It is said that when St John the evangelist was an old man, he would always say that the most important commandment of Jesus is to love. This is, of course, by no means an easy challenge in our world today with our busy and demanding lifestyles when so many of us are juggling different work and family commitments.

Let us pray for the grace to seek some silence in our lives to allow time for prayer and reflection, perhaps either at the beginning or the end of the day. This gives us an opportunity to thank God for the blessings that he has given us and to ask him for what we need.

And let us also watch out for opportunities to reach out to our neighbours whether at home, at work or at school and to assist them as our circumstances allow. As the weather starts to get a bit colder, we also think of those less well off and we might consider contributing to a charity such as the Society of St Vincent de Paul who hold regular church gate collections. They, like other charities, do such much to support the less well off especially at this time of the year.

Blessed John Henry Newman once said "*In a higher world it is otherwise but here below to live is to change and to be perfect is to change often*." Let us pray in the coming week to be open to God's grace through prayer and reflection. And ask God to help us to reach out to our neighbours in need wherever we may find them. St Vincent de Paul once said "do whatever good lies at your hands" because he realised that sometimes those who need help may not be that far away.

Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon in Donaghmede and Ayrfield Parishes.

Family Mass

The 12.30p.m. Family Mass Team are inviting young people to join their Youth Ministry Teams. So, if you are interested in joining the Youth Choir, the Young Readers or the Altar Servers please come to the Church on Sunday and meet with the members of the Family Mass Team who will be present after the 12.30p.m. Mass to provide information on each ministry. Full training will be given.

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NEWSLETTER

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"You Shall Love…"

29th October 2017

In today's short Gospel, which is about love, Jesus quotes directly from the Hebrew scriptures when he tells us:

"*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.*"

And

"*You shall love your neighbour as yourself.*"

The Augustinian writer, Kieran O'Mahoney:

"*This is certainly not the most obscure passage in the Bible – the task lies elsewhere, that is, in living it. However a few remarks may keep us open to the challenge. This brief exchange is found in all three synoptic Gospels (Mark 12:28-31 and Luke 10:25-28). In reality, it is also found in the Fourth Gospel with its extraordinary emphasis on love.*"

Father O'Mahoney explains the background to this Gospel story:

"*Given the extensive instructions in the Hebrew Bible (some 613 commandments), there was a discussion among the rabbis regarding the core or essence of the Law.*"

And adds:

"*You may feel some sympathy with the Jews struggling to cope with 613 laws and wondering which were the important ones.*"

Father Donal Neary SJ explains how we can put this command of Jesus into practice:

"*We admire those who give energy in love and service. We are proud of people we know whose lives make a great and good difference to others. We know that our family and neighbourhood, parish and school, workplace and leisure time have been enriched by the self-sacrificing love of many people, young and old.*"

For people who value a simpler version of the teaching of Jesus, the words of today's Gospel are helpful and consoling. We are told that the entire bible can be summarised in two simple phrases which mean loving God and loving your neighbour.

Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:
1st Jackpot: 11 20 22 28 2nd Jackpot: 3 6 21 25
No Jackpot winner.
The winners of the Seven Consolation Prizes of €25 were:-
P. Troy: K. Scully: P. Doyle: W. & G. Kenny: S. McLoughlin: A. Smith: M. Maher. Next Draw: 1st Jackpot €13,500 2nd Jackpot €2,000
plus seven consolation prizes of €25

Wednesday 1st November Feast of All Saints
Holiday of Obligation
Mass Schedule: Holy Child: 9.15a.m., 11.15a.m. and 7.00p.m.
Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball 10.00a.m.

Thursday 2nd November Feast of All Souls
Masses Holy Child 9.15a.m. & 7p.m.
Margaret Ball 10a.m.

Friday 3rd November—First Friday
Mass Schedule– Church of the Holy Child. 9.15am. & 7pm
Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball 10am.
Confessions on Thursday after 9.15am. Mass and before the 7pm. Mass

Minister of the Eucharist
The roster for November is now available on the table at reception in the Parish Centre.

