

to be witnesses to the good news they had learned. The way we live, speak and relate to others speaks of what we have learned about life. We all are witnesses. In particular, Jesus invited them to be witnesses to the good news of forgiveness."

Father Kieran concludes by telling us that: "Jesus instructs the apostles to wait patiently for the moment of grace. We can all recall the experience of waiting for a moment of grace."

This gospel also speaks to us about the effects of change in our lives. Blessed – soon to be Saint – John Henry Newman said: "to live is to change and to be perfect is to change often."

Business consultants speak about "change management" because they realise that it is a process that has to be managed very carefully. Very few of us welcome sudden changes. Our human nature prefers slow, more gradual changes. In our Gospel today, Jesus is preparing his apostles for the changes that will take place when he is no longer physically with them. He explains that he will remain with them, however, through the power of the Holy Spirit. He encourages us all with words of his tremendous parting promise: "know that I am with you always until the end of time." (Matt 28:20)

It is important to remember that, as the scripture scholar Father Martin Hogan notes, that this promise that Jesus made to his apostles, he also made to Christians right down through the ages and he now makes the very same promise to us all today.

In the church in Ireland at this time, we are all missionaries. Let us pray in these special days between the Ascension and Pentecost next Sunday that we will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit which will assist us on our journey of faith and in sharing that faith with the people that we meet at home, at work, at school and at college. Gerard Reilly

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

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

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## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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**2nd June 2019**

*beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven."*

To be chronologically correct, the Gospel should be read *before* our first reading today. The reason is that we have the end of St Luke's Gospel and then the First Reading, which is the beginning of St Luke's sequel to his Gospel, which is the Acts of the Apostles.

As Father Kieran O'Mahony says: "The gospel of Luke closes with a great air of expectation, as the apostles wait to be clothed with power from on high. In this way, the writer prepares carefully for his second volume, the start of which was our first reading today."

He goes on to say that: "There is a special flavour to the ending in Luke because it bridges a two-volume work (Luke's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles), synthesising comprehensively yet unobtrusively the themes of the third gospel and leaving the reader in a mood of anticipation."

St Luke begins The Acts of the Apostles with the following words:

*"In my earlier work, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and I taught from the*

St Luke then leaves us with this wonderful description of the Ascension which concludes with the promise of the return of Jesus to earth at the end of time:

*"He was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'*

Speaking about today's Feast, Father O'Mahony writes: "The Ascension of Jesus was an important growth point for the disciples. Jesus would be with them in a different way from now on. Painful though it was, it was necessary for them to let go of his physical presence and adjust to the new reality."

He adds: "Jesus invited the disciples

**Dardistown Cemetery Mass – Sunday, 7th July 2019** - This annual Mass is a huge undertaking for our Parish and many people are required to help our Parish Team. We invite Ministers of the Eucharist to volunteer to minister at this Mass. We also require people to accompany each Minister carrying an umbrella (this will enable people attending the Mass to see clearly where each Minister of the Eucharist is standing during the distribution of the Blessed Sacrament). Maybe each Minister could bring along another person to help with this. People are also needed to help with the Collection before and after the Mass. If you can help in any way please leave your name and contact details on the list available on the table in the Parish Centre or with the Sacristan in the Church of the Holy Child or in Blessed Margaret Ball. Our sincere thanks for your continued help with this special Mass in our Parish.

**First Friday – 7th June  
Schedule of Masses**

Church of the Holy Child: 9.15am.,  
7.00pm Confessions on Thurs. after the  
9.15am and before the 7.00pm Masses.

**Magenta Ladies Club  
Deceased Members Mass.  
Wednesday 5th June at 7.30pm.  
Blessed Margaret Ball Chapel.**

**We welcome in Baptism:**  
**Carter John Byrne Wilcock**  
**Robyn Rose Kerins**  
**Hollie Éabha Barry Kelly**



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

**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 reception in the Parish Centre.

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

**Mary Manning**  
**John O'Doherty**  
**Geraldine Byrne**

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



**INVITATION**

**The Servant of God FRANK**

**DUFF** Founded the Legion of  
Mary 7th Sept. 1921.

Born 7 June 1889 Died 7 Nov.  
1980



**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

**Cemetery Masses 2019: Masses/Prayers**

St. Fintan's, Sutton Sun 9th June-Mass at 12pm  
Balrothery Sunday 16th June-Prayers at 4pm  
Fingal, Sunday 16th June-Mass at 12pm  
Glasnevin Sunday 30th June-Mass at 3pm  
Dardistown Sunday 7th July-Mass at 3pm  
Balgriffin Sunday 7th July-Mass at 12pm

**Church Collections 26/5/2019**

1st Collection €1,779  
SHARE €1,485  
Family Envelope €345  
Pastoral €240

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

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



**Please Support your Parish Lotto**

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

**1st Jackpot: 1 9 13 22 2nd Jackpot: 1 4 15 21 No Jackpot winner.**

**The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: F. McMahon; M. Hennessy;  
M. Maher; G. Casey; P. Hanlon; N. & C. McDonnell; C. Reid**

**Next Week's Lotto Draw: First Jackpot €15,000 Second Jackpot €1,000**

**Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25 and 5 Special Prizes of €100.**



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

**Mon. 3rd June** 9.15a.m. Available for Intention  
7.00p.m. Bank Holiday. No evening Mass.  
**Tues. 4th June** 9.15a.m. Thanksgiving  
7.00p.m. John Killeen (Birthday Remembrance)  
**Wed. 5th June** 9.15a.m. Rose Kelly (Anniversary)  
7.00p.m. Judy Noonan & Clare Rowlands (Anniversaries)  
**Thurs. 6th June** 9.15a.m. Available for Intention  
7.00p.m. Annie Keogh, Vincent Regan (Anniversaries)  
**Fri. 7th June** 9.15a.m. Altar List of the Dead  
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**Sat. 8th June** 10.00a.m. Available for Intention  
Vigil 7.00p.m. Mildred Cahill (Anniversary)  
**Sun. 9th June** 11.15a.m. Evelyn Andrews (Anniversary)  
12.30p.m. Peter Comiskey (Anniversary)  
6.00p.m. Bernard Tobin (Anniversary)  
**Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball**  
**Wed. 5th June** 10.00a.m. Available for Intention  
**Sun. 9th June** 10.00a.m. Frederick Nino Calaguin (Anniversary)

*The following is a prayer for parents to help them as they try to support their child through the stress of their 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 foot-steps when they walk alone, but help them also to be there for each other, supporting and encouraging in the true 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.*

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