



# NEWSLETTER



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The people of Nazareth could not accept that their neighbour was one to teach them about God. It can be difficult for us to see those close to us as people through whom God is going to reveal some truth to us. But we should be aware of the words of Jesus that the "Kingdom of God is amongst us", even though we may not be aware of it all the time.

This reading predicts, in a way, the later ministry of Jesus and the opposition he would encounter. Like the prophets before him, Jesus is part of the tradition of people who had to make great sacrifices for their faith.

In our own lives, we also have opportunities to witness to the Gospel though it may often be in a less dramatic way. It may be being a support to friends and neighbours in a time of need, encouraging people on their journey of faith or living a good life that is an example to others.

It can certainly be said that there was never a time when the Gospel needs to be "proclaimed authentically and lived authentically."

These words are particularly appropriate when reflecting on the recent unexpected death this week of Father Eoin McCrystal, a former parish priest of Donaghmede. He was a very hard working priest who lived his faith in a practical way every day and was a great inspiration to people of faith in our Archdiocese and further afield.

May he rest in peace.

*Gerard Reilly is a Permanent Deacon in Donaghmede*



**Mass in the Phoenix Park on 26th August for World Meeting of Families. Chief Celebrant Pope Francis. Both buses going from the Parish to the Mass are fully booked. More details later regarding the departure time. If you haven't paid the €6 for the bus we would ask you to leave it in the Parish Office with your name. The tickets for the Mass will be distributed on the bus.**

*"Society needs to hear the message of Jesus proclaimed authentically and lived authentically."*

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin recently said the following at the ordination of Dublin's newest priest, Father Robert Smyth from Knocklyon Parish:

*"Being missionary in today's culture will be difficult. I say to you that this is a great moment to be a minister and a witness to Jesus and his Gospel. Society needs to hear the message of Jesus proclaimed authentically and lived authentically."*

This seems to be a particularly relevant comment in the light of today's Gospel reading. Jesus is back home in Nazareth and I am sure he was expecting a warm welcome among his friends and neighbours. He wanted to bring the message of the Gospel to people he knew. And, despite the importance of the message, he is not well received.

**8th July 2018**

Jesus is preaching in a synagogue near his home and you would think that he would have a sympathetic audience as he is on home ground. Unfortunately, this does not turn out to be the case.

But what is it about his message that is so difficult and challenging for them to hear? Father Martin Hogan explains that it may be that they are uncomfortable with "one of their own" unexpectedly, in their eyes, proclaiming himself as the Messiah. They would have known Jesus more as someone who might fix chairs or mend tables rather than curing the sick and announcing the Kingdom of God. It may have been too big a jump for them to accept and the gap between the Jesus they grew up with and who he had now become was too great for them to comprehend.



**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**



**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.



**We welcome in Baptism:**  
**Lilibelle Trundle Corrigan**  
**Cor-Lachlan Trundle Corrigan**

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

**Lough Derg** – Come home to the love of God's Family on Lough Derg on a day Pilgrimage on Sunday 18th August. Coach from Whitehall Church at 6.30a.m. Cost €65 includes return fare, morning tea/coffee, light lunch & admission to island. Tel: Marie McAllister 01 842 5678.

**Special Mass of Remembrance**  
**Wednesday, 11th July 2018 at 8p.m.**  
**Upstairs in the Main Hall,**  
**Parish Centre,**  
**Church of the Holy Child**  
*This Mass is for family and friends of parishioners who have died in the last few months and will include a Candle Lighting Ceremony.*  
*Refreshments will be served after the Mass. All Welcome*

**Recently Deceased:**



You are asked to remember in your Prayers –  
**V. Rev. Eoin McCrystal**  
**Paddy Curtin**  
*May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.*

**Pathways Exploring Faith as an Adult**  
 This programme is geared towards those who wish to explore issues and questions of: faith; ministry; the Church today and the nature of belief, in an environment appropriate to Adult Faith Development. It runs on Thurs. over 2 years from Sept. to May. 3 optional Sats. 7.00p.m.- 9.30 p.m. in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Rd. Fees €400 per year. Tel: Eileen Houlahan, CHF PhD 01 8087594

**Church Gate Collection -Parish Pastoral Collection** will take place next weekend 14th/15th July. The money we receive goes towards the training and requirements of all the Pastoral Teams. It ensures that each Team – the Parish Pastoral Council, Liturgy Team, Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of the Word, Baptism Team, R.C.I.A. Team, Funeral Ministry Team, Bethany Team, Family Mass Team, Adult Faith Team and not forgetting those involved in Music Ministry in both churches can be resourced and trained and therefore can give the best service to their ministry. **Could those who have agreed to help with this collection please come to the Sacristy before Mass next weekend and collect a basket. Many thanks for your continued help with this important Parish Collection.**



**Please Support your Parish Lotto**

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot 14 19 22 24 2nd Jackpot: 3 10 17 18

No Jackpot Winner. The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: D. Hannigan: M. Ruddell: R. Joyce: B. Brown: M. Coonan: J. Lindsay: J. O'Hanlon.

The winners of the 5 special prizes of €100 were: A. Byrne: J. Coleman: A. Cushen: A. Farrell: J. Hughes.

**Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot €7,750 Second Jackpot €1,300 7 prizes of €25**

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Church of the Holy Child

<b>Monday 9th July</b>	9.15a.m. Pat & Elizabeth Keogh (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m. Patrick McCormack (Anniversary) Josie O'Neill & Peggy Burke
<b>Tuesday 10th July</b>	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Available for Intention
<b>Wednesday 11th July</b>	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Available for Intention
<b>Thursday 12th July</b>	9.15a.m. Billy Carrick (Birthday Remembrance)
	7.00p.m. Jimmy Rackard (Anniversary)
<b>Friday 13th July</b>	9.15a.m. St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society
	7.00p.m. Declan Kelly (1st Anniversary)
<b>Saturday 14th July</b>	10.00a.m. Gerard Mangan (1st Anniversary)
<b>Vigil</b>	7.00p.m. Teresa Dunne, Dan Breen (Month's Mind) Mona O'Brien (Birthday Remembrance)
<b>Sunday 15th July</b>	11.15a.m. People of the Parish
	12.30p.m. Margaret Rankin (Anniversary)
	6.00p.m. Doreen & Fred Begley (Anniversaries)

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

<b>Wednesday 11th July</b>	10.00a.m. Available for Intention
<b>Sunday 15th July</b>	10.00a.m. Christina & Frederick Neary (Anniversary)

**Volunteers needed for Aware** -Aware, Ireland's leading organisation providing support, education and information services for people impacted by depression, bipolar disorder and related conditions, is urgently seeking new volunteers. Comprehensive training available. Tel: Emma on 01 2374926 for further information.

**The Irish Cancer Society** needs an extra 200 drivers for their Volunteer Driver Service in the north and west of Dublin to drive cancer patients to and from their chemotherapy appointments. They are looking for drivers with free week day availability and who have a car available to them. Drivers should be able to commit to driving at least two full week days a month. All volunteer expenses are paid. If you would like to volunteer, please call Laura on 01 2310 594, for an application form.

**Church Gate Collection** this weekend is for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

**Booking for World Youth Day Panama now open!** Young Dubliners are being invited to join in a pilgrimage to Panama for World Youth Day in January 2019. 18th-30th Jan 2019. Further information [www.evangelisation.ie](http://www.evangelisation.ie)