Minister of the Word - Volunteers required for Saturday's vigil 7pm Mass. If you can help please leave your name and contact number with the Sacristan or the Parish Office 837 5274.

Recently Deceased You are asked to remember in your Prayers: Maureen Finlan
Bridget Moloney, Rita Lynch,
Rita Martinez, James Kavanagh
Mary (May) Boylan
Bartholomew Baldwin
Anne Murphy
May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.

Mass of Remembrance
Friday, 10th November 2017
at 7.00p.m. in the
Church of the Holy Child.

For all parishioners and friends who have died since November 2016. At this Mass, each person who has died will be remembered by name. All Welcome

November Dead List Altar List of the Dead envelopes are provided at the doors of the Churches. We invite you to complete and return to the Sacristan or leave in the Church safes. All Masses on the First Friday of each month are offered for all names on the Altar List of the Dead.

Miscarriage Association of Ireland
Annual Service of Remembrance
Sunday 12th Nov. at 3pm.
In St. Teresa's Church, Donore Ave., Off South Circular Road Dublin 8.

The Church Gate Collection this weekend is on behalf of the **Robyn Smyth Life Trust** who are fundraising for Robyn, a local 12 year old girl from the parish who is fighting cancer for the fourth time and requires urgent treatment abroad. Robyn's family receive no state funding & rely solely on the kindness of others and donations to get their daughter this treatment abroad.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Church of the Holy Child

Monday 30th Oct.	**10.00a.m.**	**Mary (May) O'Reilly (Anniversary)**
	7.00pm	**No evening Mass—Bank Holiday**
Tuesday 31st Oct.	**9.15a.m.**	**Una Mullery (1st Anniversary)**
Vigil for All Saints	**7.00p.m.**	**Available for Intention**
Wed. 1st Nov.	**9.15a.m.**	**Mary O'Prey (Anniversary)**
	7.00pm.	**Eileen Torphy, Alice Noonan, Mick Duffy (Annivs.) Clare Rowlands (Anniversary)**
Thurs. 2nd Nov.	**9.15a.m.**	**Altar List of the Dead**
	7.00p.m.	**Altar List of the Dead**
Friday 3rd Nov.	**9.15a.m.**	**Altar List of the Dead**
	7.00p.m.	**Altar List of the Dead**
Sat. 4th Nov.	**10.00a.m.**	**Bob Aston (Anniversary)**
Vigil	**7.00p.m.**	**Deborah Gaffney (Month's Mind) Joan McGrath (1st Anniversary) Philip, Maura, Celestine, Jean & Martin Gray, Eamonn & Joan McCarton (Anniversaries)**
Sunday 5th Nov.	**11.15a.m.**	**People of the Parish**
	12.30p.m.	**Patrick & Catherine Hammond, Thomas Murran, Billy & Marie Fenelon, Martin, Michael, Phillip & Courtney Lawlor (Anniversaries)**
	6.00p.m.	**Available for Intention**

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

Wed. 1st Nov.	**10.00a.m.**	**Available for Intention.**
Friday 3rd Nov.	**10.00a.m**	**Altar List of the Dead**
Sun. 5th Nov.	**10.00a.m.**	**Thomas & Betty Mulvaney, Eithne & Patrick Whelan, Jim Hayden (Anniversaries)**

Fighting Blindness
Father & Son 5km. Run sponsored by Costcutter will take place at St. Anne's Park Dublin 5 on November 12th (From 2pm.) Goodie bags, face-painting and official t-shirts for all those taking part. Sign up on www.active.com today.
Further information on 01 678 9004.

Winter Time
Did you remember to put your clock back one hour this Sunday 29th October?

B.E.—Beginning Experience: B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through death, separation or divorce. Few people are able to cope with the pain of loss. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. Coping effectively with bereavement is a skill we can all learn. Next residential weekend will be held 17th—19th November 2017, in Emmaus Retreat Centre, Swords. For information please contact 086 0877379 or email bedublin@gmail.com