

baptism which is in the name of the three divine persons following Jesus's command to "go make disciples of all nations, baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

So our baptismal calling is also a call to action. It's not good enough to be baptised and go away thinking that our job is done. Being baptised is the beginning of what can often become a challenging but rewarding journey. Blessed John Henry Newman said "God has created me for some definite service that he has not given to another." It is of course up to us whether or not we choose to accept the call.

In every parish, we are also called to be a welcoming, outward looking community of faith. As Pope Francis puts it so well "the church is not a museum of saints, but a hospital for sinners". He later expanded on this point: "I see the church as a field hospital after battle. I see clearly that the thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful."

We are tremendously fortunate with the large number of people who are involved with so many different ministries and parish groups in Whitehall parish. I think we take it for granted to some extent but its only when we visit other parishes or talk to the other Deacons in the diocese and they are genuinely amazed when I tell them about the number of people that are so actively involved in parish life both here and in Donaghmede.

We thank God for this great gift of community on this Feast of the Holy Trinity. This should also cause us to reflect on what other work God may be calling us to do in our parish and in particular how we can reach out to those in need whether that need is spiritual, or material or friendship.

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General Data Protection Regulation

A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), is being introduced on 25th May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our Parish that manages and processes people's personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the Parish website and in the Newsletter as policies are put in place. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



NEWSLETTER



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Trinity Sunday

27th May 2018

This weekend we are celebrating Trinity Sunday which is, of course, the feast day of my own parish, Holy Trinity Donaghmede.

I was on retreat a while ago in Mount St Anne's near Killenard, Co Laois in a centre run by the Presentation Sisters. On the wall on my way in I could not help but notice a copy of Rublev's icon of the Holy Trinity. I am always struck by the conversational nature of this picture, how it is that the three persons of the blessed Trinity seem to be so at ease and united in their purpose. It is as if the Holy Trinity acts as a community of faith, sharing and disseminating the love of God.

We understand God in three ways; as Father and creator, as Son and redeemer, and as God's Spirit left to guide and strengthen us. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit reach out to us with love in abundance.

God chose to reveal himself as one God to the people of Israel in the Old Testament. In the Book of Deuteronomy, we are told that "The

Lord of God is One Lord. (Deut 6:4)" However, in the New Testament, when God the Son becomes man, he openly reveals the persons of God.

Firstly, the relationship between the Father and the Son is revealed: "No one has ever seen God; the Only Son has made him known" (John 1:18).

He then reveals the relationship between the Father and the Holy Spirit:

"When the Paraclete comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness." (John 15:26)

The Holy Trinity is also the central theme of the Apostles' Creed which we often say at mass. The first two lines "I believe in God the Father Almighty" refers to God the Father and the third line says "and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord" and later it says "I believe in the Holy Spirit". So, this familiar prayer is an affirmation of our belief in the Holy Trinity.

Our Christian life begins with our

The Exam Mass will be celebrated this **Sunday 27th 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. The following is a prayer for parents to help them as they try to support their child through the stress of these exams.

Dear Lord, I pray for my child and all students about to sit exams.

Help them to keep calm and clear-minded. Fill them with your peace so that they may be able to make best use of their abilities. Do not let the burden of fear and nervousness prevent them from doing as well as they deserve. However, teach them not to measure their self worth by the mark they receive but rather by the effort they put in. Guide their footsteps when they walk alone, but help them also to be there for each other, supporting and encouraging in the truest spirit of friendship. Lord, bless everyone today who has given of themselves to these students on their journey, teachers, family, friends and fellow classmates. Teach them to be thankful, despite the stress and worry that exams bring, they have this opportunity that many people all over the world are deprived of. May the light of Jesus shine gently on them now and during any difficult times they might face on their journey through life. Amen



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 7th -12th September 2018
Hotel Solitude ** 5 Nights – Full Board Fully Inclusive Price €739**
 In conjunction with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage
 (single room subject to confirmation – supplement €175)
 To book please contact Anne in the Parish Office Tel: 8375274

Liturgy Team Meeting: The next meeting of this Team will take place on Wednesday 30th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Eucharistic Ministers:
 The Roster for June is now available in the Parish Centre in the reception area.

Friday 1st June - First Friday – Mass Schedule:
 Church of the Holy Child: 9.15a.m. and 7.00p.m.
 Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball 10a.m.
 Confessions on Thursday after the 9.15a.m. Mass and before the 7p.m. Mass

We welcome in Baptism:
Elizabeth Catherine Bolger

May this newly baptised child always know an love Jesus as her friend.

Recently Deceased: You are asked to remember in your Prayers:
 Michael Bermingham
 Patrick Kilgannon



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

Cemetery Masses/Prayers
 St. Fintan's -June 10th Mass at 12pm (Please note change of time)
 Balrothery – 17th June Prayers at 4pm
 Fingal – 17th June Mass at 12pm
 Glasnevin Cemetery – June 24th at 3pm.
 Dardistown Cemetery - July 1st Mass at 3pm.
 Balgriffin – 1st July Mass at 12pm.

Please Support your Parish Lotto Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 3 4 5 18 2nd Jackpot: 5 10 17 19

No Jackpot Winner. The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were:

B. Magee: M. Clarke: P. Caul: J. Butler: T. Walsh: T. Dowling: C. Balfe.

Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot €6,250 Second Jackpot €1,000

7 Consolation Prizes of €25

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Church of the Holy Child

Monday 28th May	9.15am	Tom Holland (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Tuesday 29th May	9.15a.m.	Sr. Mary Brigid (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Wednesday 30th May	9.15a.m.	Patrick Smith (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Theresa Mullery (Birthday Remembrance)
Thursday 31st May	9.15a.m.	Mairead Prendergast (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Friday 1st June	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.	Altar List of the Dead
Saturday 2nd June	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Vigil	7.00p.m.	Mona O'Donoghue (Month's Mind)
		Mildred Cahill, Kathleen Kelly (Anniversaries)
Sunday 3rd June	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m. & 6.00p.m.	Available for Intention

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

Wednesday 30th May	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Friday 1st June	10.00a.m.	Altar List of the Dead
Sunday 3rd June	10.00a.m.	Geraldine Levins (R. I. P.)

Invitation - Annual Commemoration Ceremony for the Servant of God Frank Duff (Founder of the Legion of Mary 7th September 1921).
Glasnevin Cemetery – Sunday 10th June 2018 at 3pm.

Speaker: Fr. Eamon Devlin CM. Ceremony will conclude with a procession to the grave of Frank Duff.



Parish Radios -Anyone who has a Parish Radio that is not in use anymore might consider donating it to the Parish. These radios cannot be sourced and there are many people who are ill or housebound who would love to have one.

Humanitarian Symphony Orchestra will perform at Our Lady of Dolours Church, Botanic Ave., on **Fri 1st June** at 8pm. Modern and Classical music. All Welcome. Tickets at Door from 7.30pm. Adults €10/Concession €5/ Children under 12 free.

Larkhill & District Credit Union: Volunteers Urgently Required; Your Credit Union is a non-profit making co-operative that is owned and controlled by its members for their mutual benefit. It depends on volunteers to help it serve the community. Further information: dkavanagh@LDCU or by Post: Nominations Committee, Larkhill & District Credit Union, 234 Swords Rd. Whitehall Dublin 9.