

*have anything against anyone, forgive it: you come here to receive forgiveness of sins, and you also must forgive the one who has sinned against you."*

We are now approaching the end of the Season of Easter with the Feast of the Ascension and Pentecost a few weeks away. This is a good time for prayer and reflection as we await the coming gifts of the Holy Spirit. Let us allow space for the Holy Spirit to enter our lives and our decisions and to help us on to the right road. This is a beautiful time of grace in the church as we go forward in hope. May we all embrace this opportunity.

So, let us pray that this Easter season will be a time of renewal and rebirth in our own lives. That we may be enlightened and encouraged by the Holy Spirit as we continue on our journey of faith. The writer Thomas Merton said: *"Not all are called to be hermits but all need enough silence and solitude in their lives to enable the deep inner voice of our true self to be heard at least occasionally."*

It is really important that we give ourselves the time and space during this Easter season to reflect on the love of Jesus and his mercy for each and every one of us. Whether that may be at the beginning or end of the day or for a few moments with a piece of scripture, we should allow ourselves some time and space for prayer and reflection. I will conclude with the words of Pope Leo the Great who once said, *"Jesus is the hand of God's mercy stretched out towards us"*. May we all embrace this mercy through prayer during this Easter season.

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**PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY**



**NEWSLETTER**



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**26th May 2019**

*In other words, they wish to be introduced into his own particular relationship with God. We cannot fail to be struck by two things: first, its utter simplicity – it is almost a child's prayer."*

A Carmelite priest once told me that *"We [should] turn to God who is our help both now and always."* Saint Oscar Romero once said *"No prayer fully expresses our faith."* But what should we be seeking in prayer? Our lives are a journey to find God. Sometimes it is difficult to acknowledge God's presence in the midst of our busy lives and, on other occasions, we can feel loved by God. We can sometimes pray to be enlightened so that we can recognise God's presence in our lives, even if we can only realise it in retrospect.

The scripture scholar Father Martin Hogan says: *"prayer is not about informing God about something God is not aware of. There is no need for many words, he says, because your Father knows what you need before you ask him."*

Throughout the Gospels, there are many examples of Jesus at prayer most notably in the Garden of Gethsemane. He also encouraged his disciples to go to a lonely place to pray and, when they asked him how to pray, Jesus gave us the Our Father. The Our Father focuses, in the first instance, on God and then on our own needs. We acknowledge who God is and, in the second part, who we are before God. It is a prayer that shows us what is at the heart of all prayer. Brother John of Taize says of the Our Father: *"They want to learn Jesus's prayer."*

St Cyprian (c. 200 - 258), the Third century Saint, said of the Our Father: *"We do not say 'My Father, who art in heaven,' nor 'Give me this day my daily bread'; nor does each one ask that only his or her own debt should be forgiven.... Our prayer is public and common; and when we pray we pray not for one but for the whole people, because we the whole people are one."*

The spirit of the Lord's Prayer has shaped Christian consciousness from the beginning. Cyril of Jerusalem (c. 315 AD - 386), instructed those about to be baptised: *"If you*

**The Exam Mass** will be celebrated this **Sunday 26th May at 12.30pm in the Church of the Holy Child** This is the normal 12.30pm Family Mass with special emphasis on those doing exams, especially the Junior and Leaving Cert. During this Mass students will be invited to light a candle and place it before the Altar and then in turn write their name on a piece of paper and place it in the basket in front of the Altar. The basket will remain there for all Masses during the month of June as a practical and prayerful way of remembering our young people during the exams. If you have a family member or friend or just know someone who is preparing for exams please feel free to place their names in the basket. Remember to take the candle & prayer card after Mass.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes**  
Wed. 4th – Mon. 9th  
**September 2019**  
**Hotel Solitude \*\*\*\***

**5 Nights Full Board**  
**Fully Inclusive Price €759 per person sharing. (single room €180 supplement)**  
**Travelling in conjunction with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage.**  
**For more information and to book please contact Anne in the Parish Office**  
**Tel: 8375274**



**Church Gate Collection:** The Parish Pastoral Collection will take place this **weekend 25th/26th May**. The money we receive goes towards the training and requirements of all the Pastoral Teams in our Parish. Could those who have agreed to help with this collection please come to the Sacristy before Mass and collect a basket? Our sincere thanks for your continued help with this Parish Collection.

**Church Collections**  
**19/5/2019**  
1st Collection €1,526  
Ministry Sunday) €2,120  
Family Envelope €810  
Many thanks for your continued generosity.

