcome in Baptism:

Zoe Rose Davies

Sophia Margaret O'Brien

We pray that these newly baptised children will always know and love Jesus as their friend.



Holy Communion is

available to all communicants under both kinds at the Main Altar, Priest's Chair side.



Recently Deceased:

You are asked to remember in your Prayers: **Kathleen Kendrick**
Patrick Mahon, Una Wearen
James Lambert, Alan Seery
Patrick Kinsella

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



Church Collections 10.02.2019

1st Collection €1,645.00

Share €1,560.00

Family Envelope €1,090.00

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity

Emmanuel Secondary Schools Liturgical Music Programme in the Helix. 66

Schools and 2500 students have been busy rehearsing. See litmus.dublindiocese.ie Emmanuel gets underway in the Helix on Monday 25th February until Thursday 28th (inclusive) 7.30pm. You are invited to an uplifting & energising experience.

Anam Cara North Dublin

Bereavement Information Evening will take place on Wed. 20th February at 7.20p.m. in the Carnegie Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie or call 085 2888888 before Tuesday 19th.

Faithfest Teenagers – Join them on

Friday, 8th March for Faithfest from 6p.m. to 9.30p.m in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3. Faithfest aims to build spaces where teenagers have an experience of a peer community, explore faith, and encounter an experience of welcoming, belonging, discipleship, worship and prayer in a creative and fun atmosphere. All Welcome.

Parish Lotto

Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were: 1st Jackpot: 3 4 20 28

2nd Jackpot: 6 20 28 30 No Jackpot winner.

The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: D. & A. O'Brien:

V. Hughes: W. Gubbins: L. Conner: D. O'Kane: M. O'Hanlon: N. Masterson.

Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot €15,000

Second Jackpot €300

Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25



Mass Intentions for the coming week

Church of the Holy Child

Mon. 18th Feb.	9.15a.m.	Cecilia Stapleton (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Tues. 19th Feb.	9.15a.m.	Thanksgiving
	7.00p.m.	Colette O'Carroll (Month's Mind)
Wed. 20th Feb.	9.15a.m.	V. V. & Mary Matthew (Anniversaries)
	7.00p.m.	Nora Reid (Month's Mind)
Thurs. 21st Feb.	9.15a.m.	Eileen Fanning (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Mary O'Toole (1st Anniversary)
Fri. 22nd Feb.	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Catherine Ormsby (Anniversary)
Sat. 23rd Feb.	10.00a.m.	Annie Brennan (Anniversary)
Vigil	7.00p.m.	Brian Clarke, Pdraig & Kitty Murphy (Anniversaries)
		Michael Foye, Michael Deegan (Anniversaries)
Sun. 17th Feb.	11.15a.m.	Gerry Higgins (Anniversary)
	12.30p.m.	Hilda Nolan (Month's Mind)
		Mary & James Kane (Anniversaries)
		Séamus Domican (Anniversary)
	6.00p.m.	Anne Carmel Duff (1st Anniversary)

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

Wed. 20th Feb. 10.00a.m. Available for Intentions

Sun. 24th Feb. 10.00a.m. Available for Intentions

28th Divine Mercy Conference: Divine Mercy Conference Committee wish to invite you to their annual conference on the 23rd, 24th February in the RDS, Ballsbridge. On Friday night 22nd February, there will be Holy Mass, Adoration and confessions.

Full schedule: www.dublindiocese.ie/noticeboard. All welcome.

TLC Santry/Cara Care Santry invite all carers & people living with **Dementia** to their Daisy Chain Café. Join them for a cup of coffee/tea, a chat, support & interesting talks on living well with **DEMENTIA**. TLC Nursing Home, Santry (Beside the Santry Sports Surgery Clinic) Thursday 28th February 2019 at 6p.m. until 7.30pm & monthly on the last Thursday of the month- Refreshments. Talk: 'Living with Dementia' by Joanne Brennan, Dementia Adviser, Alzheimer Society of Ireland. Chat and make friends.