

**Please Support your Parish Lotto**

6th Sept. 2022 results: 1st Jackpot – 7 13 14 18 2nd Jackpot 11 13 14 16  
 No Jackpot winner  
 The winners of the €25 prizes were as follows: M. Redmond:  
 J. & M. Stapleton: O. Malley: M. Fitzgerald: A. Ryan:  
 K. Heffernan: A.M. Byrne.



As the lotto Licence is up for renewal we will be pausing the draw until we receive the new licence. We would ask that you **do not** send in any envelopes until further notice.

There are still a number of Lotto winner cheques yet to be collected. Please contact the Sacristy/Parish Office and check if you are one of the winners.

**Youth Choir** -The Parish Youth Choir returns this Sunday 11th September at the 12.30p.m. Mass. If any young person is interested in joining please speak with Katie after Mass.



**The Adult Choir** - The Adult Choir will return to sing at Mass this Sundays 11th September . New members are very welcome to come along any Monday evening or stop by after Mass for a chat.

**Crosscare Annual Appeal 2022**

The annual Crosscare Collection will take place at all Masses next weekend, September 17th and 18th. This year, Crosscare are looking for help for their Homeless Prevention and Food Poverty Support Services –both of which are coming under increasing demand from people struggling to find accommodation and families coping with increases in fuel prices and the cost of living. We would ask for your support for Crosscare in next weekend’s second collection or by donating online at [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie)

**We welcome in Baptism:**

**Lola Eva Conroy Rowen  
 Chloe Phoenix Kelly Mooney  
 Sophie Erin Gilmartin  
 Shay Edward Bannon**

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



**Recently Deceased:**

You are asked to remember in your Prayers:

Marie Bourke,  
 Rosaleen Joyce

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



**PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY**



**NEWSLETTER**



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*“We have cared for our sick pilgrims and our sick pilgrims have inspired us.”*

**11th September 2022**

*ing us that love is a free gift, not something we earn by our goodness. This is true of human love, and is also true of God’s love.”*

**We continue to keep in our prayers the people of Ukraine**

Today’s Gospel is the familiar story about the prodigal son who went off and squandered his inheritance but was later forgiven

and welcomed back home by this father. I often reflect on the reaction of his brother who did everything right and played by the rules but felt (perhaps unfairly) that he got very little thanks for his diligence and loyalty.

As the Jesuit writer, Father Donal Neary puts it when reflecting on this reading:

*“This is a real family story about breakups and reconciliation, about love that covers all sorts of happenings and about love to the end. It is about a father who loved all the time, and many a parent identifies with it.”*

Father Kieran O’Mahony makes the following point about this reading:

*“Like many a parable, this story makes its point in what seems to be unfair: the spendthrift son is rewarded and the elder son is hurt and angry. Jesus is tell-*

The spiritual writer Henri Nouwen, wrote a wonderful book called “The Return of the Prodigal Son” which I would recommend if you ever come across it. It has sold over a million copies worldwide. In the book, Nouwen reflects on his experience of contemplating Rembrandt’s famous painting of the Return of the Prodigal Son. It’s a wonderful book where art meets a famous gospel story and inspires a wonderful meditation by the author. We may not immediately think about art as a means of spiritual reflection but a picture can sometime speak a thousand words and, of course, each of us will have our own reflection on what we are observing.

Nouwen says that the phrase “be compassionate as your Father is compassionate” is perhaps the most radi-

cal statement that Jesus ever made. It perfectly describes the attitude of the Father in the Gospel today. He says that Jesus is inviting us to “become like God and to show the same compassion to others as he is showing to me.” We must become like the heavenly Father and see the world through his eyes, Nouwen writes. The story of the Prodigal Son where the father has immense compassion for his son who has returned home after a life of debauchery. He writes that the challenge for all of us is to become like the compassionate father in the story.

When thinking about people returning to the church, I recall the contribution that RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) has made in recent years. The liturgist Father Aidan Kavanagh O.S.B. said that when historians look back at Vatican II and subsequent decades, they may well see RCIA as one of the more important results of the Council.