**Blessed Margaret Ball** - Calling Local Painting and Decorating Firms: Blessed Margaret Ball in Santry will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Dec. 2019. As part of the celebrations we would like to give the chapel a 'face lift' by painting and decorating it. Quotes for the job would be most welcome from local businesses. Please contact Canon John Flaherty, [john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie) for further information. We'd also be delighted to receive financial assistance towards the cost of refurbishment. Donations from individuals, families or business sponsorship most welcome. Special Refurbishment Envelopes will be available in the churches shortly.



**HOW TO HAVE A MASS OFFERED IN HOLY CHILD PARISH:** Recently there have been a number of serious mistakes made in relation to offering Masses for named intentions in the Parish. Two Months Mind Masses weren't said on the dates they were booked and a number of names called out at Masses were wrong. This proved very embarrassing for the families involved as well as for the Priests and Staff for which I can only offer my sincere apology. As a result of these mistakes we're changing the way Mass Intentions are booked. As of now all Masses should be booked through the Parish Office where the Mass Intentions Diary is now kept. This can be done either directly by going in person to or ringing the Reception Desk during Office hours. I know this won't suit everybody so very shortly a new envelope will be available in the churches which you can fill in with all the details of the Mass you want offered and leave it well in advance of the date in one of the church safes or at the Reception Desk on Sunday mornings. Because of the demand for Mass Intentions, particularly at the weekend, we accept multiple intentions for each Mass. The 11.15am Sunday Mass is now also open for Intentions. Please note that Masses can no longer be booked in the Sacristy. Many thanks for your patience as we try to put a more reliable Mass booking system in place.  
*Canon John.*

**Recently Deceased:** You are asked to remember in your Prayers:  
**Edward Rafferty**  
**Mary Manning**  
**John O'Doherty**  
*May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.*



**We welcome in Baptism:**  
**Lauren Christine Dargan**  
**Evie Mae Love**  
**Louis James Marshall**

*We pray that these newly baptised children will always know and love Jesus as their friend.*



**Please Support your Parish Lotto**

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:  
**1st Jackpot: 3 9 23 28**      **2nd Jackpot: 5 20 21 27**  
**No Jackpot winner.** The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were:  
**J. Bourke; G. Bradley; C. Barker; M. Delaney; R. Kelly; M. & A. Keyes; S. McLoughlin.**  
Next Week's Lotto Draw: First Jackpot €15,000      Second Jackpot €950  
**Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25.**



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

**Mon. 27th May**      9.15a.m. Thanksgiving  
7.00p.m. Available for Intention  
**Tues. 28th May**      9.15a.m. Anne Carmel Duff (R. I. P.)  
7.00p.m. Available for Intention  
**Wed. 29th May**      9.15a.m. Zenaida Custodio (1st Anniversary)  
Menandro Custodio (Birthday Remembrance)  
7.00p.m. Available for Intention  
**Thurs. 30th May**      9.15a.m. Pat Butler (Anniversary)  
7.00p.m. Available for Intention  
**Fri. 31st May**      9.15a.m. Mairead Prendergast (Anniversary)  
7.00p.m. Available for Intention  
**Sat. 1st June**  
Vigil      10.00a.m. Gerard Kelly (Anniversary)  
7.00p.m. Catherine McNulty, Mary Dillon (Months' Mind)  
Kathleen Kelly (Anniversary)  
**Sun. 2nd June**      11.15a.m. Brendan Lynch (1st Anniversary)  
12.30p.m. Anthony Comiskey, Gerry Tyrrell (Anniversaries)  
6.00p.m. Available for Intention  
**Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball**  
**Wed. 29th May**      10.00a.m. Available for Intention  
**Sun. 2nd June**      10.00a.m. Michelle O'Toole, Mary Rock, Patrick Berry (Annivs.)  
Colin Berry (Remembrance)

**Ministers of the Eucharist:**

The Roster for June is now available in the Reception area of the Parish Centre.

**Ever thought of volunteering?**

**Why not join the Ministers of the Eucharist?** If you are interested in being a Minister of the Eucharist just leave your name and contact phone number, marked for the attention of Fiona Walsh, into the reception in the Parish Centre.

**INVITATION - The Servant of God FRANK DUFF** Founded the Legion of Mary 7th Sept. 1921. **Annual Commemoration Ceremony - Glasnevin Cemetery Sunday June 9th 2019 - at 3.00 pm** Speaker: Fr. Eamon McCarthy. Ceremony will conclude with procession to the grave of Frank Duff. Ceremony will take place in Chapel near main gate of cemetery, Finglas Rd. Buses from City, Parnell St. Nos. 40, 40A, 40B, 40C

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

