

walking and cycling to visit those in need. After his death on 19 February 1933, devotion to him continued to spread."

Father John Sullivan's life and ministry are a positive and inspirational story at time when much of the media narrative concerning the Church at the moment is, for the most part, quite negative. His life shows that the values of the Gospel remain as relevant today as they did during this lifetime. And these are values of prayer, a modest lifestyle and real concern for the needs of others. This is something that we might have called in the past "good neighbourliness" which has sometimes fallen by the wayside with our busy lifestyles.

The decision by Pope Francis to beatify John Sullivan at this time, in the year before his expected visit for the World Meeting of Families in 2018, is a clear indication of his concern and regard for the Church in Ireland and I think also he is indicating to us what kind of Church we should be. That is a community of faith that is open to the Holy Spirit (especially with Pentecost approaching) and especially open to the needs of the sick, the vulnerable and the less well off in our society.

Let us pray that we may be inspired by the life of Blessed John Sullivan and turn to him in our different needs:

**Prayer to Blessed John Sullivan**

*O God, you honour those who honour you.*

*Make sacred the memory of your servant John Sullivan, by granting through his intercession the petition we now make (name the petition)*

*and hastening the day when his name*

*will be numbered among those of your saints.*

*We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

If you want to find out more about the life of Blessed John Sullivan, a new book entitled "A Man Sent By God" has been written by John Looby SJ to celebrate the beatification and can be purchased from Veritas or Messenger Publications.

*Gerard Reilly is a Permanent Deacon in Donaghmede and Ayrfield parishes*

**Prayer for Exam Students**

Loving God be with me now, as I prepare for my exams.

Thank you for the many talents and gifts

you have given me and for the opportunity of education.

Calm my nerves and anxiety, help me to remember all that I have studied, to express it clearly and to answer the questions the very best that I can.

Holy Spirit, be with me in my exam – and always.

In Jesus' name. Amen



**PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY**



**NEWSLETTER**



Parish of Larkhill/Whitehall & Santry Parish Office: Church of the Holy Child, The Thatch Road, Dublin 9. Tel (01) 837 5274 Website: www.whitehall.dublindiocese.ie.

**Blessed John Sullivan – "Educator of youth and herald of the Gospel, witness of the love of Christ towards the poor and the distressed"**

**28th May 2017**

There was a significant "first" for the Catholic Church in Ireland on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> when a Jesuit priest called John Sullivan become the first person to be beatified on Irish soil.

The Apostolic letter from Pope Francis which was read at the ceremony by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin included the following words:

*"By Our Apostolic Authority, permit that the Venerable Servant of God John Sullivan, professed priest of the Society of Jesus, educator of youth and herald of the Gospel, witness of the love of Christ towards the poor and the distressed, from now on be called Blessed."*

According to the Jesuit website, in an unprecedented ecumenical gesture, the request for his beatification was made by the Church of Ireland and the Catholic Archbishops together, reflecting the fact that Father John was an Anglican for the first half of his life and Roman Catholic for the second.

Speaking at the ceremony, Father John Dardis former provincial of the Jesuits in Ireland, said *"I pray that together we can work to show that Christ is risen, that Christ is alive, that God's mercy is for all, that God's Word of forgiveness and love is spoken today, here, now, to us and to our friends and families just as it has been down through the centuries."*

He went on to say that: *"In this time of difficulty and poverty he [Father John Sullivan] stood out as a man preaching the compassion and mercy of God – themes close to the heart of Pope Francis. A central part of our role and mission as Christians is to be witnesses of mercy at a time when, our world, all too often, lacks a sense of forgiveness."*

The [www.jesuit.ie](http://www.jesuit.ie) website gives further information on his life: *"Blessed John Sullivan's reputation for holiness stemmed in great part from his untiring attention to the sick and the poor. Most of his priestly life was spent in Clongowes Wood College, Co. Kildare, and it was mainly in the towns and villages around this school that he spent so much time*

We welcome in Baptism:

Eve Saoirse McCarthy  
Seán Bennett Ward  
Yvonne Rose Carey  
Demi – Leigh Bennett



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

**First Friday – 2nd June**

**Mass Schedule:**

Holy Child – 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball –

10.00a.m. Confessions on Thursday after 9.15a.m. & before 7.00p.m. Masses.

**First Friday – Holy Communion**

Holy Communion will be brought to the housebound on Friday. If anyone would like to be on the First Friday List of Communion calls please leave your name, address and contact details in the Sacristy. Fr. Tom



**Eucharistic Ministers**

Meeting for new Ministers of the Eucharist on Tuesday 30th May at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Centre.

**Ministers of the Eucharist:** Rosters for June are available on the table in Reception area in the Parish Centre.

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

**Kathleen (Catherine) Mooney  
Mark Whelan**

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



**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

7th –12th September 2017

**Hotel Solitude \*\*\*\***

5 Nights – Full Board

Fully Inclusive Price €725

**Spiritual Director Rev. Tom Kearney**

**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**

**Exam Mass –** The Exam Mass will be celebrated this **Sunday 28th 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.

*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.*

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

Monday 29th May	9.15a.m.	Sr. Mary Brigid (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Tuesday 30th May	9.15a.m.	Melanio & Albina Dazo, Eugenio, Maria & Sofronio Lamayo (Anniversaries)
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Wednesday 31st May	9.15a.m.	Maurice Martin (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Mairead Prendergast, Helen Byrne (Anniv)
Thursday 1st June	9.15a.m.	Gerard Kelly (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Paddy Rogers (Month's Mind) Kathleen Kelly (Anniversary)
Friday 2nd June	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.	Altar List of the Dead
Saturday 3rd June	10.00a.m.	Elizabeth McCarthy (Anniversary)
	Vigil 7.00p.m.	Margaret Mellon, Mildred (Lily) Cahill, Jim Maguire (1st Anniversaries) James Cleary & Son Ronnie (Anniversary)
Sunday 4th June	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	Gerry Tyrell, Peter Comiskey (Anniv.) John Killeen (Birthday Remembrance)
	6.00p.m.	Available for Intention
		<u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u>
Wednesday 31st May	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Friday 2nd June	10.00a.m.	Altar List of the Dead
Sunday 4th June	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention

**LOTTO**

**Please Support your Parish Lotto**

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 3 10 22 30 2nd Jackpot: 16 20 24 28

There was no Jackpot winner. The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: P. Troy: M. McDermott: M. Hennessy: M. Partridge:

P. Caul: G. Murphy: P. O'Connor.

**Next Draw: 1st Jackpot €8,000 2nd Jackpot €2,000**

**Plus seven consolation prizes of €25**



**Eternal City, Rome**

**Thurs 28th Sep –Tues  
3rd Oct 2017**

**Mgr. John Fitzpatrick**

will lead our tour to Rome Hotel Domus Carmelitana 3\* is centrally located in Rome about 10 mins walk from St. Peters. **Price €799.00 per person sharing B & B. For more information and to book please contact Anne in the Parish Office. Tel: 01 8375274. Booking subject to availability. Few places remaining.**

**Come & Pray**

Annual Gathering of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist in Clonliffe Church on **Mon. 29th May 8p.m.** This will be an opportunity to pray, reflect and sing together as we give thanks for the grace of this important ministry. Music led by Dublin Diocesan Music Group. Please contact Gráinne at 01 8087554 if you wish to attend.