

St Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians "as often as you eat this bread and this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes." This is part of Christ's tremendous parting promise to us: "I will be with you always to the close of the age." (Matt 28:20).

Father Kieran O'Mahony OSA puts Corpus Christi in the following context: "Jesus expressed God's unconditional love and acceptance. Before he died, he spoke words over the bread and wine, words which disclosed the meaning of his death and resurrection."

"When St Paul wrote to the Corinthians about the Lord's Supper, he had to remind them that the sacrament is meant to be a communion among all who celebrate it and to have a practical effect in our lives."

We can become very familiar with the Eucharist as we celebrate it on a weekly basis or, for some of us, more frequently than that. In his encyclical on the Eucharist Saint John Paul II invites us to be amazed by this altogether special and unique element of God's love for us. He tells us that the gift of the Eucharist evokes profound amazement and gratitude.

As we reflect on the mystery of the Eucharist in our lives, let us give thanks to God, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, for his great gift of the Eucharist to us all. Let us pray that he will continue to enrich our lives spiritually and help us to grow as a people of faith, so that we can encourage others to share the Bread of Life.

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### **Dardistown Cemetery Mass Sunday, 1st July 2018.**

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.



## **PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY**



# **NEWSLETTER**



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### **The Feast of Corpus Christi**

**3rd June 2018**

*The feast of Corpus Christi today highlights the central place of the Eucharist in Christian life"*

Today we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, which literally means the Body of Christ. This is an important feast day and gives us an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of the Eucharist.

One of the ceremonies that I most enjoy celebrating as a Deacon is Benediction. It is usually preceded by a time of prayer with the Blessed Sacrament. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with Jesus who is present to us in a very special way and to thank him for all the blessings that he has given us in our lives, in those of our families and our community.

The Eucharist brings us together as a community of faith, it nourishes us and helps us to support one another so that, in parish life, we can bring about the Kingdom of God in our community.

The Jesuit writer, Father Donal Neary, describes today's feast as

follows:

*"The feast [of Corpus Christi] today highlights the central place of the Eucharist in Christian life, our faith that God becomes present in a real way in ordinary bread and wine – food for the journey of life in the bread, energy and joy for the journey of life in the wine."*

When speaking about the Eucharist, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin speaks about those who are excluded from society:

*"Those of us who share in the Eucharist are called to live our lives as witness to the self-giving love of Jesus with a similar love for those who are excluded: the homeless, the unemployed, the despised and the ostracised and those who are condemned to the margins of society."*

Pope Benedict wrote about the redemptive power of Jesus:

*"The institution of the Eucharist demonstrates how Jesus' death, for all its violence and absurdity, became in him a supreme act of love and mankind's definitive deliverance from evil."*



**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

**Thank You** – I wish to acknowledge with grateful thanks the very generous anonymous donation towards the new Organ Fund. It is much appreciated. *Fr. John*

**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.



**We welcome in Baptism:**  
*Amiyah Eve Sloan*  
*Noah Frankie Behan*  
*Willow Sarah Cumiskey-Smith*  
*May these newly baptised children always know and love Jesus as their friend.*



**The Strawberry Fayre Sunday, 22nd July from 10.30a.m. – 1.30p.m.**  
 Any new or nearly new unused gifts gladly accepted for the stalls. If you would like to bake bread, cakes or scones for the cake stall, donate bottles of alcohol or juices for the Wheel of Fortune or if you can help in any way, it would be very much appreciated.



**Launch of the WMOF Seven Church Pilgrimage in Halston Street** – Plans are underway for the World Meeting of Families Pilgrim Walk which takes place from 18<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> August. During the WMOF Seven Church Pilgrimage, the following seven churches will remain open each day between 9.30am and 7pm: St Audeon's High Street; St Francis Xavier's Gardiner Street; St Mary's Pro Cathedral; St Michan's COI Church Street; St Michan's RC Halston Street; St. Saviour's Dominick Street; St. Teresa's Clarendon Street. Each Church will have a roster of ambassadors to meet the pilgrims, stamp their pilgrim passports and offer a WMOF cead míle fáilte. St Michan's Halston Street will be launching the WMOF Seven Church Pilgrim Walk on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 4.45pm in Halston Street. As part of the celebration of the worldwide interest in the World Meeting of Families, we are delighted to welcome Hannah Beth Potter from Georgia, USA and the McIntosh High School Choir. Please join our team...

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

Elizabeth Bassi  
 Sean Lynch  
 Nora Ryan



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

**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.

**Church Gate Collection** this weekend is for the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary.

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

1st Jackpot: 5 12 15 16 2nd Jackpot: 6 8 16 23 - No Jackpot Winner.  
 The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: B. Magee: T. Tierney: H. McGeough: A. McChesney: P. Dunne: R. Mullen.

**Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot €6,500 Second Jackpot €1,050**  
**7 Consolation Prizes of €25 Plus 5 Special Prizes of €100**

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

<b>Monday 4th June</b>	10.00a.m.	<b>John Killeen (Birthday Remembrance)</b> No Evening Mass
<b>Tuesday 5th June</b>	9.15a.m.	<b>Rose Kelly (Anniversary)</b>
	7.00p.m.	<b>Annie Keogh, Nancy Roe (Anniversaries)</b>
<b>Wednesday 6th June</b>	9.15a.m.	<b>Gerard Kelly (Anniversary)</b>
	7.00p.m.	<b>For the intentions of all who sympathised &amp; attended the funeral of Philomena Heaney RIP</b>
<b>Thursday 7th June</b>	9.15a.m.	<b>Margaret Noone (Anniversary)</b>
	7.00p.m.	<b>Available for Intention</b>
<b>Friday 8th June</b>	9.15a.m.	<b>St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society</b>
	7.00p.m.	<b>Available for Intention</b>
<b>Saturday 9th June</b>	10.00a.m.	<b>Available for Intention</b>
<b>Vigil</b>	7.00p.m.	<b>John Quinn (Month's Mind)</b> <b>Peter Comiskey (Anniversary)</b>
<b>Sunday 10th June</b>	11.15a.m.	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	12.30p.m.	<b>Evelyn Andrews (Anniversary)</b>
	6.00p.m.	<b>Bernard Tobin (Anniversary)</b>

**Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball**

<b>Wednesday 6th June</b>	10.00a.m.	<b>Available for Intention</b>
<b>Sunday 10th June</b>	10.00a.m.	<b>Mary Rock, Michelle O'Toole (Anniversaries)</b>

**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.

**The Encounter** Fri 8<sup>th</sup> June in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay at 8pm. For young adults [20's & 30's] with live acoustic music, reflective prayer in adoration. Guest speaker Fr. Vincent Stapleton and the fabulous Georgina Jameson is the musician for the night. [www.facebook.com/theencounterdublincity](http://www.facebook.com/theencounterdublincity)

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