

heaven."

We then have the parable of the fig tree. Even in winter it begins to grow leaves which give a hint of the fruits to come. As the poet Shelley put it: *"If winter comes, can spring be far behind?"*

Father Kieran O'Mahony reflects on this reading as follows:

*"Jesus proposes no clear time-scale for the events being foretold, so the final sentence is a call to alertness, to live the present to the full."*

In our busy lives, this can often be very difficult to achieve. We are often running around in so many different directions that we have no time to pause and reflect, to smell the roses as it were, and to enjoy the gift of this time that God has given us. As someone one told me:

*"That's why it's called the present, because it's a gift!"*

People sometimes refer to this as "mindfulness" which can be described as a way of living in the present moment and not being distracted by future or of past events outside our immediate control. This also reminds me of the words of a song which says *"the moment at hand is the only thing we really own."*

This short prayer by Father Kieran O'Mahony sums it up well:

*"Help me, eternal God, to accept your gift of the present moment.*

*It is the only moment I will ever have, so let me inhabit it richly and fully, and celebrate your gift of life in abundance."*

Concluding his remarks in Glasnevin cemetery last Sunday, President Higgins said:

*"Let us once again resolve to build, together, a more just and equal world, free from the terrors of war."*

May we also be encouraged by the words of Jesus in our Gospel today:

*"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."*

Let us pray in the coming week that we will allow time every day to thank God for the gift of the present moment, for life, for love and to ask for his blessing on all we do that it may be fruitful in his service.

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## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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*"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."*

**18th November 2018**

*South, East and West, who served in that war."*

Last weekend, we commemorated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the First World War.



Speaking in Glasnevin Cemetery, President Michael D. Higgins said:

*"One hundred years ago the guns finally fell silent on the Western Front, signalling the conclusion of one thousand five hundred and sixty-four days of continuous warfare, waged from the fields of Flanders to the mountains of Italy, and from the hills and ravines of Greece to the banks of the Tigris and the Euphrates, the first of two wars that would disfigure a century."*

He went on to say:

*"We remember, in particular, the two hundred thousand men from across the island of Ireland, North and*

I was reminded of the terrible horrors of World War One when reading our Gospel today, Jesus speaks of the established order falling apart, but the collapse of the old order opened the way for new possibilities.

Jesus says to his disciples:

*"In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken."*

However, Jesus also offers us the certain hope of the resurrection, so it is important to remember during this month of November:

*"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of*

**Parish Assembly Whitehall Parish Wednesday 5th December 2018**

A Parish Assembly will take place in Whitehall Parish Centre on Wed., 5th Dec. 2018 at 7.30p.m., to discuss the needs of the Parish in light of the recent visit of Pope Francis to Ireland and his call to the Mission of the Laity.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin has asked that as a Parish we look at issues around how do we go forward now in the challenge of renewing the faith we have in our hearts and renewing the life of the Church? Reflecting in particular on the Pope's strong message of the importance and beauty of passing on this faith and the message of Jesus in the Gospel to the next generation. We would encourage all parishioners to attend this meeting and share their views. *Noreen O'Prey - Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council*

**We welcome in Baptism:**

**Freddie Liam Wilson  
Patrick Bowie Sandham  
Amelia Maria Orr  
Logan Thomas O'Hanlon**

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



**Liturgy Team**

The next meeting of the Liturgy Team will take place on Wednesday, 21st November 2018 at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Centre.

**Church Collections**

**Sunday 4-11-2018**

1st Collection €2,030.00  
Share Collection €1,630.000

**Sunday 11-11-2018**

1st Collection €1,769.00  
WMOF €3,235.00  
Family Offering €810.00

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

**Recently Deceased:**

You are asked to remember in your Prayers: Anne Kinsella  
Michael Rooney  
Sheila McNamara

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



**Live Streaming Service**

The Parish Council is happy to announce a live streaming from Church of the Holy Child started on Monday 12th November. This development means that parishioners unable to physically attend services will be able to do so from their location. It allows those who have moved abroad keep in touch from their home parish. Access is via the parish website <http://www.whitehall.dublindiocese.ie/>

**Date to remember!  
Combined Parish Choirs  
present**



**The Annual Choir Service  
Sunday, 16th December 2018 at 7.30p.m.  
in the Church of the Holy Child  
All Welcome**

**Ministers of the Word**

The new Group A roster is available for collection from the reception area in the parish centre.

**Elizabeth (Betty) Power R.I.P.**

The Power Family would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the support given over the very sad loss of Betty on 30th September.

Your kindness and thoughtfulness have been a great source of comfort at this very sad time. The holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.



**Please Support your Parish Lotto**

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

**1st Jackpot: 2 21 22 26 2nd Jackpot: 1 8 12 23 No Jackpot winner.**  
**The winners of the 7 prizes of €25 were: R. Cullen: M. Gill: D. O'Kane: H. & J. Sheil: C. Power J. Martin: P. George.**  
**Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot €12,500 Second Jackpot €1,050 Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25**

**Mass Intentions for the coming week**

**Church of the Holy Child**

**Mon. 19th Nov. 9.15a.m. Jean & Eric Cavanagh (Anniversaries)  
Liz Bennett (Anniversary)  
7.00p.m. Maureen Murray (Anniversary)**  
**Tues. 20th Nov. 9.15a.m. Agnes Tully (Anniversary)  
7.00p.m. Raymond Maguire (1st Anniversary)  
John Kelly (Birthday Remembrance)  
Veronica Quigley (Anniversary)**  
**Wed. 21st Nov. 9.15a.m. George Troy (Anniversary)  
7.00p.m. Available for Intention**  
**Thurs. 22nd Nov. 9.15a.m. Available for Intention  
7.00p.m. Anne & Jack Merriman (Anniversaries)**  
**Fri. 23rd Nov. 9.15a.m. Available for Intention  
7.00p.m. John Fay (Month's Mind) Mary Hanlon (1st Anniv.)**  
**Sat. 24th Nov. 10.00a.m. Available for Intention  
Vigil 7.00p.m. Seamus & John Hyland, John & Rose Kelly (Annivs)**  
**Sun. 25th Nov. 11.15a.m. People of the Parish  
12.30p.m. Mary & Michael Myler, Mary McDermott (Annivs.)  
6.00p.m. Available for Intention**  
**Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball**  
**Wed. 21st Nov. 10.00a.m. Linda Curtis (Anniversary)**  
**Sun. 25th Nov. 10.00a.m. Michael Howard, Bennie McDonald & James O'Neill (Anniversaries)**

**Pilgrimage to Knock on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Saturday 8th December**

Coach from Whitehall Church at 8.00a.m. For more details and to book please contact Marie McAllister 01 842 5678

**Church Gate Collection**

The Church Gate collection this week is in aid of the Peter McVerly Trust

**Christmas Fayre Sunday 25th Nov.**

**Parish Centre, from 10.30a.m. -1.30p.m.**

Fun for all the Family with Santa, homemade bread & cakes and Novelty Stands & Raffle. If you have any new or nearly new unwanted gifts, alcohol or bric-a-brac, which you would like to donate, we would gladly accept them. If you would like to bake bread, scones or cakes you can bring them on the morning of the Fayre. Thanking you for your continued support.

