

Challenging though it was, it was necessary for them to let go of his part of his life with them. Jesus asks his apostles to wait patiently for the moment of grace which will come with Pentecost. Often in our world everything has to happen instantly, so it's a challenge for us all to wait for things to happen in God's time.



This gospel also speaks to us about the effects of change in our lives. Saint John Henry Newman said: *"to live is to change and to be perfect is to change often."* Business consultants speak about *"change management"* because they realise that it is a process that has to be managed very carefully. Very few of us welcome sudden changes. Our human nature prefers slow, more gradual changes.

In our Gospel today, Jesus is preparing his apostles for the changes that will take place when he is no longer physically with them. He explains that he will remain with them, however, through the power of the Holy Spirit. He encourages us all with words of his tremendous parting promise: *"know that I am with you always until the end of time."* (Matt 28:20)

It is important to remember that, as the scripture scholar Father Martin Hogan notes, that this promise that Jesus made to his apostles, he also made to Christians right down through the ages and he now makes the very same promise to us all today. There could not be a more appropriate message for us as church today. Archbishop Dermot Farrell is inviting us to take part in the *Building Hope* programme to plan for the future of our Archdiocese.

As the Archbishop said in his recent pastoral letter: *"We need to be courageous in moving beyond ways that no longer work in the Ireland of today. We need each other on this road: that means all the baptised, working closely together, with their gifts and talents, sharing their resources and wisdom, in the service of our parishes, and the one mission entrusted to us all by Christ"*.

In the Church in Ireland at this time, we are all missionaries. Let us pray in these special days of grace between the Ascension and the Feast of Pentecost next Sunday that we will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit which will assist us on our journey of faith and in sharing that faith with the people that we meet at home, at work, at school and at college.

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

## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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**29th May 2022**

*"The Ascension of Jesus was an important growth point for the disciples. Jesus would be with them in a different way from now on."*

*"In my earlier work, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and I*

To be chronologically correct, the Gospel should be read *before* our first reading today. The reason is that we have the end of St. Luke's Gospel and then the First Reading, which is the beginning of St. Luke's sequel to his Gospel, which is the Acts of the Apostles.

As the scripture scholar Father Kieran O'Mahony says: *"The gospel of Luke closes with a great air of expectation, as the apostles wait to be clothed with power from on high. In this way, the writer prepares carefully for his second volume, the start of which was our first reading today. There is a special flavour to the ending in Luke because it bridges a two-volume work (Luke's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles), synthesising comprehensively yet unobtrusively the themes of the third gospel and leaving the reader in a mood of anticipation."*

St. Luke begins The Acts of the Apostles with the following words:

**We stand with  
and pray for the  
brave people of  
Ukraine**



*taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and*

*was taken up to heaven."*

St. Luke then leaves us with this wonderful description of the Ascension which concludes with the promise of the return of Jesus to earth at the end of time:

*"He was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky?'*

*Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'*

The Ascension of Jesus was an important turning point for the disciples. Jesus would remain with them but in a different way.

**Please Support your Parish Lotto**  
 24th May 2022 results :  
 1st Jackpot 3 5 13 26      2nd Jackpot 2 5 14 21  
 No Jackpot winners. The winners of the €25 prizes were as follows: M. McDermott: P.J. Donoghue: P. Hardiman: P. Conlan: M.M. Reamon: M. Wisley: L. Lawlor.  
 Next draw will take place on Tuesday 31st May 2022  
 Prizes are as follows: 1st Jackpot €15,000    2nd Jackpot €2,000  
 Plus seven Consolation Prizes of €25  
 Envelopes available at the church doors and in the Parish Centre. Entries must be received by 9.45a.m on Tuesday morning.  
 Results will be published at the Church doors and in the Parish Newsletter.



**National Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock**  
**Saturday 18th June 2022**  
 Pick up at from Whitehall Church at 7.30a.m. & Pick up from Artane Oratory of the Resurrection at 7.45a.m.  
 Bring a packed lunch. See programme on poster in Church  
 Departure from Knock at 5p.m.  
 Contact Nuala Walsh 01 8424403 or Marie Darcy 01 8315647

**We welcome in Baptism:**  
 Myler Jai Bolton O'Shaughnessy  
 Callie Matthews Hacket  
 Cali Margaret Doyle  
 Aisling May Margaret Nicol  
*May these newly baptised children always know and love Jesus as their friend.*



**Recently Deceased:**  
 You are asked to remember in your Prayers: Mary Sexton, Seamus McLoughlin Bríd Donegan  
*May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.*



**Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2022**  
 This will be our first annual Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes since the start of the Covid pandemic. We will travel as usual alongside the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage, led by Archbishop Dermot Farrell from Wed. 7th September until Mon. 12th September Spiritual Leader will be V. Rev. Paul Kenny  
 During your stay you will have an opportunity to participate in all the various ceremonies.  
**Pilgrims will also visit places connected with the life of Saint Bernadette - the Boly Mill, Cachot and Parish Church as well as her childhood home in Bartres.**  
**Hotel La Solitude (early booking will ensure the group stays together at this hotel)**  
**5 nights €789 per person sharing**  
**Full board accommodation in Lourdes**  
**Complimentary Travel Insurance (up to 79 years)**  
**Single supplement €38 per night**  
*For more information please contact Anne in the Parish Office 01 8375274*



<u>Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child</u>		
Sat. 28th May	7.00p.m.	Deceased members of Moore & Clarke Families -R.I.P. Tommy Holland – Anniversary Jimmy Coleman – Anniversary
Sun 29th May	10.30a.m.	Michael Adderley – 1st Anniversary Brigid Adderley – Birthday Remembrance
	12.30p.m.	Available for Intention
Mon 30th May	9.15a.m.	Special intention
Tues 31st May	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Wed 1st June	9.15a.m.	Rose Boon, Tommie Keenan – Anniversaries Thomas Maguire – Speedy recovery
Thurs 2nd June	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Fri. 3rd June	9.15a.m.	Altar List of the Dead
Sat 4th June	7.00p.m.	Kathleen Kelly – Anniversary Patricia O'Sullivan -1st Anniversary
Sun 5th June	10.30a.m.	Michael McLoughlin – Anniversary
	12.30p.m.	Marie Drumgoole – Month's Mind Maureen Clarke – 1st Anniversary Bernard Tobin – Anniversary John Killeen – Birthday Remembrance.
<u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u>		
Sun 29th May	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Wed 1st June	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Sun 5th June	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention



**Week of Prayer to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of the Church in Dublin from May 29 to June 6 - Ascension Sunday through Pentecost to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. More info at [dublindiocese.ie](http://dublindiocese.ie) Please check out [www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com) The Sisters of the Monastery of St. Alphonsus led prayerful reflections with a bonus offering of music from the Dublin Diocesan Music Group last Monday. If you missed the live presentation, check out the recordings section of the monastery website, where you will find the resource. The attached booklet, one page per day, will be your companion for this 30-minute presentation.**

**The Building Hope Prayer**  
*Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.  
 You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts.  
 We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family.  
 Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another,  
 in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of creation.  
 May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and a new life deep within us.  
 May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word, bringing forth truth, justice and peace.  
 May the Holy Spirit working in and through us do much more than we dare to imagine  
 As we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service.  
 We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen  
 Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.  
 St. Laurence O'Toole, pray for us*