

at the age of only 24 having written a remarkable autobiography *The Story of a Soul* which is now famous the world over.

St Therese of Liseaux was canonised in 1925 and was declared a Doctor of the Church by Saint John Paul II, one of only four women to receive this honour. The others are her fellow Carmelite and great spiritual guide, St Teresa of Avila, St Catherine of Siena and St Hildegard of Bingen.

For a lot of people, I think it is the simplicity of St Therese's message that is most attractive and accessible. She recognised that God is present in the small things of life and there is great significance in doing little things well. Not everyone is capable of great deeds and, even if we are, they will only be for a very small part of our lives. Instead, we should focus as Christian people in offering the simple work of our daily lives to God and realise that this is immensely important to him.

In the context of parish life, this may simply be our morning prayers or attendance at daily mass when this is possible in our busy lives. Its definitely about taking time for a kind word of encouragement with others and listening to what they are saying to us even if we are in a hurry elsewhere. Its also about helping people in need, whether spiritual or material, and reaching out to those in our parish community who may require assistance.

Let us pray in the coming week that we may be inspired by the example of St Therese of Liseaux and maybe take a simpler approach to life focusing on the smaller things that really matter to God and to others.

Gerard Reilly

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St. Therese of Lisieux - much loved by many Dubliners who call her the 'Little Flower'. During the 7.00p.m. Mass in the **Church of the Holy Child on Monday, 8th October** **Fr. Damian McNeice** will mark the feast of St. Therese, with a brief homily about her spirituality and give blessings with a relic of the popular Carmelite saint. All are welcome



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"People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them."

This section from our Gospel reading today is often read at Baptisms. It shows the importance that Jesus attaches to children in the life of the church and his genuine concern and care for them. I was reflecting on this during the week when we celebrated the feast day of St Therese of the Child Jesus last Monday. It was lovely to visit the Carmelite Church in Clarendon

Street and to see the side altar dedicated to her full of roses of every kind. It was wonderful to experience the devotion of so many people to the Little Flower as they brought their prayers of thanksgiving and petitions to her shrine.

I am reading a book at the moment entitled *The Little Flower, St Therese of Liseaux, The Irish Connection* by Colm Keane & Una O'Hagan (Capel Island Press, 2018). It includes many wonderful stories of cures and spiritual assistance which have come about through the intercession of St Therese.

Marie Francoise Therese Martin was born in 1873 and became a Carmelite nun at the young age of only 15. The religious authorities at the time took a lot of convincing to allow her to join the order at that age. She did not have a long life and passed away

Parish Hospitality Team—New members are required for this important welcoming Parish Ministry. When there is a big event in the Parish i.e. the November Mass of Remembrance, Reconciliation Services or any occasion which might involve the Parish offering light refreshments, this team is required to help with pouring tea/coffee, and the clean up etc. If interested please contact Anne in the Parish Office. Tel: 01 8375274

We welcome in Baptism:



Mia Angela Woods
Allie Malone
Luke Trevor Gately

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

Indoor Plants wanted - as the greenery in the Church of the Holy Child has become a little tired, the Flower Ladies have asked if Parishioners would like to donate some large indoor plants for the Church. Peace Lilies, large ferns, palms etc. The Flower Team would be very grateful with any donations.

Coffee Morning Thanks

Dorothy Gray would like to sincerely thank all who supported her recent Coffee Morning which was in aid of St. Francis Hospice.



Capuchin Day Centre

Autumn Fair - thank you

Many thanks to all the wonderful people who attended the Autumn Fair in aid of the Capuchin Day Centre for homeless people. Your attendance, help and donations will greatly assist Brother Kevin in keeping this very important lifeline going for all the many men, women and children who attend for breakfast & dinner six days a week, all year round. Your help is greatly appreciated and thankfully the weather was great on the day. Nora Wogan

An Evening of Prayer, Music & Reflection – Join us on Monday 15th October at 8.00pm in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus for an evening of prayer, music and reflection which will explore the call to holiness of Pope Francis - *Rejoice and be Glad*. The Prayer Service will be prepared by the part-time Chaplaincy students of DCU with music by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group or view on www.rednuns.com

Church Gate Collection - This weekend this Collection is for the society of St. Vincent de Paul

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Annual clothing Appeal

Church of the Holy Child & Blessed Margaret Ball
Distribution of the bags:
Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th October.
Collection of the bags:
Saturday Vigil Mass 13th October & Sunday 14th October morning Masses only

November Dead list

Altar List of the Dead envelopes are provided at the doors of the Churches. We invite you to complete and return to the Sacristan or leave in the Church safes. All Masses on the First Friday of each month are offered for all names on the Altar List of the Dead

Recently Deceased:

You are asked to remember in your Prayers—
Elizabeth Power
Sean Hennessy



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



Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 2 11 16 26 **2nd Jackpot:** 10 14 15 23 **No Jackpot winner.**
The winners of the 7 prizes of €25 were: J. Murphy: A. Stafford: P. & P. Doyle: W. & G. Kenny: M. Ruddell: B. Adderley: A. Cushen.
The winners of the 5 special prizes of €100 were: T. Halpin: N. MacGabhánn: M. Byrne: C. Maher: D. Smith.
Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot € 11,000 Second Jackpot €750
7 Consolation Prizes of €25

Living with Loss' Bereavement Information Evening Thurs. 1st Nov, 5.30–8.00pm at the Alex Hotel, 41–47 Fenian Street, D 2. Niamh Fitzpatrick, sister of Captain Dara Fitzpatrick, will address the gathering and speak on the theme 'Living with Loss'. Admission is free. For more info, contact The Irish Hospice Foundation: www.hospicefoundation.ie

Faithfest An event for teenagers which aims to help build spaces where teenagers have an experience of a peer community, explore faith, and encounter an experience of welcome, belonging, discipleship, worship and prayer in a creative and fun atmosphere. Each young person is asked to bring €2, walking shoes, a warm jacket and a signed consent form which can be downloaded from www.evangelisation.ie Friday 5th October 2018, 6pm- 9pm in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3.

Mass Intentions for the coming week
Church of the Holy Child

Mon. 8th Oct.	9.15a.m. Available for Intention 7.00p.m. Margaret Fagan (Birthday Remembrance)
Tues. 9th Oct.	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Available for Intention
Wed. 10th Oct.	9.15a.m. Available for Intention 7.00p.m. Michael Purdue (Anniversary)
Thurs. 11th Oct.	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Available for Intention
Fri. 12th Oct.	9.15a.m. St. Joseph's Young Priest Society
Sat. 13th Oct.	10.00a.m. Available for Intention Vigil 7.00p.m. Terence Whelan (Month's Mind) Rita Lynch (1st Anniversary) Bridget McCain (Anniversary)
Sun. 14th Oct.	11.15a.m. People of the Parish 12.30p.m. John King (1st Anniversary) Ciaran Kelly (Birthday Remembrance) Brigid Crowe (Anniversary) Bridget Dunne (Anniversary) 6.00p.m. Thomas Kelly (Anniversary) Anne Casey (Anniversary)
	Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball
Wed. 10th Oct.	10.00a.m. Available for Intention
Sun. 14th Oct	10.00a.m. Kathleen & Jackie Timmons (Anniversaries)