

*one sees blue sky through fog."*

Pope Francis recently took up the same theme as his predecessor when he was speaking in Rome at a General Audience on October 25<sup>th</sup>. He said: *"Paradise" is one of the final words pronounced by Jesus on the cross, addressed to the good thief."*

He goes on to explain a bit more about this understanding of paradise: *"Paradise is not a fantasy place, nor is it an enchanted garden. Paradise is the embrace of God, infinite Love, and we enter thanks to Jesus, Who died on the cross for us. Where there is Jesus, there is mercy and happiness."*

Pope Francis then offered these further insights on redemption:

*"In the house of the Father He will also take all that which in us still needs to be redeemed: the shortcomings and errors of an entire life. And this is the goal of our existence: that everything is fulfilled, and is transformed into love."*

*"If we believe this, we stop fearing death, and we can also hope to depart from this world in a serene and trustful way. He who has known Jesus no longer fears anything."*

He then says: *"We too will be able to repeat the words of the elderly Simeon, also blessed by the encounter with Jesus, after an entire life consumed in expectation: "Lord, now you are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation" (Lk 2: 29-30).*

But Pope Francis assures us, as St Paul did, that always "love abides": *"In that instant, finally, we will no longer need anything, we will no longer see in a confused way. We will no longer weep pointlessly, because everything is passed; even the prophecies, even knowledge. But love no, that remains. Because "love abides" (cf 1 Cor 13: 8).*

Let us continue to pray for and remember our faithful departed during the month of November and be assured that they are praying for us as well. Pope John XXIII was once asked if he prayed for the dead. He replied:

*"I often think of the departed, they keep me good company."*

I think this is a very good way of looking at it as we know that those who have gone before us are also with us in spirit. Let us ask for the grace in the coming weeks to experience the consolation of God's presence as we reflect on the lives of those who have inspired and helped us in life and are now enjoying the rewards of their goodness with the Risen Lord in heaven.

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## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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### Month of Remembrance

5th November 2017

*"Death opens to life, to eternal life, which is not an infinite duplicate of the present time, but something completely new."*

In November, we specially remember the faithful departed who have gone before us to God. Its often called the Month of the Holy Souls when we especially remember those we knew in life and also those who may have no one to pray for them.

Many people choose to commemorate their deceased family and friends by adding their names to the parish Altar List of the Dead. It's an important tradition to maintain every year as those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead are remembered regularly at masses throughout the year.

Both Pope Benedict and Pope Francis have tried to explain the meaning of life after death



within the limitations of our language and understanding. I hope that their reflections below will offer some consolation especially to those amongst us who may have lost a friend or family member in the past year and are particularly feeling their absence around now.

When speaking about the next life in 2012, Pope Benedict XVI said: *"Death opens to life, to eternal life, which is not an infinite duplicate of the present time, but something completely new."*

In a beautiful reflection, Pope Benedict goes on to explain that: *"Our hope, then, lies in the love of God that shines resplendent from the Cross of Christ who lets Jesus' words to the good thief: "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (Lk 23:43) resound in our heart."*

He reassures us that: *"This is life in its fullness: life in God; a life of which we now have only a glimpse as*

# LOTTO

## Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:  
1st Jackpot: 7 8 25 26 2nd Jackpot: 12 16 20 27  
No Jackpot winner.



The winners of the Seven Consolation Prizes of €25 were:-  
J. Bolton: M. McQuillan: M. Hennessy: J. Fitzgibbon: A. Cushen:  
Y. Abellera: J. Lindsay. Next Draw: 1st Jackpot €13,750 2nd Jackpot €2,000  
plus seven consolation prizes of €25 and five special prizes of €100.

**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

**Ministers of the Word**  
The new Group A roster is now available  
for collection from the reception area 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.

