

safe journey and a happy death. Our Irish spirituality found God as much in mountains and people as in the church, and often more so."

The Gospel is telling us that Jesus may call us in different directions during our lives. The Dominican website [www.goodnews.ie](http://www.goodnews.ie) reminded me of a quote from the ancient Greek philosopher Heraclitus from about 500 B.C., who said: "Everything changes and nothing remains the same.... You cannot step twice in the same river, for the waters are perpetually flowing upon you."

Blessed John Henry Newman put this another way when he said: "To live is to change and to be perfect is to change often."

When reflecting on this gospel during the week and its call to be of service others, I was reminded of the work of Professor John Monaghan of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul who died last week. John was National Vice -President of the Society for many years and the public face of the Society particularly at budget time. He was a strong advocate for equality and social justice.

In tribute, President Michael D Higgins said:

*"Professor Monaghan was an advocate for the importance of education and an ethic of care. He set a powerful example of practical solidarity and inclusiveness, working to improve the welfare of those most in need."*

As we thank God for our own calling to be followers of Jesus, we should also reflect on the meaning of that call in the changing circumstances of our lives and how we respond to it. Like John Monaghan, may we be generous in our response to what God may be asking of us at different parts of our life's journey.

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## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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*"The Spirit of God continues to work in our day and in our lives."*

21st January 2018

*Jesus calling the disciples, continues to work in our day and in our lives."*

Today's Gospel is in two parts, the first part is the core invitation of Jesus to each and every one of us:  
*"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."*

This is the founding proclamation of Jesus at the beginning of his public life. It is his opening statement as he sets the tone for his ministry to come. The second part tells the story of the call of the first four disciples: Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John.

The Augustinian writer Father Kieran O'Mahony points out that, in using the words "repent and believe in the good news", Jesus is calling for a change of heart on our part as a response to the good news of the gospel message.


Father O'Mahony adds that: "The Spirit of God, who was at work in

The Jesuit Father Donal Neary points out that God's call can be found in the ordinariness of our daily lives as was the case with the first disciples who were going about their daily work as fishermen in a routine way when Jesus called them.

Father Donal says:

*"God can surprise us and call us into his service. Our expectation is sometimes different – that we need long times of prayer to find God, or read about him, or do big things for him. Just as the smallest things are done out of human love, God is found in the ordinary"*.

He also reminds us that: "The old Irish spirituality had blessings for everything – for milking a cow, cleaning and dusting a room, visiting the sick and many more. There were prayers for meals, for a




**Church of the Holy Child  
Diamond Jubilee  
1957- 2017**

**Book on sale now  
in the Parish Shop  
and at Reception in the Parish Centre**

**Cost €5**

**All proceeds will go  
towards a new  
Parish Organ**



**We welcome in Baptism:**

Oliver Patrick Whelan  
Blake Rose Durnin

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

**Ministers of the Word**  
The new Group B Roster is available for collection from the reception area in the Parish Centre.



**Parish Calendar** – the Parish Calendar & Information Sheet is available at the doors of the Churches and at Reception in the Parish Centre. Please take one.

**Our Thanks** – The Priests of the Parish wish to acknowledge with grateful thanks all who have forwarded Christmas Dues. If you wish to receive an individual acknowledgement please contact the Parish Office.

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

**Noel Monks Monica Burke  
Christy Baker Bridie Neary  
Bridie Williams  
Grace Noonan**

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

**Christmas Crib** - Don't forget to visit our beautiful crib and say a little prayer there with wonder and awe at the birth of Our Saviour. It is situated at the top left hand side of the Church.


**Highfield Healthcare** are looking for Volunteers to visit their residents in Highfield in Whitehall or Glasnevin. If available please contact Helen Hennessy Tel. 837 6235

**Catholic Schools Week  
January 28 – February-3rd**  
Theme Catholic Schools:  
'Called to be a Family of Families.'

**Laudate Festival 2018 Catholic Schools Week Tuesday 30th January at 7p.m. Our Lady of Victories Church Ballymun Rd.**  
All welcome.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** continues until the 25th January. The Rev. David Oxley, Church of Ireland St. Pappan's Church, Santry invites you to a service of prayer for Christian Unity in St. Pappan's Church, Santry on Thursday 25th January at 11.00a.m. This will be followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

**Church Gate Collection:**  
No Church Gate Collection this weekend. **Next Weekend 27/28th January Parish Pastoral Collection** will take place. The money we receive goes towards the training requirements of all the Pastoral Teams. It ensures that each Team can be resourced and trained and therefore can give the best service to their ministry. Could those who help please come to the Sacristy before Mass and collect a basket.



**Please Support your Parish Lotto**  
Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:  
1st Jackpot: 5 7 8 18 2nd Jackpot: 4 12 13 27  
No Jackpot Winner. The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were:  
R. Cullen: E. Hobbs: M. & A. Keyes: A. Soden: P. Kelly: A. Reilly: C. Shelley.

**Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot €1,750 Second Jackpot €2,000**  
Plus Seven Consolation Prizes of €25

**OPEN DAY Whitehall College FE** at Coláiste Caoimhín St. Moibhí Rd. Thursday 25th January from 2-6pm. Tel: 837 6011

**Life to the Full (Jn 10:10) Book Club  
Young People 20s & 30s**

Join other young people to meditate, share and discuss life to the full. They read a chosen spiritual book over a few weeks and come to reflect their thoughts every Thursday from 7.00p.m. to 8.30p.m. in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay, Dublin 7.  
Email : st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie

**Cistercian Vocations Weekend: Friday 9th to Sunday 11th February.** Venue: St. Mary's Abbey, Glencairn, Lismore, Co. Waterford. Visit [www.glencairnabbey.org](http://www.glencairnabbey.org)

<u>Mass Intentions for the coming week</u> <u>Church of the Holy Child</u>		
<b>Monday 22nd Jan.</b>	9.15a.m.	Joan Holgate (R. I. P.)
	7.00p.m.	Noel Monks (R.I.P.)
<b>Tuesday 23rd Jan.</b>	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
<b>Wednesday 24th Jan.</b>	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
<b>Thursday 25th Jan.</b>	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
<b>Friday 26th Jan.</b>	9.15a.m.	James & Lena Maguire & Deceased Members of the Maguire & O'Reilly Families (R. I. P.)
	7.00p.m.	Kate McDermott (Anniversary)
<b>Saturday 27th Jan.</b>	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
<b>Vigil</b>	7.00p.m.	Philomena Heaney (Month's Mind) Beatrice Colfer, Frank Heron, Thomas Hanlon, (Anniversaries)
<b>Sunday 28th Jan.</b>	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	Niall McManus (Month's Mind) William Seymour, James Kane (Anniversaries)
	6.00p.m.	Eileen (Month's Mind) & Patrick McElroy ((RIP)
<u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u>		
<b>Wednesday 24th Jan.</b>	10.00a.m.	Linda Curtis (Birthday Remembrance R.I.P.) Patricia Curtis (Anniversary) Una Connolly (R.I.P.)
<b>Sunday 28th Jan.</b>	10.00a.m.	Kathleen Foley (Month's Mind) Michael & Kathleen Mulhall (Anniversaries) Agnes Murphy, Philip Roe (Anniversaries)