

Parish Liturgy Team

The next meeting of the Parish Liturgy Team will take place on Wednesday, 8th February at 7.30p.m. in Room 2 of the Parish Centre.

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wed 15th Feb at 7:15pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

ACCORD – the annual collection for ACCORD Dublin, the Dublin Agency for Marriage and the family will be made at all Masses next weekend 11th & 12th February 2023.

Building Hope

Building Hope Through God's Word

You are invited to a morning workshop for those leading Adult Faith Sharing Groups and Children's Liturgy: Date: 11th Feb 2023
Location: St. Paul's Centre for Mission and Ministry, Arran Quay.
Time: 10 am – 1 pm
To register: please email peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie

Building Hope Through Servant Leadership.

You are invited to register for a series of five sessions to introduce you to the practice of servant leadership. This is especially for all those in parish ministries and pastoral councils. The sessions will be led by Peter Siney and Patricia Carroll from the Office for Mission and Ministry.
Dates: 27th Feb, 6th March, 13th March, 20th March, 27th March 2023
Location: St. Paul's Centre for Mission and Ministry, Arran Quay.
Time: 7.30pm to 9pm
To register: email peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie

Recently Deceased: We remember our friends and loved ones who have recently died in Christ - George (Patrick) Curley, Thomasina O'Sullivan, Anthony (Tony) Donlon, Dolores Scott, James Kilbane, Pauline Rooney

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



PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



NEWSLETTER



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*"Learn how to place the
tenderness that is in your hearts
at the service of the sick."*

5th February 2023

Last week, we began the Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes in preparation for the Feast day which is also World Day of the Sick next Saturday February 11th.



Pope Francis reminds us:

"Like Saint Bernadette, we stand beneath the watchful gaze of Mary. Let us ask Mary Immaculate for the grace always to relate to the sick as persons who certainly need assistance, at times even for the simplest of things, but who have a gift of their own to share with others."

Pope Benedict once said that the thin veil that separates heaven and earth is a little more transparent in Lourdes. Let us pray that we may remember that our lives are not just about us. They are part of God's providential plan, part of a story that stretches infinitely beyond what we can immediately grasp...for people of faith, there are no coincidences, only aspects of God's providence that we have not yet fully understood.

We are all familiar with the story of St. Bernadette in Lourdes but perhaps a little less so with dozen or so years she later spent in Nevers where she worked in the infirmary as a member of the Daughters of Charity of Nevers. In the convent garden in Nevers, there is a statue of Our Lady of the Waters where St Bernadette would often go to pray. She said: *"It is she who reminds me most of the lady I saw."*

Let us pray to Our Lady of Lourdes and to Saint Bernadette this weekend for all who are sick both in mind and in body that they may experience the healing grace of God's love.

Our Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from September 7th-12th this year. You might consider going especially if you have not done so in recent years due to travel restrictions and would like to return.

I was fortunate to join the White-

hall pilgrimage a few years ago and I must say that it was a very inspiring and enjoyable experience. One of the things that makes Lourdes truly special is the extraordinary care that is taken of the sick pilgrims who travel there. They are greeted with tremendous warmth, dignity and respect. When speaking to some of the helpers, I am amazed that how many of them return to Lourdes year after year and its lovely to see the great friendships that develop between them.

Speaking in Lourdes in 2019, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin said the following: *“Bernadette was humble and uneducated, yet she understood the call of Mary even if she did not understand some of the words that Mary used. It was the rich and the powerful who placed obstacles on the path of Bernadette. There is a sense in which the affluence and commercialism that surround Lourdes weakens the authenticity of its message. It is here in the quiet and prayerfulness of the Sanctuary and especially of this Grotto that we come in touch with the true message of Lourdes and that message touches and changes our hearts.”*

Then the Archbishop added an important point. When addressing the young people present, he said: *“**Learn how to place the tenderness that is in your hearts at the service of the sick** and bring that experience with you as you prepare for your life and work.”*

The writer Thomas Merton said: *“Not all are called to be hermits, but all need enough silence and solitude in their lives to enable the deep inner voice of our true self to be heard at least occasionally.”* I think that being part of a pilgrimage to Lourdes can provide us with such an opportunity. One of the good things about a pilgrimage is that it gives us some time out to step out of our daily lives and try to gain some fresh perspectives on the challenges that we face and to try to learn a bit more about ourselves. Archbishop Martin spoke about the “quiet prayerfulness” of the sanctuary at Lourdes where there is an opportunity for us to be that little bit more open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit when visiting there. When we return from a pilgrimage, we hope that we will be in some way better people with fresh insights into how God is present in our lives and what he is calling us to do.

I would encourage you to consider visiting Lourdes this year and you may know of sick or elderly family, friends or neighbours who might benefit from going on the pilgrimage. You can contact the Lourdes office at 01-837 6820 or email info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie for enquiries about sick pilgrims travelling.

Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon in Malahide and Portmarnock parishes.

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

Sat 4th Feb	7.00p.m.	Eileen Herbert – Anniversary Sidney Herbert – Anniversary
Sun 5th Feb	10.30a.m.	Christina Fitzpatrick – Month’s Mind Vincent Kavanagh – Anniversary Benny Philpott – Anniversary
	12.30p.m.	Patrick Mahon, Stephen Atkins – Anniversaries Brendan Quinn, David Ruddell – Anniversaries Catherine Gilmer – Anniversary
Mon 6th Feb	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Tues 7th Feb	9.15a.m.	Larry Mahony – Anniversary Helen Duffy – Anniversary Vincent McMahon – Anniversary
Wed 8th Feb	9.15a.m.	Carmel Goodson – Anniversary Maureen Griffin – Anniversary
Thurs 9th Feb & Fri 10th Feb	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Sat 11th Feb	7.00p.m.	Martha Herron – Anniversary Hughie Lynch – Anniversary David & John Kavanagh – Anniversaries Dean McCann – Anniversary
Sun 12th Feb	10.30a.m.	Brendan & Louise Hynes – Anniversaries Moyra De Lacey – Anniversary
	12.30p.m.	Hughie Hooper – 1st Anniversary Kathleen Barrable – 1st Anniversary also remembering her son Barry recently deceased Pauline Dunphy – Anniversary Dominic & Gretta Coll – Anniversaries
Sun 5th Feb	10.00a.m.	<u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u> Sheila Donovan – 1st Anniversary Ann Rundle – 1st Anniversary
Wed 8th Feb	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Sun 12th Feb	10.00a.m.	Philomena May – Month’s Mind Seán Connolly – 1st Anniversary Seán MacGabhann – Anniversary

Holy Child National School Enrolment for Junior Infants September 2023 is now open until 30th January. Please log onto their website www.holychildns.ie and fill in a pre-enrolment form. The Open Evening will be held in the school on Thurs 26th Jan from 6.30 p.m.– 7.30 p.m. for parents of incoming Junior Infants September 2023.