**We welcome in Baptism:**  
*Hailie Mae Doherty*  
*Carly Rooney Mulhern*  
*Robyn Carmel Heffernan*  
*May these newly baptised Children*  
*always know*  
*and love Jesus as their friend.*



**Recently Deceased** You are asked to  
remember in your Prayers:  
Anne Murphy  
Thomas Holden  
*May they enjoy perfect peace and*  
*reconciliation in the presence of God.*



**Month of November**  
*We remember our own loved*  
*ones and friends who have gone*  
*to their rest in the Lord and our*  
*own sadness this November.*  
*Tears speak out our grief,*  
*but they also witness to our love*  
*and we are glad to have loved so much that*  
*we can cry.*  
*May those we have loved rest in your*  
*embrace, O Lord.*



**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

**Dublin Ordinations**  
On Tuesday 14th November, Archbishop  
Diarmuid Martin will ordain Deacons  
James Daly & Bill O'Shaughnessy as  
Priests for the Archdiocese of Dublin.  
Their Ordination will take place on the  
Feast Day of St. Laurence O'Toole in St.  
Mary's Pro Cathedral at 11.00am. The  
community of faith in Dublin has nurtured  
and sustained Bill and James in their  
journey. As they prepare for ordination, to  
a ministry of witness to Jesus Christ,  
Archbishop Martin has asked the Priests  
and people of the Diocese to remember  
James and Bill in prayer at Masses over the  
coming weeks.

		<u>Mass Intentions for the coming week</u>	
		<u>Church of the Holy Child</u>	
Monday 6h Nov.	9.15am. 7.00pm	Maev & Harry Power (Anniversary) Esther Kavanagh (Anniversary)	
Tuesday 7th Nov.	9.15a.m. 7.00p.m.	Thanksgiving Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary	
Wed. 8th Nov.	9.15a.m. 7.00pm.	Timmy Coffey (R. I. P.) John Carroll (Anniversary)	
Thurs. 9th Nov.	9.15a.m. 7.00p.m.	Bridget Rogers (Anniversary) Tony Travers (Anniversary)	
Fri. 10th Nov.	9.15a.m. 7.00p.m.	St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society Parish Mass of Remembrance	
Sat. 11th Nov.	10.00a.m. 7.00p.m.	Available for Intention Vigil Greg O'Toole (Anniversary) John Towell, Robert Power and Nora O'Hanlon (Birthday Remembrances)	
Sunday 12th Nov.	11.15a.m. 12.30p.m. 6.00p.m.	People of the Parish Catherine Connolly (Anniversary) Available for Intention	
		<u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u>	
Wed. 8th Nov.	10.00a.m.	Charles E. Maguire (Anniversary)	
Sun. 12th Nov.	10.00a.m.	Peter McGorman, Anastacia Tamayo Delacruz, & Sr. Victoriano Delacruz (Anniversaries)	

**Anam Cara** - supporting  
bereaved parents, is holding its  
next monthly Parent Evening on  
Wed 15th Nov from 7.30pm to  
9pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel,  
Swords, Co. Dub. This event is  
open to all bereaved parents  
regardless of the age your child  
died, the circumstances of their  
death, or whether the death was  
recent or not.

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

**Church Gate Collection** — is for  
the Holy Rosary Sisters.

**Christmas Fayre Sunday 26th November —  
upstairs in the Parish Centre, from  
10.30a.m. to 1.30p.m.** Fun for all the  
Family with Santa, homemade bread &  
cakes and Novelty Stands. Please come  
and enjoy yourselves while supporting  
your Parish Centre. If you have any new or near-  
ly new unwanted gifts, bottles of alcohol or juice,  
bric-a-brac for the Stalls which you would like to  
donate we will gladly accept them for one of our  
stalls. If you wish to bake bread or cakes please  
bring them on the morning of the Fayre. Many  
thanks for your continued support.



**Job Vacancy** - Healthcare Assistant required for  
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36 Hours p.w. permanent employment . 3 x 12 hour  
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