



NEWSLETTER



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1st September 2019

How can we enter the wedding feast? I think we have to look elsewhere in Jesus' teaching for some advice. For example, the Beatitudes have been described as a template for Christian living. They go to the very centre of our lives as Christians and invite us to follow a way of life that may not always come naturally to us. We may reflect on the Beatitudes if we have time in the coming week and see what God may be saying to us.

It is important to allow ourselves some time and space perhaps at the beginning or the end of the day to reflect on God's word in our lives and how we can find new ways of sharing the good news.

The former Taoiseach John Bruton recently pointed out that when the great cathedrals of Europe were built, it was with donations from an immeasurably poorer generation who were considerably fewer in number than we are today.

As we start to see the beautiful, vibrant colours of the autumn leaves, let us reflect on the harvest of our own lives so far and consider how we might use our gifts and talents for the benefit of others in our parish community, especially those who are most in need.

It's a great challenge for each and every one of us to share in the life of the church and help to pass the flame of faith to future generations. We all need to engage in new forms of mission to reach out to and support people on their faith journey and to be a place of welcome for our new parishioners.

This is a task that we can only accomplish by working together and using all the talents of our parish community. In doing so, we can truly be ready to enter the wedding feast of heaven. Gerard Reilly

Gerard Reilly is a Permanent Deacon in Donaghmede and Ayrfield parishes



The Family Mass Sunday 12.30p.m. - The Family Mass returns on Sunday 8th Sept. We are looking for more young people to join our Youth Ministry Teams: **The Youth Choir**, the **Young Ministers of the Word** and 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: 01 8375274 It's great fun so why not give it a try!!



Crosscare Annual Collection

This Collection for Community, Homeless and Youth services will take place in churches throughout the Dublin Diocese this weekend. Last year Crosscare saw almost 1,000 people accommodated in their homeless services and at the same time they helped 78 families and over 100 individuals move into their own homes. Through their food banks and meal services, over 175,000 meals were distributed and 14,000 parcels of food were delivered to families in need. Please help Crosscare to continue this vital work by contributing to this collection.

Today is the first day of September which is the beginning of the season of autumn. The poet John Keats described autumn as the "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness".

Autumn is the time for the harvest, the gathering of crops into barns as preparations are made for the coming winter. In some churches there is a celebration of the harvest festival as we thank God for the gift of the food that we eat.

It is also the time of the year when we should consider how we can use our gifts, talents and abilities for the benefit of our parish community. There are so many ways we can do this. It can be through prayer for those who are sick or in need, visiting neighbours who may live alone, helping the Society of St. Vincent de Paul or one of the many other parish groups and ministries.

I am often amazed by the number of people in ministry in the Church who will say that their work began when someone approached them and invited them to become involved with a particular group or parish activity. We

should never underestimate power of a personal invitation. And, if we are on the receiving end of such an invitation, we should reflect on whether it is the right moment in our lives to accept it.

Father Donal Neary made the following observations about today's Gospel:

"The narrow door of last week has been pushed wide to let them all in. The community of Christ doesn't admit of differences that put us down. He was always saying this, and saying it to the proud and haughty. For others, life had taught them to be humble and they could probably enjoy this feast."

Jesus is telling us today that the pecking order in heaven may be very different to what is in in this world. There is a sense that God's vision of who will be in the next world may be a lot broader than our own and that there may be some surprises in store. As he reminds us in St John's Gospel:

"There are many rooms in my father's house."

Parish Pastoral Council Assembly, Wednesday 16th October 2019

As the term of the current 3rd Pastoral Council for the parish of Larkhill/Whitehall/Santry commissioned in December 2014 is coming to an end, a Parish Assembly will be held on **Wednesday, 16th October 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Pastoral Centre** to commence the process of forming the 4th PPC of our parish.

