

**We welcome in Baptism:**

Lily Marie Dunne  
Finn White Doyle

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



**Parish Lotto**

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.**

**PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY**



**NEWSLETTER**



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**Santry River Restoration & Greenway – It's your river and it's important**  
**Public Consultation Events - 17th, 19th & 20th October 2022** Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council would like to meet you, members of the public, community groups, local businesses and interested bodies to find out what your vision for the Santry River is. These are follow-on engagement events as part of an ongoing process as the project moves from concept design to planning approval through to construction. Your feedback is important. Register your interest in attending the event at [www.santryriver.ie](http://www.santryriver.ie)  
Mon 17th Oct – Crowne Plaza Hotel 7.30p.m. – 9p.m.,  
Wed 19th Oct – Northside Civic Centre 7.30p.m. – 9p.m.,  
Thurs 20th Oct – Grange Woodbine Club House, Raheny Road. 7.30p.m. – 9p.m.

**Book Launch – Reluctant Missionary by Fr. Brendan Cooney**  
Fr. Brendan Cooney, our former assistant priest, has published a new book called Reluctant Missionary. It will have a mini launch in Blessed Margaret Ball after Mass on Mission Sunday, October 23rd. It will be on sale in the parish at the introductory price of Euro €10.

**Recently Deceased:** You are asked to remember in your Prayers:  
Anne Drumm, Margaret Brady  
Anthony Kelly  
Baby Emma McSwiney  
*May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.*



**Altar List of the Dead**  
Envelopes for the Altar List of the dead are now available on the tables at the door of the Church. Please complete and return before the end of the month.

**Verdi's Requiem with Our Lady's Choral Society**  
The magnificent Verdi Requiem featuring Our Lady's Choral Society with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra and wonderful soloists conducted by Proinnias Ó Duinn. This concert will be dedicated to the many families and friends of those who died from Covid-19 during the pandemic.

**National Concert Hall, 8pm, Friday, October 21.** Visit [www.olcs.ie](http://www.olcs.ie).

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**16th October 2022**

In our Gospel today, the persistence of a widow forces the unjust judge to grant her request for justice, "so that she will not eventually wear [him] out." (Lk 18: 1-8).

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

she had: her persistence is presenting her request for justice, "and this persistence achieved

This parable is only found in the Gospel of St Luke and Jesus is showing us the importance of persistent and regular prayer. If we misplace our mobile phone, we lose connection with people until we find it and, in a similar way, if we don't pray regularly, we lose connection with Jesus.

its goal." Pope Francis said if the widow can bend the will of the Unjust Judge, then God, who is "a good and just Father," will "do justice to those who cry out to him day and night."

When speaking about this reading, Pope Francis said the following: "Widows, together with orphans and foreigners, were the most vulnerable groups of society. The rights secured to them by the Law could be easily trampled upon because, being alone and helpless, a poor widow, had no one to defend her. She could be ignored, even denied justice...at that time this was a very great problem."

"All of us experience moments of fatigue and discouragement, especially when our prayers seem ineffective," Pope Francis said. "But Jesus assures us: unlike the unjust judge, God promptly answers promptly his children, although this does not mean he does it in the time and manner that we would like. Prayer is not a magic wand!" – continued the Pope – "It helps to preserve our faith in God, and to trust in Him even when we do not comprehend His will. In this, Jesus himself – who prayed so much! – is the example."

The Holy Father said the widow in the parable used the only weapon

"The goal of the prayer is of secondary

importance; what matters above all is the relationship with the Father," - the Pope continued - "This is what makes the prayer transform the desire and shape it according to the will of God, whatever it may be, because the person who prays first of all aspires to union with God, who is Merciful Love."

Pope Francis concluded his catechesis by mentioning the parable ends with a question: "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

"And with this question we are all warned: we must not desist from prayer, even if it is not answered," the Pope said. "And it is the prayer which keeps the faith, without this, the faith wavers." The Pope added "We ask the Lord for a faith which becomes unceasing prayer, persevering, like that of the widow in the parable, a faith that is nourished by the desire of his arrival. And in this prayer, we experience the compassion of God, like a Father who comes to meet his children full of merciful love."

It was once said that the purpose of prayer is not to change God's mind, but to change ourselves and we can be slow to move. Jesus concludes by asking "When the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?". It's a question for us all to reflect on. Our school motto was *Cursum Tenere* which means "finish the course". I think this is what Jesus is asking of us today, to keep the faith and despite the many challenges to keep firm. There was never a golden age of Christianity. Every age has 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. We need to remember that, as a preface for the mass reminds us, Christ "never leaves his flock untended."

Jesus is asking us to remain undaunted and to be confident despite the headwinds that sometimes seem to be against us. The Gospel today tells us that the best way to keep the faith is to say our prayers. The main message from this reading is to remain connected to Jesus through prayer and this will see us through the challenges of life.

Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon in Malahide and Portmarnock parishes

**World Mission Sunday 23rd October 2022**-World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. In Ireland, Missio Ireland is tasked with organising the Mission Sunday collection. Missio Ireland is the Pope's official charity for overseas mission. All offerings made on behalf of World Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund. This year's theme is 'You Will Be My Witnesses' (Acts 1:8). Every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. The Church, the community of Christ's disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. Each baptised person is called to mission, in the Church and by the mandate of the Church.

**Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child**

Sat. 15th Oct.	7.00p.m.	Matthew Oglesby – Month's Mind Liam & Maureen Scahill – Anniversaries Thomas Kelly – Anniversary
Sun 16th Oct	10.30a.m. 12.30p.m.	Mary & Dave Davies – Anniversaries Frank McGeough – Anniversary Bridget Crowe – Anniversary Ciaran Kelly – Birthday Remembrance Christopher Standen – Birthday Remembrance Veronica Pretlove – Birthday Remembrance
Mon 17th Oct	9.15a.m.	Margaret & Michael Padden – Anniversaries Desmond Heller – Anniversaries Carmel Cleary – Anniversary
Tues. 18th Oct	9.15a.m.	Kathleen Norton – 1st Anniversary Michael Comiskey – Birthday Remembrance
Wed 19th Oct	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Thurs 20th Oct	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Fri 21st Oct	9.15a.m.	Kitty Kelly – Anniversary Brendan O'Neill – Anniversary
Sat 22nd Oct	7.00p.m.	Paddy Blayney – Anniversary Christopher & Charlotte Gately – Anniversaries Cecil Manning – Anniversary Rita Lynch – Anniversary Albert Ray – 1st Birthday Remembrance R.I.P. Arthur, Mary & John Paul Ray – Anniversaries
Sun 23rd Oct	10.30a.m. 12.30p.m.	Yvonne Flynn – Birthday Remembrance Eamon O'Reilly – Month's Mind
<b><u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u></b>		
Sun 16th Oct	10.00a.m.	Patricia McGuirk – Month's Mind Christy Smith – 1st Anniversary Anne Murphy – Anniversary Frank Dornan & Dornan Family – Anniversaries
Wed 19th Oct.	10.00a.m.	Joey & Nancy Madden – Anniversaries
Sun 23rd Oct	10.00a.m.	Special Intention & Thanksgiving

***University Church-Weekly Taizé services have resumed at Newman University Church on Tuesdays at 6pm. The Taizé service includes about 40 minutes of song, prayer, and silence. The church is dimly lit, the Taizé cross is brought out as a focal point of prayer, and the congregation brings forward lit candles with their prayers. There is tea and biscuits after the service each Tuesday.***