

that Lent is not only a time to *give up* it's also a time to *give to*, whether that's additional time in prayer, going to daily mass when we can or helping those in need wherever we may find them.


Lent can sometimes be seen as a negative or challenging time but I think we should focus on the opportunities for renewal and revitalisation that it brings to our lives. And may we be inspired by the example of Jesus in today's gospel who was able to resist temptation and was not to be distracted by the temptations of the world.

Depending on our circumstances, there are many ways that we can renew ourselves and also reach out to others in the coming weeks. We can allow more time for prayer perhaps at the beginning or end of each day or we can attend mass when we can (and remember, for those parishioners who cannot attend in person, that all our masses are available on the internet through our parish website).

In this message for Lent 2020, Pope Francis gives us the following advice: *"Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again."* He goes on to say: *"the more fully we are engaged with his word, the more we will experience the mercy he freely gives us. May we not let this time of grace pass in vain."*

Pope Francis concludes by offering our Lenten observance to Our Lady in a very special way: *"I ask Mary Most Holy to pray that our Lenten celebration will open our hearts to hear God's call to be reconciled to himself, to fix our gaze on the paschal mystery, and to be converted to an open and sincere dialogue with him. In this way, we will become what Christ asks his disciples to be: the salt of the earth and the light of the world"* (cf. Mt 5:13-14).

Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon in Donaghmede and Ayrfield parishes

Church Collections 23-2-2020		Holy Communion is available to all communicants under both kinds at the Main Altar, Priest's Chair side.	
1st Collection	€1858.00		
SHARE	€1695.00		
Family Envelope	€1045.00		

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

PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



NEWSLETTER



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"The temptation story is not just about moral choices but about life-choices."

1st March 2020

The practice of putting ashes on the head to mark repentance goes back to Old Testament times but it was Pope Gregory the Great around 600 AD who made it part of the Christian celebrations of the first day of Lent.

following point about this reading: *"The temptation story is not just about moral choices but about life-choices. As we read in Hebrews: Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested. (Hebrews 2:18)"*

Ashes are made of the palms from Palm Sunday which are then blessed and placed on the forehead in the form of a cross. Many of you will have received these blessed ashes last week on Ash Wednesday.

Jesus wanted to be like each one of us. He was in no need of forgiveness or repentance but he chose to share the same journey with us. This Lent we are invited to share the joy of the Gospel message which is one of mercy and hope. Perhaps our mission is to bring light into the darkness and to share with them the hope of the Gospel.

The word "Lent" itself comes from *lencten*, which refers to the new season of spring. So, it is a time for growth and revitalisation in our lives. It coincides with the Season of Spring which is breaking forth in our gardens and hedges. It's a time of hope and discovery, a time for growth and development. It encourages us to reach out beyond our boundaries and to cast out in to the deep.

The Jesuit writer Father Donal Neary says the following: *"The focus of Lent is not on what we give up but on what we are given. We focus our minds on the self-giving love of Jesus which we will celebrate in Holy Week."*

In our Gospel today, Jesus is led into the desert and is tempted by the devil. Father Kieran O'Mahony makes the

That is a great challenge for us this Lent. Its important to remember

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 – 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.



Remembrance Mass
 Wednesday 11th March 2020 at 8.00p.m. Upstairs in the Parish Centre, Church of the Holy Child, Whitehall. The Mass is for family & friends of parishioners who have died in the last few months & will include a Candle Lighting Ceremony. Refreshments will be served after the Mass.



Lenten Series of Talks

Whitehall, Beaumont & St. Luke's Kilmore West – Parish Pastoral Councils invite you to their Lenten Series of Talks 2020. The theme chosen for this year's talks is one of 'Hope'. The first talk takes place in **Whitehall Parish, Church of the Holy Child Parish Centre on Thursday 5th March 2020 at 7.30p.m.**

Donal Harrington and Catherine O'Brien in conversation will discuss the topic 'Let's Talk Faith' There will be time allocated for discussion in groups and feedback. Tea and coffee will be served. All parishioners and friends are very welcome. Donal Harrington from the Dublin Archdiocese is Coordinator of Catechetical Formation. He is also Author of many books to include Tomorrow's Parish: Vision and Path. Catherine O'Brien, has much experience as an Adult Faith Facilitator and has a Bachelor of Theology and a Masters in Chaplaincy. Further information contact Noreen O'Prey, Chairperson, Whitehall PPC Tel: 086 2939935

First Friday – 6th March: Mass Schedule – Church of the Holy Child 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Confessions on Thursday 5th March after the 9.15a.m. Mass & before the 7.00p.m. Mass.

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

Charles McAuley

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



Eucharistic Adoration Holy Child Church

Mon. - Fri 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

Novena of Grace

Our Novena of Grace devotions in honour of St. Francis Xavier begins on 4th March and continues to 12th March. Prayer leaflets available in Parish Shop.

Mass Intentions – Church of the Holy Child

Sat. 29th Feb Vigil 7.00p.m. John O'Connell – Month's Mind
 Pauline Kinnear – 1st Anniversary
 Brian Clarke – Anniversary
 Jimmy & Phyllis Fagan – Anniversaries

Sun. 1st Mar. 11.15a.m. Cora McGuigan – Anniversary
 12.30p.m. Brendan Doherty – 1st Anniversary
 Alice Murray, Gerry Lally – Anniversaries

Fri. 6th Mar. 9.15a.m. Altar List of the Dead
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Sat. 7th Mar. 10.00a.m. James Tully – Anniversary
 Vigil 7.00p.m. Liam Nolan – R.I.P. recently deceased
 Stephen Bolton – Birthday Remembrance
 Michael Matthews – Anniversary & decd. Members of the Matthews Family
 Tomás Norris – Anniversary & deceased members of the Norris Family

11.15a.m. Ellen & Patrick Lalor – Anniversaries
 Rosemary Savage, Vincent Kavanagh - Anniversaries

12.30p.m. Brigid Adderley – 1st Anniversary
 Loreto Dempsey – Anniversary
 Owen & Nellie O'Reilly – Anniversaries

6.00p.m. Imelda McDonnell – Anniversary

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

Sun. 8th Mar. 10.00a.m. Martin Power – Month's Mind
 Tom Tyrrell – Anniversary
 Bernard & John Connolly – Anniversaries
 Sadie Redmond, Willie Evans – Anniversaries

St. Francis Hospice Memorial Walk -RTE's Kathryn Thomas, Sr. Margaret Cashman, director of Nursing & Fintan Fagan CEO, launching this year's 5K Spring Memorial Walk. St. Anne's Park, Raheny, **next Sunday, 8th March 2020** at 1p.m. followed by refreshments and fun for all. Walk leader is Kathryn Thomas. Entry fee: €20 per Adult, children free. Register www.sfh.ie or call into St. Francis Hospice reception.

Santry River Restoration: This Group invite you to an Information Evening about Santry River on Thurs. 12th Mar. in St. John the Evangelist, Tonlegee Road, Coolock. Exhibitions 7 – 7.30pm. & 8 – 8.30pm Booking –santryriverrestoration@dublincity.ie

Parish Lotto Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 10 12 14 25 2nd Jackpot: 13 19 24 26 No Jackpot winner.
 The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: A. Soden; A. Watkins;
 H. McGrath; R. Joyce; S. & M. McIntyre Barn; E. Maguire; G. Quinn.
 Next Week's Lotto Draw: First Jackpot €15,000 Second Jackpot €1,000
 Plus 7 consolation prizes of €25 and 5 Special Prizes of €100.