The vision behind RCIA is that the ministry of welcome for new Catholics is the responsibility of all parishioners. It challenges us to be a living sign of the saving embrace of God’s love. It encourages us to be welcoming, missionary and familiar with the Word of God as we accompany new members of our Church on their journey of faith. Our RCIA team in Donaghmede have recently started working with a new candidate who is originally from Vietnam. Please God, she will be baptised at the Easter Vigil next year. We ask you to keep her very specially in your prayers.

Our retired Archbishop, Diarmuid Martin, said the following about RCIA: *“The Christian initiation of adults is the responsibility of all the baptised. The faith is shared and transmitted not simply through books. It is shared within community. It is shared in that community which worships Sunday after Sunday in the Eucharist. To know Jesus we must know the scriptures and we must come to share in the life that comes to us in the Eucharist.”*

We pray that, in our times, we may reach out to those who, like the prodigal son, have lost their way in life and welcome them with love and compassion. This is a vitally important ministry in our church today.

*Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon in Malahide and Portmarnock parishes.*

<p><b>W.A.R.A.</b> Whitehall Active Retirement Group will meet next Monday 12th September at 2.30P.M. in the Parish Centre</p>	<p><b>Autumn Fair in aid of the Capuchin Day Centre</b> 58, Shanliss Way, Santry Dublin D09P6AO Sat. 17th September 2022 from 11a.m. – 2.00p.m. If you would like to donate some cakes to our cake stall or a bottle for our Wheel of Fortune, or any unwanted gifts it would be much appreciated. All proceeds to the Capuchin Day Centre.</p>
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<b><u>Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child</u></b>		
Sat. 10th Sept.	7.00p.m.	Dermot O’Hanlon – Month’s Mind Bill, Eithne & Brian Denihan – Anniversaries Declan Flynn – Anniversary
Sun 11th Sept.	10.30a.m.	Carol Egan – Month’s Mind Phyllis Spierin – 1st Anniversary Patrick Macken – Month’s Mind John & Rose Fallon – Anniversary Kevin Burke – Anniversary
Mon 12th Sept.	9.15a.m.	Margaret MacNamara – Anniversary
Tues 13th Sept	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Wed 14th Sept	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Thurs. 15th Sept	9.15a.m.	Imelda Keenan – Anniversary
Fri 16th Sept	9.15a.m.	Breda & John Coughlan – 50th Wedding Anniv.
Sat 17th Sept	7.00p.m.	Evelyn James – Month’s Mind Mary Bowes – Anniversary Noel Kelly, Sean Moore - Anniversaries Kathleen Kelly – Birthday Remembrance
Sun 18th Sept	10.30a.m.	Nuala Clarke, Noel Gilmer – Anniversaries
	12.30p.m.	Charlie Cunningham – Birthday Remembrance Ellen Lawlor, William Lawlor – Anniversaries Michael Eccles, Kevin Moylan – Anniversaries Jim Ryan, Owen & Nellie O’Reilly – Anniversaries
<b><u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u></b>		
Sun 11th Sept.	10.00a.m.	Kay Black – Anniversary Bernard & Dorothy Keyes – Anniversaries Gus O’Donovan – Anniversary
Wed 14th Sept.	10.00a.m.	Richard Barnwall – Anniversary Bridget Lynch – Anniversary
Sun 18th Sept	10.00a.m.	Kathleen & Martin Stapleton – Anniversaries Noreen & Pat McCarra – Anniversaries Ted Redmond – Anniversary

**New Shrines** -We have installed new shrines this week. These offer a clean and safe system and address environmental concerns, as there is no single use plastic or metal to be recycled or sent to landfill. The candles are low emission maintaining air quality in the church. Any remaining wax is removed for recycling and reuse. The candles cost a little bit more as the Government recently added vat to church candles. Minimum offering per candle is 50 cent. *Fr. Paul*