

with the family for several months and it was great to see all the support they got from parishioners.

I first became involved with RCIA about 10 years ago shortly after we moved to Donaghmede. I could never have anticipated that 17 people (so far!) would have taken part in the programme over subsequent years. I would encourage every parish to be welcoming to people who choose to become part of our faith community, so that we can share our experience of the Christian life with them and, through this experience, receive many blessings ourselves.

Today's Gospel is a beautiful touching story of the bringing back to life of a young girl. In the middle of the story, Jesus also finds time to heal an older woman who had been ill for years.

Father Kieran O'Mahony explains:

*"The double story is known as the "sandwich technique" and is fairly typical of Mark's writing. There is a profound symbolic meaning in the contrast between the mature woman and the young girl. The stories are also found in Matthew 9:18-26 and Lk 8:40-56."*

It is interesting to note that both stories are about women at very different points in their life journey but both are in need of healing. Their encounters with Jesus bring this about and they are then able to carry on with their lives.

The message here may be that we too can encounter Jesus at different points in our lives and these encounters will give us the encouragement and energy to go off in new directions.

I would like to wish you all God's blessing for a happy and enjoyable summer and I hope that you get some time off for refreshment and relaxation.

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## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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1st July 2018

We are now at the beginning of the holiday months of July and August when schools are closed and people can enjoy more free time. Some of us may be fortunate enough to be going away for a week or so and others may be staying closer to home. Whatever our circumstances, it is very important to have some "down time" over the next few weeks as our regular commitments may become less demanding and hopefully the weather will remain sunny so that we can enjoy the longer evenings and hopefully continued sunshine. I heard on the radio during the week that Ireland is currently warmer than the Canary Islands!

I was down in Co Kilkenny last weekend and it was wonderful to see all the flowers in full bloom. There is something wonderful about being able to smell the

sweet scents of summer flowers on a warm day in the fresh air. The summer may also allow us to spend a little more time with Jesus whether at mass, at prayer or reading the scriptures. When we are going out for a walk perhaps near our beautiful nearby Dublin coastline or sitting in our back garden, it can be a great opportunity to return to a favourite reading in the bible or perhaps one of the readings of the day and reflect on what God may be saying to us in the particular circumstances of our lives.

We can all be extremely busy with work, family and parish commitments. In my case, it was a particular blessing to be able to assist a married couple and their son to receive the sacraments as part of our Donaghmede parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme. Our RCIA team had been working



**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.

**First Friday 6th July**  
**Mass Schedule – Church of the Holy Child**  
**Masses 9.15a.m. and 7.00p.m.**  
**Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball 10.00a.m.**  
**Confessions on Thursday after the 9.15am.**  
**Mass and before the 7.00p.m.**

**Cemetery Masses/Prayers**

**Dardistown Cemetery - July 1st Mass - 3pm.**  
**Balgriffin – 1st July Mass at 12pm.**

**Annual Peter’s Pence Collection**  
**June 30th & July 1st 2018**  
**This collection will take place this**  
**Weekend at all Masses. It will replace the**  
**usual SHARE collection. Peter’s Pence is a**  
**centuries-long tradition of the Catholic**  
**church to support the charitable work of the**  
**Pope.**

**Recently Deceased:**

You are asked to remember in your Prayers –



Mary Bonham  
 Carol Angela McDonnell

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

**Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park**

Pope Francis celebrates Mass in the Phoenix Park on Sunday 26th August – the Parish has organised two buses to take parishioners to the Phoenix Park (to the designated drop off point, there will be some walking to the Mass area). Returning to the Church of the Holy Child after the Mass. There are still a small number of places available. There is no need for anyone travelling on the bus to apply for tickets as the tickets are already booked and will be distributed on the bus. If anyone is interested and has not booked their place yet, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. The cost of the bus is €6 per person. More information later i.e. departure time etc.

**Brendan Lynch R.I.P.**

The wife and family of the late Brendan Lynch would like to thank everyone who extended their sympathy visited the house and attended the funeral mass. A special thank you to Fr. John, and the doctors and nurses of the Elm’s Ward, St. Mary’s Hospital for all their kindness to Brendan and the family, to all our neighbours and friends for their kindness. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.



**Ministers of the Eucharist:**  
**No roster for month of July.**  
**Please refer to June roster.**

**Please Support your Parish Lotto** Last Tuesday’s winning numbers were:  
 1st Jackpot 1 10 22 27 2nd Jackpot: 23 25 28 30 No Jackpot Winner.  
 The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: M. Hanrahan: M. Burke: A. Colley: M. & J. Stanley: B. Fagan: P. Hanley: M. Gormley.  
**Next Week’s Lotto: First Jackpot €7,500 Second Jackpot €1,250**  
**7 Consolation Prizes of €25 and 5 Extra Prizes of €100**

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

<b>Monday 2nd July</b>	<b>9.15a.m. Special Intention</b> <b>7.00p.m. Vincent Morrissey (Anniversary)</b>
<b>Tuesday 3rd July</b>	<b>9.15a.m. Special Intention</b> <b>7.00p.m. Available for Intention</b>
<b>Wednesday 4th July</b>	<b>9.15a.m. Available for Intention</b> <b>7.00p.m. Liam Tuck (Anniversary)</b>
<b>Thursday 5th July</b>	<b>9.15a.m. &amp; 7.00p.m. Available for Intention</b>
<b>Friday 6th July</b>	<b>9.15a.m. &amp; 7.00p.m. Altar List of the Dead</b>
<b>Saturday 7th July</b>	<b>10.00a.m. Available for Intention</b>
<b>Vigil</b>	<b>7.00p.m. Available for Intention</b>
<b>Sunday 8th July</b>	<b>11.15a.m. People of the Parish</b> <b>12.30p.m. Lillie Cooke (1st Anniversary)</b> <b>Declan Scott (Anniversary)</b> <b>Jim O’Connor (Anniversary)</b> <b>6.00p.m. Parama Ramsawme (R. I. P.)</b>

**Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball**

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

**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.

**Youth 2000 Summer Festival Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary. 16th – 19th August.**

For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The Festival is donation only. Free buses travelling from all around Ireland.

For more info and to book online, see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)