

and his life and legacy leaves us all with a challenge to take up in the particular circumstances of our own lives.

St Paul tells us in Chapter 12 of the Letter to the Corinthians to "*Be ambitious for the higher gifts*". In other words, as Church or as Christian people, we should not always settle for the status quo but be prepared to look for new ways to share the Gospel message with our parishes and our communities. Blessed John Henry Newman put it another way when he said that "*God has created us for some definite purpose*", in other words he created us so that we can use our talents in a productive way.

Pope Francis addresses this theme in his apostolic letter "The Joy of the Gospel" where he wrote:

"I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelisation in their respective communities."
EG (33)

Jesus encourages us take risks and be prepared to innovate. We should not allow fear to prevent us from achieving our goals, as was the case with the person with one talent. Jesus knows that fear and anxiety can hold us back. On a number of occasions in the Gospel he tells his disciples "*Do not be afraid*". He wants us to achieve our potential as human beings and to have the courage to take risks for our faith. We may not always succeed but Jesus will most certainly be with us on our journey with all the ups and downs.

We are invited to use our gifts for the good of our families, our community and everyone we meet. We should all consider how we might use our gifts and talents for the service of God.

We should all know that there is a reward for our efforts from God and that he appreciates those who push the boat out a bit and take risks for our faith in order to share the gift of the Gospel.

Let us reflect in the week ahead on people like Noel Clear who have inspired us - whether priests, nuns, teachers, neighbours or family members - and who have used their talents well for the benefit of others and try to learn from their example as we do our best on our own journey of faith.

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PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



NEWSLETTER



**Celebrating
the Diamond Jubilee
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Holy Child
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26th November 2017

Feast of Christ the King

This morning we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King which is the last Sunday in our Liturgical Year. This feast was instituted on its current date as a Solemnity by Blessed Paul VI in 1969. Next week is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the new church year. Jesus says in Chapter 18 of St John's Gospel:

"Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice."

But the kind of Kingship that he is talking about is very different to what we might regard as a regal figure with great powers ruling over a large territory.

In Luke 17:21 " Jesus tells us that "*The kingdom of God is among you*". So, as we come to the end of this Church year let us reflect on the presence of Jesus in our lives, what direction they are taking and how we can become more in tune with

what Jesus may be asking of us as we approach the Season of Advent.

I was reminded of this when I read about a new biography of the former National President of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, Noel Clear. Entitled "*Clear Vision, The life and legacy of Noel Clear, Social Justice Champion 1937-2003*", the book describes the life and times of an extraordinary dedicated Christian man who had a genuine love and concern for the less well off in our society.

I was fortunate to know Noel myself and as well as being a very hard worker, he gave a great example to others on how to improve the lives of those who need our help. It is appropriate to remember Noel around now as last Sunday was designated by Pope Francis as World Day of the Poor.

Among his many initiatives, Noel championed the establishment of the Social Policy Division and the appointment of policy officers in the SVP. He was certainly a man who used his talents for the good of others



Christmas Fayre this Sunday
26th November – upstairs in the
Parish Centre, from 10.30a.m. to
1.30p.m. Fun for all the Family
 with Santa, homemade bread &
 cakes and Novelty Stands & Raffle.

Please come and enjoy yourselves while
 supporting your Parish Centre. Many thanks
 for your continued support.

Date to remember!
Combined Parish Choirs
 present
THE ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE
Sunday, 10th December 2017
at 7.30p.m.
in Church of the Holy
Child
All welcome.



LOTTO

Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:
 1st Jackpot: 4 10 11 15 2nd Jackpot: 7 14 15 17
 No Jackpot winner.

The winners of the Seven Consolation Prizes of €25 were:-
 K. Kerrigan: P. Troy: P. Hayden: B. Devine: M. Adderley:
 J. St. Ledger: N. O'Prey.
 Next Draw: 1st Jackpot €14,500 2nd Jackpot €2,000
 Plus seven consolation prizes of €25.



We welcome in Baptism:
Sara Frances Read
Joshua Michael McConnell



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

Friday 1st December 2017:
 First Friday Mass Schedule
Church of the Holy Child
 9.15am & 7.00pm.

