

prayer we say: "Pray for us O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ."

In the apparition at Knock, we see Our Lady directing us towards her Son who is represented as a lamb on the altar. St John is also present at Knock and is seen preaching from a book, perhaps his own Gospel, showing the importance of communicating the word of God to others.

This Gospel today is also about marriage. Marriage is not only a private but also a very public commitment. This sacrament gives the couple God's grace and support to be faithful to what they are promising here today. We live in a world where commitment is not highly prized. Christian marriage is a sign to the community of faithful love which contradicts so much in our contemporary culture. Marriage reflects Christ's love for us and mirrors the faithfulness of God for his people. That love is not just the love spoken of by poets and pop songs but the self sacrificing love of the one who gave his life for us.



Whether married or not, people today are very concerned about wifi and ensuring that their phones and iPads are always connected with the internet. It is of much greater importance that we are connected to God and listen to his Word and take inspiration from it. If we do this, it will immensely enhance our experience of life, of love and ultimately of God.

When reflecting on today's gospel, Father Donal Neary writes: "No matter what our age, we can do good for others, we can share the graces of life and the soul can grow. That's what I hope can happen for me as life goes on. In any group of people, some look happy and some look miserable. The happiest are not always the ones who had or are having the easiest life. They are the ones who have found peace with themselves, others and God."

This Sunday, as we recall the marriage at Cana, let us pray for all married couples, for those preparing for marriage, for separated people and for those who have lost a spouse. May we all be inspired by their efforts to live good Christian lives.

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NEWSLETTER



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request for us and that is that we should keep his commandments.

The story of the Wedding at Cana is the first act of ministry by Jesus in St John's Gospel. It's a familiar story to many of us and is often read at wedding ceremonies.

St John, the beloved disciple, is someone who was especially close to Jesus. He is referred to in the gospel as "the disciple whom Jesus loved". I'm sure that he drew inspiration for his writing from his personal experiences of Jesus throughout his ministry. St John recalls the words of Jesus when he explained that his love for us mirrors God the Father's love for his son. And he has only one



It is said that when St John was an old man, he would always tell people to "love one another." The marriage imagery puts all the emphasis on love and this is frequently present in this Gospel.

"Do whatever he tells you"

These words of Our Lady in this Gospel story are often used to describe the intercessory power of the mother of God for us with her Son. We are encouraged to pray to Our Lady and she will then pray for us to her son Jesus and ask that our requests are heard. In the Angelus

New Sacristan

A warm welcome to **Sr. Philomena Hynes FMDM** who joins the Team of Sacristans this week. Sr. Philomena is no stranger to the parish as she was one of the founding sisters of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood House on the Swords Road during Monsignor John Fitzpatrick's time as Parish Priest. Sr. Philomena returns to the Parish having spent 15 years in the service of her congregation including an assignment at their Motherhouse in England. She is looking forward to her work as Sacristan, which she sees as an important service to the people of the parish. Be sure to say hello and welcome Sr. Philomena on board. *Canon John*

Church Collections 13-1-2019

1st Collection €1,942.00
Share €1,850.00
Family Envelope €1,120.00 Sincere thanks

We welcome in Baptism:

Darragh Anthony Davis
Thomas Eoin McMahon
Parker Edward Mahady
We pray that these newly baptised children will always know and love Jesus as their friend.



Save the Date: World Day of the Sick 2019 will take place on 9 February 2019 in

All Hallows, Drumcondra 9.30a.m. to 1.00p.m. on the topic *Community struggle with addiction*. A Pastoral response Mass for World Day of the Sick will be held on the 10th February in Corpus Christi Church at 3pm.

Recently Deceased: You are asked to remember in your Prayers: Hilda Nolan, Margaret (Peggy) Sands
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.



Parish Shop – The revised edition of Donal Harrington's book, 'Tomorrow's Parish' is available in the church shop, price €14.99.

Thank You - On behalf of Brother Kevin and all at the Capuchin Day Centre for homeless people, we would like to thank parishioners, neighbours, friends and families who supported our Autumn Fair, our Concert and Little Christmas Fair during 2018. Your help and support is very much appreciated. Your support is vital to us to keep this service in operation. Once again, very many thanks for your help. We look forward to seeing you all at local events during 2019. Wishing you all a very happy New Year. Your intentions are included in prayers and Masses for our benefactors in the Capuchin Friary in Church Street.
Nora Wogan

Church Unity Week A service of prayer to celebrate a week of prayer for Christian Unity will take place in Blessed Margaret Ball on Thursday 24th January at 11a.m. with the Church of Ireland community. All are welcome.

"Mary, Lift Our Spirits" One Day Conference on Mary DCU All Hallows Campus, Drumcondra Saturday, February 2nd, 2019 9.30a.m. – 5p.m. €20 (Light Lunch incl.) Contact: Liam 086-8888918 or Mary 087-2256833 Legion of Mary Project -Email: catholicconferencedublin@gmail.com.

Parish Lotto



Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 1 6 14 16

2nd Jackpot: 6 16 24 28

No Jackpot winner

The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were A. Soden: P. Comiskey: M. Tyrrell: D. Hannigan: G. Murphy: B. Lopez: R. Conner.

Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot €14,250

Second Jackpot €1,400

Plus 7 consolation prizes of €25

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Church of the Holy Child

Mon. 21st Jan. 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Available for Intention
Tues. 22nd Jan. 9.15a.m. Available for Intention
7.00p.m. Rita Smyth Martinez (Birthday Remembrance)
Wed. 23rd Jan. 9.15a.m. Helen Byrne (Anniversary)
7.00p.m. Henry Savage (R.I.P.)
Thurs. 24th Jan. 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Available for Intention
Fri. 25th Jan. 9.15a.m. James & Lena Maguire & Relatives
7.00p.m. Available for Intention
Sat. 26th Jan. 10.00a.m. Available for Intention
Vigil 7.00p.m. William Roche (Month's Mind)
Patrick Hannigan, Robert & Josephine Redmond,
Robert Halpin (Anniversaries)
Sun. 27th Jan. 11.15a.m. People of the Parish
12.30p.m. Des Leech (1st Anniversary)
Bill Seymour & Tony Murphy (Anniversaries)
6.00p.m. Available for Intention
Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball
Wed. 23rd Jan. 10.00a.m. Brendan Scully (Get Well Wishes)
Sun. 27th Jan. 10.00a.m. Patrick & Michelle O'Toole (Anniversaries)

Holy Child National School

Enrolments are now taking place for school year 2019/2020 in the above school. Closing date for enrolment is 28th February. You can download an enrolment form from the school website www.holychildns.ie or alternatively call to the school office or Tel: 837 5870.

Little Sisters of the Poor, Sacred Heart Residence, Sybil Hill Road, Raheny. They invite you to join them for their Monthly Vocation Mass on Monday 28th January at 7.30pm followed by a cup of Tea.

Whitehall College of Further Education
Open Day Thursday January 24th 2-6p.m.
Tel: 8376 011