

part of one of the responses that we say after the consecration at mass. Then Jesus gives us a new beatitude: *"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe"* which speaks directly to the faith of succeeding generations, including ourselves.

In these words, Jesus is suggesting a "greater blessedness", as Father Martin Hogan puts it, for those people who believe in Jesus without having seen him in his risen glory as the apostles did.

The last section of our Gospel today states: *"there were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw but they are not recorded in this book."* We can only speculate about what these additional appearances of Jesus may have involved but, I think, we can safely assume that one of them must have included an appearance to his mother Mary. Could the fact that Mary was not present with the other women who went to the tomb early on that first Easter Sunday morning indicate that Our Lady had already met with the Risen Lord? Saint John Paul II and Saint Ignatius of Loyola were among those who believed that one of the *"other signs"* referred to certainly included this most precious meeting.

The Season of Easter lasts for fifty days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost and is slightly longer than the Season of Lent which has just concluded. In the coming weeks, let us celebrate and share our Easter joy with those we meet who may be in need of inspiration and encouragement.

I would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Season of Easter.

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**5 Nights – Full Board Fully Inclusive Price €739**

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**NEWSLETTER**



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**"As the Father sent me, so  
am I sending you"**

**8th April 2018**

Out of the bleakness of Good Friday, the horror of the cross and the starkness of the tomb, God brings new life. Just when it seemed that darkness had enveloped the world, that evil had triumphed, the glorious light of Easter bursts forth and the darkness vanishes forever.

Easter offers hope to all who are oppressed, broken and hopeless. God's grace can bring new life into any situation no matter how hopeless it may seem.

Each and every person to whom the risen Lord appears are sent out as messengers of Easter joy and hope. Jesus says to them: *"As the Father sent me, so am I sending you."*

Easter is encouraging us to make new beginnings, to turn over the page and to break out in new directions. Blessed John Henry Newman said *"to live is to change"*

and this time of the year, the new growth of Springtime (which is slow enough to get going this year as many gardeners and farmers would tell you), encourages us to turn over a new leaf and to start afresh.

We are also called, I think, to share our Easter joy with those in need. Jesus said *"I have come that you may have life and have it to the full."* Our calling is to inspire others so that they in their turn can put their gifts and talents at the service of those in need in our community.

In our Gospel today, we meet Saint Thomas. He initially doubted the resurrection and would not believe the other apostles when they told him: *"We have seen the Lord!"*

But later we hear him speak one of the most famous phrases in all of scripture: *"My Lord and my God."* These words have become

**Registering to attend the World Meeting of Families** -Pope Francis personally chose Ireland to host this event. If you would like to attend all or part of it you can register now for the three-day Pastoral Congress at [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie). Places for the Congress are limited & guarantee a ticket for the Festival of Families and the Final Mass which are expected to be led by Pope Francis.



**We welcome in Baptism:**  
**Noah Carney**  
**Liam Seán Tadhg Farrell**

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

**Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock Saturday 21st April 2018**  
**Led by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin.**  
**Knock invites you to Healing and Peace. Coach from Whitehall Church at 8.00a.m. For more information contact Marie McAllister 8425678**

**Parish Pastoral Council Ministry Sunday 15th April 2018**  
**The Parish Pastoral Council**, together with the Parish Ministry groups are hosting a Ministry Sunday on the 15th April 2018. The aim is to provide the opportunity for parishioners who might be interested in joining one of the Parish Ministries to talk to members of the different groups who will be happy to provide them with information after all Masses in both Churches in the parish.

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



**Larry O'Reilly**

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

**Church of the Holy Child**  
**presents 'You Raise Me Up'**  
 starring Red Hurley with special guests Whitehall Adult Choir.  
**Fri. 27th April 2018 at 8pm.** Tickets €20 available from Church Shop or call (01) 837 5274 Mon to Fri 10a.m. – 5p.m. Proceeds in aid of the New Church Organ.

**Ireland of the Welcomes Hosting Families for WMOF2018** Thousands of people will be travelling from distant places to participate in WMOF 2018 (Dublin, 21-26 August 2018) Many would be unable to come if they had to cover the cost of accommodation. Do you have a spare room? Would you be willing to host a person, a couple or a family next August? Help us welcome visiting families to Ireland and have a home-from-home experience. Learn more at [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/hostafamily](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/hostafamily) or Tel: 01 5676800.

**Beaumont Parish World Meeting of Families – A Six Part Parish Programme** will start on Tuesday 24th April at 8pm in Beaumont Parish Centre in preparation for the World Meeting of Families. This user friendly programme will reflect on Pope Francis' letter "The Joy of Love" and hopefully will be enriching for all who may participate in the sessions. If interested, please contact the Parish Office, Beaumont, Monday to Friday 10am – 1pm on 8477740.

**Church Gate Collection** – None this week-end. The Society of the St. Vincent de Paul are not having their usual collection because of their recent Sunshine Fund Collection.



**Please Support your Parish Lotto**

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 5 10 12 27 2nd Jackpot: 2 9 10 18

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

R. Joyce: M. Davitt: D. Barry: E. McDonnell: J. Clarke: C. Barker: C. Buckley.  
 The Winners of the 5 Special Prizes of €100 were: K. Collins: N. Costello:  
 B. Screene: K. Fox: BMB Tea Room.

**Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot €4,500 Second Jackpot €650**  
**7 Consolation Prizes of €25**

**Mass Intentions for the coming week**

**Church of the Holy Child**

<b>Monday 9th April</b>	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Special Intention Margaret Vogelsang (Anniversary)
<b>Tuesday 10th April</b>	9.15a.m.	Mary Teresa Gavaghan (Month's Mind)
	7.00p.m.	Michael & Esther Egan (Anniversaries)
<b>Wednesday 11th April</b>	9.15a.m.	Michael Tully (Birthday Remembrance)
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
<b>Thursday 12th April</b>	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Patrick Lawton (R. I. P.)
<b>Friday 13th April</b>	9.15a.m.	St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society
	7.00p.m.	James Dean (Anniversary) Joan McKevitt (Anniversary)
<b>Saturday 14th April</b>	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
<b>Vigil</b>	7.00p.m.	Kathleen Coleman, Matthews Family (Annivs.) Gerry & Bernie O'Sullivan (R. I. P.) Joseph Noonan (R.I.P. Birthday Remembrance)
<b>Sunday 15th April</b>	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	Ursula Jane Reid (Anniversary) Deceased Members of the Gorman Family (R.I.P.)
	6.00p.m.	Available for Intention
		<b>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</b>
<b>Wednesday 11th April</b>	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
<b>Sunday 15th April</b>	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention

**World Youth Day Panama – Jan 2019**

Pope Francis has invited young people from all over the world to join him in Panama next January 22nd – 27th. The theme will be "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).

It is hoped that young people aged 16-29 from the Archdiocese of Dublin will travel. Bookings will open end of April 2018.

For further information or to register your intent to travel as a pilgrim to World Youth Day in Panama - [wyd@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:wyd@dublindiocese.ie) [www.evangelisation.ie](http://www.evangelisation.ie)