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball: 10am
 Confessions on Thursday after the
 9.15am Mass and before the 7.00pm.
 Mass.

Property & Finance Committee: A
 meeting of this Committee will take
 place in the Parish Centre on Tuesday
 28th Nov. 7.30pm

Church Gate Collection this weekend
in aid of the Fr. Peter McVerry Trust

Recently Deceased You are asked to
 remember in your Prayers:
 Jean (Jenny) Smith Patrick O'Neill
 Paul Brady Snr. Brendan Cooke
 Raymond Maguire

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



Great gift idea for Christmas
"You Raise Me Up"
Red Hurley Concert
 with special guests Whitehall Adult Choir
 Church of the Holy Child
 27th April 2018 at 8.00p.m.
 Tickets €20 in aid of New Church Organ
 Tickets on sale in Church Shop before & after
 11.15a.m. Mass on Sunday 3rd, 10th, & 17th
 December & at the Carol Service
 10th December 2017 at 7.30p.m.

Rosary for Life: - In honour of Christ the King
 & His Queen the Immaculate Heart of Mary
 Sunday 26th November in the Church of the
 Nativity, Beaumont at 2.30pm.

Pilgrimage to Knock
Friday 8th December.
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 Coach from Church of the Holy Child at 8am.
 Contact Marie McAllister Tel: 01 8425678

Crosscare Foodbank
 Archbishop Diarmuid Martin is seeking
 practical support for a **Parish Food Appeal on**
December 2nd and 3rd only for the Crosscare
 FoodBanks. Items most needed include
 Shampoo & Hygiene Products, Soups, Tinned
 meats, Seasonal Biscuits and Cleaning
 Products. Items may be left in Church of the
 Holy Child & Blessed Margaret Ball **on**
December 2nd/3rd only.

Are you ready for Christmas? Take Time out
 from the Hustle and Bustle and prepare to
 celebrate the birth of Jesus **Advent Reflections**
(4 Sessions) Every Wed. from 29th Nov. 2017
10.30 – 12.30pm Quiet Prayer, Meditation,
Music, Scripture or go to Twilight Retreat Tues,
12th Dec. 7.30 – 10.00pm. To book a place
 contact: Mercy Centre, St. Brendan's Drive
 Coolock, Dublin 5 Tel. 848 7259

Christmas Concert
Gardiner Street Parish presents
 Liam Lawton on
 Monday 4th December at 8pm
 in Church of St. Francis Xavier.
 All proceeds to the Jesuit Mission
 in Assam, NE India. Tickets cost
 €20 and will be available at the door.

Thanks: World Missions Ireland thank parishioners who gave so generously to their
 collection on Mission Sunday. €4,150 was raised which is gratefully appreciated.

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

Monday 27th Nov.	9.15a.m. Available for Intention 7.00p.m. John Duffy (Anniversary)
Tues 28th Nov.	9.15a.m. Available for Intention 7.00p.m. Maura Murphy (Anniversary)
Wed. 29th Nov.	9.15a.m. Delia & Patrick Kelly (Anniversaries) 7.00p.m. John O'Callaghan, Manuel Calvo (Anniversaries)
Thurs. 30th Nov.	9.15a.m. Available for Intention 7.00p.m. John O'Callaghan, Jim Hallissey (Anniversaries)
Fri. 1st Dec.	9.15a.m. Altar List of the Dead 7.00p.m. Altar List of the Dead
Sat. 2nd Dec.	10.00a.m. Available for Intention 7.00p.m. Mary McDermott, Fr. John McDermott. Gary Sinnott, Marjorie & John Mooney (Anniversaries)
Sunday 3rd Dec.	11.15a.m. People of the Parish 12.30p.m. James Andrews & Deceased members of the Andrews Family Ned Dalton (Anniversary) 6.00p.m. Kathleen O'Donnell (Anniversary)
Wed. 29th Nov.	10.00a.m. Available for Intention
Fri. 1st Dec.	10.00a.m. Altar List of the Dead
Sun. 3rd Dec.	10.00a.m. Available for Intention