

with God's grace, we will do our best. And that is what he expects of us. Let us pray, as we draw nearer to Holy Week, that we may experience the compassion, mercy and forgiveness of God as did the woman in today's Gospel.

We might consider going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation here in Whitehall, in a neighbouring church or wherever we happen to be. We can have an opportunity to receive this sacrament, which we may not have been able to receive over the past two years, before Easter begins.

Pope Francis says: *"Thanks to [God's] help, we can always start afresh". "You can start again, because [Christ] awaits you, He is close to you, He loves you, and He is merciful. ... We are able to open our eyes again, overcome sadness and tears and sing a new song."*

Pope Francis has given that title, *The Joy of the Gospel*, to one of his writings. He writes appropriately for the coming Season of Easter: *"There are Christians whose lives seem like Lent without Easter."* However, he acknowledges that: *"I realise of course that joy is not expressed the same way at all times in life, especially at moments of great difficulty. Joy adapts and changes, but it always endures."*

At every mass, we will pray the Our Father together. It asks that we not be led into temptation and be delivered from the evil one. We say this prayer so frequently that we can often skip over its meaning. The Our Father tells us that we can ask for divine assistance through our prayers as we try to do the best we can in our lives. And that is all that is expected of us.

Pope Francis has reminded us that: *"The name of God is mercy"*. It is the title of a book that he wrote. It is not just a catchy title; it says something about the very essence of who God is.

Pope Francis concluded the Year of Mercy in 2016 by saying: *"We give thanks for [this year], as we recall how we have received mercy in order to be merciful, in order that we too may become instruments of mercy. Let us go forward on this road together."*

Let us all go forward encouraged and sustained by the fact that our sins are forgiven through the grace of the Resurrection, God's mercy is unquenchable and that Jesus cares for each and every one of us as a shepherd cares for his sheep. And when we encounter lost sheep in our lives may we go out of our way to look after them, to encourage them and to make them welcome.

I wish you all a blessed and peaceful week.

Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon in Malahide and Portmarnock Parishes.

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"It is not too late to catch a glimpse of Lent and make it our own"

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Today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent as we prepare for Palm Sunday next weekend. It seems to have been a fast moving few weeks and hard to believe that the end of Lent is in sight.

However, it is not too late to catch a glimpse of Lent and make it our own in the coming week. When we are busy, there is not much time for reflection and renewal. Regular prayers are rushed over, we may be rushing and not have time to speak to people or our Sunday Mass may find us somewhat preoccupied and unable to focus fully on the celebration of the Eucharist.

I have recently got into the habit of visiting a city centre Church for a few minutes on my way home from work when I'm in town. It's very peaceful and prayerful to sit there and let the many prayers said there during that day wash over me, so to speak.

As the light fades and the evening Angelus Bell rings, it's time to be on my way again but the better for pausing briefly towards the end of the day. It can be moments like this, borrowed from our busy schedules, that will help to give

Lent greater meaning and purpose.

Our Gospel reading today is the familiar one of the woman caught in adultery. When reading it, I was reminded of the words of Pope Francis a few years ago when he famously said: *"Who am I to judge?"* None of us have the full picture of other people's lives and only get small insights into different situations and circumstances but we do not get to walk in their shoes or feel the pressures and difficulties they may face.

That is why we should always be kind, compassionate and forgiving to each other. We each have an individual journey to make, and,

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



Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Risen Christ, as we remain in silence before you,
 we let this ardent prayer rise up:
 may the firing of weapons in the land of Ukraine cease!
 Welcome into your love those who are dying from violence and war,
 console the families in mourning,
 support those who have had to take the road of exodus.
 Faced with incomprehensible suffering, we still believe that your words of love and
 peace will never pass.
 You gave your life on the cross and you opened a future for us, even beyond death.
 So, we implore you: give us your peace. You are our hope. Br. Alois – Taize Dublin



Advocate Collection April 9th/10th 2022- The Sunshine Fund of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is holding its annual collection in this Church and all Dublin Churches next weekend. This year they have decided to do an envelope collection rather than a bucket collection. Like all charities they have been unable to fundraise or operate properly over the last two years and so many children have missed out on a holiday. The envelopes are available in the Church and can be placed in the Church safes or posted back to the Sunshine Office. Please be as generous as you can.

