

ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done."
St James adds: *"You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy, so you fight to get your way by force."*

However, he points out that people of genuine faith and Christian commitment can make a real difference in difficult times:

"Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness."

In the Gospel reading, we see Jesus predicting the harsh treatment that he would receive at the hands of the authorities. Not only did the apostles not understand what he said, they probably weren't even listening to him as they were too busy arguing among themselves about who was the greatest.

Jesus tells us that this is not the right way to behave as Christian people. He says:

"If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all."

This is very much how Pope Francis lives his life as an encouragement and example to others. His serenity and wisdom at this time are truly inspirational.

Our readings tell us that disagreement, ambition and division have no place in the Church. It's an important lesson for us all to reflect on in the light of recent events.

Father Philip, who I quoted at the beginning, adds that we somehow have to look beyond these challenging times for the Church:

"The sordid story of abuse in all its horror cannot be allowed to blight the life and mission of the church. We are still the community to whom Jesus entrusted his mission of announcing a God of mercy and compassion to all....the greatest dignity, which we all share is our Baptism whereby we become equals in the sight of God."

Let us pray in the coming week that we will be inspired by these words as we try our best to understand the signs of our times through the light of the Gospel. Gerard Reilly

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NEWSLETTER



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The church has been through some challenging times recently. The scandal of the abuse crisis has intensified in recent weeks following the Pennsylvania report, allegations about ex-Cardinal McCarrick (retired Archbishop of Washington) and the publication of a letter by the former Nuncio to the United States Archbishop Vigano. The story has developed into a complex "who knew what when" about McCarrick's alleged activities.

Writing in the Lucan Parish Newsletter, Father Philip Curran describes the situation here in Ireland very well:

"We have come a long distance since the Murphy and Ferns reports were published and the Catholic Church in Ireland has now in place a robust set of standards and procedures to ensure the safety of all young people

involved in its life and ministry. Horrendous mistakes were made in the past by bishops who were often motivated by a desire to keep the lid on scandal rather than the welfare of children, and whose actions sadly provided fresh opportunities to abusers by moving them on to different parishes. Clearly any bishop who made such bad decisions should resign from office."

When we see such scandal and divisiveness in the Church, we can rightly ask what kind of situation has the Church got itself into?

And yet when we look at our readings today, we can see that in the Church even at the time of Jesus and shortly afterwards, there were problems and difficulties as well.

The second reading, from the Letter of St James, reminds us that:

"Wherever you find jealousy and

LOTTO Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 1 8 15 18 2nd Jackpot: 3 10 14 18 No Jackpot winner.

The winners of the 7 prizes of €25 were: M. Gill: G. Levins: D. Weafer:

K. Heffernan: B. Broom: A. Montague: M. Breen.

Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot € 10,500 Second Jackpot €650

7 Consolation Prizes of €25

The Family Mass Sunday 12.30p.m. – We are looking for more young people to join our Youth Ministry Teams: **The Youth Choir**, the **Young Ministers of the Word** or 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 and leave your name and number.



Be extra vigilant – Several houses have been broken into recently in the Shantalla area. Please ensure to **lock up** properly and **do not** answer the door to strangers.

We welcome in Baptism:

Robyn Marion Cece Lane
Brandon Garry Byrne
Robin Bridget Fitzpatrick
Sofia Vingre



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

Recently Deceased:

You are asked to remember in your Prayers –

Terence Whelan
Sean Moore
Eileen Noonan
Brian McSweeney



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



Blessing of Animals

Don't forget, in honour of St. Francis of Assisi, whose Feast Day is Wednesday 4th October, all pets will be blessed underneath the Bell Tower on **Sunday 30th September after the 12.30pm. Mass**. St. Francis embraced poverty and preached the love of God to all. In 1221, while praying at La Verna, he received the wounds of the crucified Lord, which caused him great pain in his final years. **Remember to bring your pets along for the special blessing.**

St. Therese of Lisieux – Monday, Oct 1st is the feast day of St. Therese of Lisieux, much loved by many Dubliners who call her the 'Little Flower'. During the 7.00p.m. Mass in the Church of the Holy Child on Monday, **8th Oct.** Fr. Damian McNeice will mark the feast of St. Therese, with a brief homily about her spirituality and give blessings with a relic of the popular Carmelite saint. All are welcome



Church Gate Collection this weekend is in aid of CASA – Caring and Sharing Association. A voluntary organisation providing social events and pilgrimages to Lourdes for people with disabilities.

Week of Guided Prayer St Paul's Arran Quay invites you to take time for yourself by joining us for our Week of Guided Prayer from 7-13 Oct. This is a retreat with a difference – sometimes called a 'Retreat in Daily Life', or a 'Busy Person's Retreat', as you don't have to go away to a quiet, beautiful place to find God. It is a way of making a retreat in the midst of daily living, as by taking some quiet time each day on your own you are enabled to find God in your everyday life, in all its ups and downs. If you are interested in participating please download the registration form available at www.evangelisation.ie. Closing date for registration is Wednesday 26th September.

Highfield Healthcare's Bridge Club! - Calling All Bridge Players Would you have a few hours to spare every month to join our volunteer team? Further information contact Helen Hennessy tel: (01) 8865435 or 086 8385181

Living with Loss' Bereavement Information Evening Thurs. 1st Nov, 5.30–8.00pm at the Alex Hotel, 41-47 Fenian Street, D 2. Niamh Fitzpatrick, sister of Captain Dara Fitzpatrick, will address the gathering and speak on the theme 'Living with Loss'. Admission is free. For more information, contact The Irish Hospice Foundation: www.hospicefoundation.ie

**Mass Intentions for the coming week
Church of the Holy Child**

- Mon. 24th Sept 9.15a.m. Available for Intention
7.00p.m. Richard (Dick) Daly (Anniversary)
- Tues. 25th Sept. 9.15a.m. Josephine Bonner & deceased members of the Bonner Family (R.I.P.)
7.00p.m. Available for Intention
- Wed. 26th Sept. 9.15a.m. & 7p.m. Available for Intention
- Thurs. 27th Sept. 9.15a.m. James Tully (Birthday Remembrance)
7.00p.m. Available for Intention
- Fri. 28th Sept. 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Available for Intention
- Sat. 29th Sept. 10.00a.m. Available for Intention
Vigil 7.00p.m. John Morrin (Month's Mind)
John & Christine Doyle Anniversaries)
Madge & Alfie Ruddell (Anniversaries)
- Sun. 30th Sept. 11.15a.m. People of the Parish
12.30p.m. Nuala Clarke (Anniversary)
William Kerrigan (Anniversary)
Anna Rocca (Birthday Remembrance)
6.00p.m. Patrick Walsh (Anniversary)
Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball
- Wed. 26th Sept. 10.00a.m. Patrick (Pat) Carroll (Month's Mind)
Doris & Patricia Curtis (R.I.P. Birthday Remembrance)
- Sun. 30th Sept. 10.00a.m. Sean McAllister (Anniversary)
Thomas & Kate McGowan (Anniversaries)
Vincent, Bridie, Denis & Maureen Moloney (Annivs)