As Chairperson I would strongly urge parishioners to come along to this meeting. Being a member on the Council you can discern and assist the Clergy in matters concerning the future and needs of our parish. As interested people are elected by votes of parishioners, it provides the opportunity to vote for people whom they feel would have the skills necessary to represent the needs of our church and community. The President who is the Parish Moderator can also co-opt members to the council if necessary. A PPC consists of between 12 and 15 members that represent and think about the parish as a whole and it is there to plan for the future, to manage change and provide leadership and vision. The normal length of term for a PPC is three years with the option of a second term. We have monthly meetings from September to June. Three of these meetings are with our cluster parishes. Our meetings commence with prayer and scripture that guides us in the 'spirit' of discerning what is best for the parish in the light of the Gospel, Church Teaching and what the Holy Spirit is saying through the people of God. I can say without hesitation the last five years that has gone far too quickly has been a wonderful experience. It has included PPC members meeting and being involved with many of the different Ministry groups, arranging Adult Faith Development Talks and Programmes, continuation programme for the parents of baptised children, recruitment for our Ministry teams and the Introduction of Live Streaming. A very important function of the PPC is being part of our cluster grouping with St. Luke's Kilmore West & Beaumont Parishes where we are committed to a long term relationship to plan and provide for the spiritual, sacramental and pastoral needs of their respective communities.

We look forward to seeing a very good turnout on the night where you will have the opportunity to think about putting your name forward or voting for another parishioner, talk to members of the current PPC, who can answer any questions you may have and hear more about the election process for the formation of the next Parish Council. I look forward to seeing you there. Noreen O'Prey Chairperson

Friday 6th Sept. – First Friday

Mass Schedule - Church of the Holy Child - 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m

Confessions-Thursday after 9.15am Mass & before 7.00p.m. Mass

Recently Deceased: You are asked to remember in your Prayers: Rachel Partridge, Mary Campbell, Charlotte Maples Brinkman
May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.

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

Ministers of the Eucharist – Roster for September available in Parish Centre on Table in Reception area.

Church Collection 25/8/2019

1st Collection	€1,663
SHARE	€1,510
Family Envelope	€1,010

Parish Lotto

Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 2 7 23 24 2nd Jackpot: 7 13 27 29 No Jackpot winner.

The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: C. Kennedy; T. Flood; C. Gallagher; M. Byrne; R. Kelly; M. Maher; T. Kinsella.

Next Week's Lotto Draw: First Jackpot €15,000 Second Jackpot €1,650

Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25 and 5 Special Prizes of €100



Mass Intentions for the coming week

Church of the Holy Child

Mon. 2nd Sept.	9.15a.m. Available for Intention 7.00p.m. Special Intention
Tues. 3rd Sept.	9.15a.m. Available for Intention 7.00p.m. Michael & Margaret Smith (Anniversaries) Catherine Carrick (nee Jenkinson) (Anniversary)
Wed. 4th Sept.	9.15a.m. Available for Intention 7.00p.m. John Drum (Anniversary) William Meade (Anniversary)
Thurs. 5th Sept.	9.15a.m. Maureen Coyle (Month's Mind) Teresa Moriarty (Anniversary) 7.00p.m. Michael Murphy (Anniversary)
Fri. 6th Sept.	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Altar List of the Dead
Sat. 7th Sept.	10.00a.m. John Connolly (Month's Mind)
Vigil	7.00p.m. Available for Intention
Sun. 8th Sept.	11.15a.m. People of the Parish 12.30p.m. Seán & Philomena Duffy, John Duffy (Anniversaries) Alice Gibney & her son Eamonn (Anniversaries) Maura Ward (Anniversary) 6.00p.m. Available for Intention
	<u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u>
Wed. 4th Sept.	10.00a.m. Available for Intention
Sun. 8th Sept.	10.00a.m. Kay Black, Gerry O'Brien (Anniversaries)

Autumn Fair

Will take place at : 58, Shanliss Way, Santry, Saturday 14th September 2019

11.00a.m. - 2.00p.m. in aid of the Capuchin Day Centre for Homeless People.

Stands will include: Clothes, Shoes, Cakes, Gifts, Handknitted items, sweets and a variety of clothes and jewellery and of course a Raffle.

Light refreshments will also be available.

If you have any unwanted gifts, or would like to donate cakes for our cake stall, or maybe a bottle of wine for the Wheel of Fortune, they would be much appreciated.

All proceeds of the sale will go towards the Centre which is urgently in need of funds to help Brother Kevin keep this very important life line open.

Many thanks for your continued support .