

Memorial Mass

In memory of
Rt. Rev. Monsignor John V. Fitzpatrick
R.I.P.
will be celebrated
in the Church of the Holy Child
Wednesday 29th March 2023 at 7.00p.m.
Celebrant Fr. Martin Noone
All welcome
Light refreshments will be served after
Mass

ACCORD – the annual collection for ACCORD Dublin, the Dublin Agency for Marriage and the family will be made at all Masses this weekend 11th & 12th February 2023.

W.A.R.A

The next meeting for W.A.R.A will take place on Monday 13th February 2023 in the Parish Centre at 2.30p.m.

Building Hope

Building Hope Through Servant Leadership.

You are invited to register for a series of five sessions to introduce you to the practice of servant leadership. This is especially for all those in parish ministries and pastoral councils. The sessions will be led by Peter Siney and Patricia Carroll from the Office for Mission and Ministry.

Dates: 27th Feb, 6th March, 13th March, 20th March, 27th March 2023

Location: St. Paul's Centre for Mission and Ministry, Arran Quay.

Time: 7.30pm to 9pm

To register: email peter.siney@dublindioocese.ie

Emmanuel 2023 -If you are looking for a wonderful night of uplifting music join in with the 60 schools, with over 2000 students (600+ per night) who are participating in the Emmanuel Concerts in the Helix. Booking is open now for the Emmanuel 2023 Concerts of Liturgical Music at the Helix. Join us on any of the three nights **February 28/March 1/March 2 at 7.30pm**. Come with your music group/choir or friends for an inspirational night and some new ideas. Book now at 01 7007000 or www.helix.ie.

Recently Deceased:

We remember our friends and loved ones who have recently died in Christ - Pauline Rooney, James Kilbane, Frances Killilea, Anne Carey, Molly Ledwidge

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



PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



NEWSLETTER



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12th February 2023

*"We cannot keep ourselves cloistered
in some parish, in our communities,
in our institutions ... when so many
people are waiting for the gospel!"*

I am reading a book at the moment called *Pastoral Ministry in Changing Times* by Father Aidan Ryan which was published by Messenger Publications. It focuses on the current position of the church in Ireland in the challenging times that we all live in.

Father Aidan quotes from psalm 137 and asks, "How can we sign the song of the Lord on alien soil?" In a way, he is asking how we can share the joy of the gospel authentically in the world that we live in today which is perhaps more hostile to the message than may have been the case for previous generations.

There are certainly challenges for the church in our world today not least to interpret the signs of the times through the light of the gospel in a society that has changed immeasurably in recent decades. It is important to offer an authentic witness to the faith that will encourage others with

the Christian life.

God gives us grace which is sufficient for our needs and the tasks he gives us to do. As church, we can only move forward together by sharing our gifts in different forms of ministry.

As Pope Benedict said, we are all co-responsible for the task of spreading the gospel in our times. There was never a golden age of Christianity. Every age brought its own challenges for people of faith and the Holy Spirit has always found a way through. In every time, there are only a certain number of really committed Christians. As a preface for the mass reminds us, Jesus "never leaves his flock untended."

In our Gospel today, Jesus goes on to say that:

"The person who keeps [his commandments] and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven."

Our Gospel reading today is taken

from The Sermon on the Mount which is considered to be a good summary of the teaching of Jesus. It is really a collection of Jesus' sayings form a background to how he lived his own life and ministry.

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Each and every one of us has a duty and responsibility to *share our faith* with others. It should not, as the Gospel says, be hidden away. Of course, each of our lives and our circumstances are different. But whether we are at work, at home or at school, there are many ways that we can respond to our Gospel calling by reaching out to others and helping those in need. St. Vincent de Paul once said *"Do whatever good lies at your hands"* and St Teresa of Calcutta often encouraged people to find Calcutta in their own communities.

As church, I think we can only move forward together in the coming years by working collaboratively as lay people, catechists, youth workers, priests, sisters and deacons as we try to respond to the call of the Gospel in our times.

Jesus also says in our Gospel today:

"Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them."

In other words, Jesus is building on the teaching of the prophets in the Hebrew scriptures who went before him. He is respecting their wisdom but he is developing their teaching and also offering us something new as well.

Pope Francis clearly articulated the mission of the Church today when he said:

"We cannot keep ourselves cloistered in some parish, in our communities, in our institutions ... when so many people are waiting for the gospel!"

We have to go out as ones sent. It is not enough simply to open the door in welcome because they come, but we must go out through that door to seek and meet the people! ... beginning on the margins, with those who are farthest away, with those who have little to do with your parish."

Let us pray for the grace to recognise the presence of Jesus in our lives in the week ahead and also to be inspired by his word, so that our lives and actions may be pleasing to him. Amen

Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon in Malahide and Portmarnock parishes

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

Sat 11th Feb	7.00p.m.	Martha Herron, Hughie Lynch – Anniversaries David & John Kavanagh – Anniversaries Dean McCann – Anniversary		
Sun 12th Feb	10.30a.m.	Brendan & Louise Hynes – Anniversaries Moyra De Lacey – Anniversary		
	12.30p.m.	Dermot Craddock – Month's Mind Alice Craddock – Remembrance Hughie Hooper – 1st Anniversary Kathleen Barrable – 1st Anniversary Remembering her husband Laurence & her son Barry – R.I.P. Pauline Dunphy – Anniversary Dominic & Gretta Coll – Anniversaries		
Mon 13th Feb	9.15a.m.	Joe & Lily Hughes – Anniversaries		
Tues 14th Feb	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention		
Wed 15th Feb	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention		
Thurs 16th Feb	9.15a.m.	James & Cecila Stapleton – Anniversaries Thanksgiving		
Fri 17th Feb	9.15a.m.	June Cumiskey – Birthday Remembrance		
Sat 18th Feb	7.00p.m.	Joe Seery – Month's Mind Ronnie Burke – Recently Deceased Monica Burke – Anniversary Dolores Keenan – 1st Anniversary Kitty & Pauric Murphy – Anniversaries Rose Doyle – Anniversary		
		Sun 19th Feb	10.30a.m.	Denis & Phyllis Spierin – Anniversaries Mary Waldron, Catherine Higgins – Anniversaries Lily Murray Dunne, Gerry Higgins – Anniversaries Niall McCann – Anniversary
			12.30p.m.	John Wisley, Millie O'Byrne – anniversaries P.C. Kurian – Anniversary <u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u>
		Sun 12th Feb	10.00a.m.	Philomena May – Month's Mind Seán Connolly – 1st Anniversary Seán MacGabhann – Anniversary Noel Ryan – Anniversary
Wed 15th Feb	10.00a.m.	Terry O'Neill – Anniversary		
Sun 19th Feb	10.00a.m.	Mattie, John & Paul Fortune – Remembrance Charles Barnwall – Anniversary		