

Patrick would say about the church of our times? How would he respond to the challenges that we face?



The Chinese character for crisis also contains another word which is opportunity. I honestly believe that the shortage of clergy and sisters opens up opportunities for many lay ministries to flourish in our parishes as people take on roles and responsibilities that were previously reserved for priests and sisters. For example, here in Whitehall Parish we have a large number of committed people involved in a wide range of ministries from Baptism, to funerals, to liturgy, to music and ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist. But many more volunteers will be needed in the future.

The challenge that we face in the years to come is to encourage the next generation of people in our parish to get involved and to put into practice the priesthood that *we have all received* at our baptisms by sharing our faith. 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. St. Patrick must have stood out from his peers as a charismatic person who has left us with extraordinary example of faith and dedication. We should never underestimate how important the example of our lives can be for other people. Our prayer today is that we may all be able to live in the moment, be truly present to the people we are with, not worry too much about the smaller concerns of life and, above all, to be kind to one another.



As Pope Francis reminded us when speaking about Our Lady on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 which is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: *"In today's fragmented world, where we risk losing our bearings, a Mother's embrace is essential. How much dispersion and solitude there is all around us! The world is completely connected, yet seems increasingly disjointed. We need to entrust ourselves to our Mother. Let us allow her to embrace our lives."*

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## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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*'to come and walk once more' among them. He answered that call, returned to Ireland, and never seems to have left. His ambit, apparently, was the northern half of Ireland."*

Today we celebrate our national feast day, St Patrick's Day which coincides with, and takes precedence over, the Second Sunday of Lent. St Patrick may seem to many of us a remote historical figure who brought the faith to Ireland

The website goes on to tell us that: *"St Patrick was credited with converting the entire Irish race from paganism in the years 432-461. However, modern research has shown us that there were Christians in Ireland before the advent of St Patrick and that by the time our national apostle had begun his mission here the foundations of the Celtic Church had already been laid."*



back in the 5<sup>th</sup> century. He was the son of a Deacon, originally came to Ireland as a slave but escaped after six years. According to the website of the Archdiocese of Armagh [www.armagharchdiocese.org](http://www.armagharchdiocese.org) :

*"Patrick tells us of a dream in which people living beside the western sea besought him*

The Armagh diocese website concludes its information on St. Patrick by telling us that: *"Though Patrick's mission involved numerous setbacks and entailed great personal sacrifice, it was an enormously successful mission. This was due in part to his own Celtic background, in part to his familiarity with the country since his boyhood, in part to the magnetism and determination of the man."*

We should ask ourselves what St.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019**  
**Wed. 4th – Mon. 9th Sept.**  
**Hotel Solitude \*\*\*\* 5 Nights Full Board**  
**Fully Inclusive Price €759 (single room**  
**€180 supplement) In conjunction with the**  
**Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage. To book**  
**please contact Anne in the Parish Office Tel: 8375274**



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



## **Parish Lotto** Please Support your Parish Lott

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:  
**1st Jackpot: 12 18 21 25 2nd Jackpot: 6 17 21 23 No Jackpot winner.**  
**The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: S. Bolton; P. Hayden;**  
**K. Heffernan; M. Maher; B. Celeste Lopez; M. Coonan; N. Fox.**



**Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot €15,000 Second Jackpot €500**  
**Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25**

### **Whitehall, Beaumont & St. Luke's Kilmore West - Parish Pastoral Councils** **are hosting a series of two talks**

**Theme: Ireland the Land of Saints and Scholars. Where to now?**

All parishioners and their friends are very welcome. Each evening will commence with a Presentation – break for tea/coffee & time for Discussion and Questions

**Wednesday, 27th March 2019** Church of the Holy Child, Whitehall at 7.30p.m.  
 Sr. Dorrie Balfé O.P. Topic: Creation Spirituality with a key focus on St. Brigid.

#### **Liturgy Team Meeting:**

A meeting of this team will take place this **Wednesday 20th March at 7.30p.m.** in the Parish Pastoral Centre

#### **Adult Faith Development Team:**

A meeting of this team will take place this **Wednesday 20th March at 7.30p.m.** in the Parish Pastoral Centre

**We welcome in Baptism:**  
**Riya Teresa Mooney**  
**Fiadh Hannah Hedderman**  
**Rebecca Margaret Carroll**



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

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

Angela Gibbons  
 Nancy (Anne) Hand

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



#### **Silver Jubilee of the Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball**

The official opening and dedication of Blessed Margaret Ball Chapel, by then Archbishop and later Cardinal Desmond Connell, was on 18th Dec. 1994. It is important that we mark this significant milestone in an appropriate way. Any ideas on how to celebrate will be most welcome by the small Jubilee Committee. Please leave written suggestions c/o the Sacristy or speak to the Sacristans or one of the Priests.



#### **Trócaire Lent 2019 Stations of the Cross:**

Go along for an evening of prayer on the **27 March at 7.30p.m. in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay, Dublin 1.** All Welcome.

#### **Church Collections 10-3-2019**

1st Collection €1,676.  
 Share €1,495  
 Family Envelope €1,020

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity

### **Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child**

**Mon. 18th Mar. 10.00a.m. Available for Intention. No Evening Mass**  
**Tues. 19th Mar. 9.15a.m. Available for Intention**  
**7.00p.m. Margaret Quinn (Month's Mind)**  
**Wed. 20th Mar. 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Available for Intention**  
**Thurs. 21st Mar. 9.15a.m. Michael and Peggy Kearns & Daughter Teresa (Annivs.)**  
**7.00p.m. John Gibbs (Anniversary)**  
**Fri. 22nd Mar. 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Available for Intention**  
**Sat. 23rd Mar. 10.00a.m. Available for Intention**  
**Vigil 7.00p.m. John Spellacy (Anniversary)**  
**Thomas Kelly (Remembrance)**  
**Sun. 24th Mar. 11.15a.m. Mary King, Michael Ennis (Anniversaries)**  
**12.30p.m. Ciarán Kelly & William Brennan (Anniversaries)**  
**6.00p.m. Available for Intention**  
**Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball**  
**Wed. 20th Mar. 10.00a.m. Patrick Madden, Patrick Cusack (Anniversaries)**  
**Sun. 24th Mar. 10.00a.m. Kathleen McGovern, Peggy Eaton (Anniversaries)**

**Eucharistic Adoration in Holy Child Oratory:** Daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Oratory from after the 9.15am Mass until 11.45am. This will continue from Mon to Fri throughout Lent and if sufficiently supported will continue indefinitely. During Lent members of the Diocesan Apostolate of Perpetual Eucharistic Devotion will visit the Parish and speak of their experience of the benefits of frequent Eucharistic Adoration in the life of many parishes. They will also advise on how to organise the Adoration. Meanwhile, would you consider spending a little time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration during Lent? It could be for a few minutes or an hour daily or weekly depending on your commitments. Maybe this is Jesus's personal invitation to you to enter into a deeper intimacy with Him during Lent.

#### **Greenfield Residents Association**

Greenfield Park Estate – Community Spring Clean: This Spring Clean will take place on Saturday March 30th. Meeting at 10.30a.m. at Spar, Shan-owen Road. Refreshments afterwards in Greenfields Community Club.

#### **Lent in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral:**

Go along to St. Kevin's Oratory, (Entrance from Cathedral) for *Lent Wednesdays A Springtime of Faith* with Fr. Kieran O'Mahony, OSA from 11.15a.m. to 12.30p.m. continues on the 20th, 27 March, 3rd and 10 April. Masses will be at 10.30am and 12.45pm. All welcome.