Mission Sunday – The collection raised €1960.00 -On behalf of Missio Ireland, Fr. Michael Kelly SPS, Missio Ireland National Director sends sincere thanks to parishioners for their continued generosity.

Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock

The Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Sat April 23rd**. The pilgrimage will provide an opportunity for us to gather together as a Diocesan community of faith as we emerge from the challenges of the past two years. The pilgrimage will commence at 11am with "Meet & Greet". A number of workshops will start at 12pm sharp with topics including the upcoming Synod, Laudato Si and Prayerful Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The pilgrimage mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Dermot Farrell at 3pm. For more information or any queries, please email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

Recently Deceased:

You are asked to remember in your Prayers:
 Terry Keeley, Pete St. John (Mooney)
 Ann Noonan, Simon Kenny,
 Margaret Wynne, Finola Johnson
 Bishop Jim Moriarty

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



We welcome in Baptism:

Chloe Anne O'Driscoll
 Ceile May Brown
 Olivia Frances Anne Doran
 Lily Sarah Dignam Kirwan



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



Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last weeks' results :

1st Jackpot 7 10 14 30 2nd Jackpot 4 9 18 25
 No Jackpot winners. The winners of the €25 prizes were as follows: N. O'Beara: M. Skalacki: M. Smith:



A. O'Brien: L. Hooper: M. Carrick: T.P. Okodairo
 Next weeks' Prizes are as follows;; 1st Jackpot €15,000 2nd Jackpot €1,900
 Plus seven Consolation Prizes of €25 & Five Special Prizes of €100
 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.

EUROVISION VOICES - ST MARY'S PRO-CATHEDRAL CHARITY CONCERT

St Mary's Pro-Cathedral is holding a charity concert on **Monday 25th April at 7:30pm** in aid of Peter McVerry Trust, Blossom Ireland and Dogs Aid. Tickets are €30 available from Eventbrite.ie.

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

- Sat 2nd April 7.00p.m.** Sheila & Joseph Hanratty – Anniversaries
 Myles & Joey Doyle – Anniversaries
 Richard Carrick – Anniversary
 Mary & Patrick Clarke – Anniversaries
 Madeline Ffrench – Anniversary
 Sean Breslin – Anniversary
- Sun 3rd April 10.30a.m.** Matthew McGuinness – Anniversary
 Maureen Wyse – Anniversary
 Mary Fogarty – Anniversary
 12.30p.m. Colm Hughes – Month's Mind
 Sean Maher – Birthday Remembrance
 Kay Mullen – Anniversary
- Mon 4th April 9.15a.m.** Available for Intention
- Tues 5th April 9.15a.m.** Available for Intention
- Wed 6th April 9.15a.m.** Thanksgiving, Liam Colley – Anniversary & deceased
 Members of the Colley Family – R.I.P.
- Thurs 7th April 9.15a.m.** Michael & Mary Nolan – Anniversaries
- Fri 8th April 9.15a.m.** Kathleen Croke – Anniversary
- Sat 9th April 7.00p.m.** Julia Egan – 1st Anniversary
- Sun 10th April 10.30a.m.** John Quinn – Anniversary
 John Carney – Anniversary
 12.30p.m. Charlie Cunningham – Anniversary
 Paddy Ralph – Anniversary
Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball
- Sun 3rd April 10.00a.m.** Elizabeth (Betty) Carroll – Anniversary
- Wed 6th April 10.00a.m.** Available for Intention
- Sun 10th April 10.00a.m.** John & Bridget Barry – Anniversaries