

suffering and healed them (Mt 14:14).

On Calvary, Jesus' revelation of divine love reaches its climax when he lays down his life for love of us. Jesus is "the merciful High Priest" (Heb 2:17) who wished to be like us in all things so that he too might experience the misery from which he came to save us.

The example of Jesus prompts us his followers to have compassion and reach out to those in temporal or spiritual need, concretely through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. In exercising mercy, Jesus tells us, we should take the Father as model: "Be merciful," he says, "as your heavenly Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36). Like the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:10-37) who showed mercy to the dying man as he lay by the roadside, we are asked to show similar concern to the needy we meet on our journey through life. We will be judged according to the mercy we have shown, perhaps unknowingly, to the person of Jesus himself. "I tell you solemnly, insofar as you did this to one of the least brethren of mine, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). "Blessed are the merciful, they shall have mercy shown them" (Mt 5:7) to the extent that they allow themselves to be

interiorly transformed in the spirit of that merciful love towards neighbour.

Mercy establishes a relationship based on human dignity and a loving respect for the other person. While justice is limited to objective goods, mercy causes people to encounter one another with the dignity proper to people. And so, our prayer during the Year of Mercy is that the merciful love of the Triune God may be made manifest through us in our reaching out to others and in our work for the spread of God's Kingdom.

(Source: Fr. Maurice Hogan, National Director of World Missions Ireland).

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NEWSLETTER



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Mission Sunday

23rd October 2016

Every Christian is a missionary of Mercy. Pope Francis says that we need Christians who make God's mercy and tenderness to every creature visible to people today. There



is a pressing need for mercy in our world today where even the very idea of a gracious and merciful God leaves many people indifferent and cold. The Church's pastoral mission is to profess and proclaim the mercy of God and help people embody it in their lives.

In the fullness of time, God the Father sent his Son into the world to reveal his love/mercy for human

beings in a definitive way.

Whoever sees Jesus sees the Father (Jn 14:9). Jesus Christ in his entire person, by his words and actions reveals the mercy of God. Mercy is the bridge that connects God with human beings, opening our hearts to a hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness. The core of the Good News is that God the Father through his Son is close to sinners, loving them and saving them in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus not only proclaimed the Father mercy, he lived it himself. He opened up access to God for everybody; no one is excluded. His mission was to reveal divine love in its fullness for "God is love" (1 Jn.4:8,16). This love was made visible and tangible throughout his entire life in relationships he formed, in the parables he spoke, in the signs he worked for broken human



The Family Mass Sunday 12.30p.m.
 We are looking for more young people to join our Youth Ministry Teams: **The Youth Choir**, the **Young Ministers of the Word** or the **Altar Servers**. Full training will be given. If you are interested in joining one of the youth ministries please talk to a member of the Family Mass Team after the 12.30p.m. Mass on Sunday.



We welcome in Baptism:



Nathan Charles Gibney
Sam James O'Brien
Laya Patricia Melody
May these newly baptised Children always know and love Jesus as their friend.

Book Club: The 2nd meeting of the book club organised by Whitehall Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Wednesday 26th October 2016 in the Parish Centre. At this meeting they will discuss and reflect on Chapters 1 & 2 of 'Laudato Si' - Care for Our Common Home – Encyclical Letter - Pope Francis 2015. If you would like to be part of this group contact: Noreen Tel: 086 2939935. 'Laudato Si' is available in the Parish Shop at a cost of €4.99.

Capuchin Day Centre: This year's Remembrance Concert in aid of the Capuchin Day Centre is postponed until February 2017.

Mass of Remembrance
Friday, 11th November 2016
at 7.00p.m. in the
Church of the Holy Child.



For all parishioners and friends who have died since November 2015. 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.

God's Housekeepers are seeking new



Volunteers: If you have an hour to spare any morning after Mass, we would like your help to keep our Church in its pristine condition. Please leave your name and number in the Sacristy.
 Tel: 8375274

Recently Deceased:

You are asked to remember in your Prayers:
Fr. Jack O'Donoghue
Ena Carmody
Paddy Blayney
Christopher Moore



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

Sunday 23rd October 2016 - Mission Sunday

The Annual Collection for the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies will take place at all Masses this weekend. It will replace the usual SHARE Collection.

The theme for Mission Sunday this year is "Every Christian is a missionary".



Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:
 1st Jackpot: 3 13 24 27 2nd Jackpot: 2 9 11 29
 No Jackpot winner.



The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were:
S. Keegan: M. Burke: T. Deegan: M. Kilmurray: M. de Búrca:
P. Dunne: E. Keegan. Next Week's Jackpots : First Jackpot €15,000
Second Jackpot €2,000 Plus seven Consolation Prizes of €25

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

Monday 24th October	9.15a.m.	Seán O'Reilly (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Tomás Holt (Anniversary)
Tuesday 25th October	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Tony Arten (1st Anniversary)
Wednesday 26th Oct.	9.15a.m.	St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society
	7.00p.m.	Connie Harnan (Month's Mind)
Thursday 27th Oct.	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Frank Dunne (Anniversary)
Friday 28th Oct.	9.15a.m.	May O'Reilly (1st Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	John & Imy Smith (Anniversaries)
Saturday 29th Oct.	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Vigil	7.00p.m.	Olive Heron, Mary O' Reilly (1st Anniversaries) Cecil Manning, Elizabeth & Frederick Gorman (Anniversaries)
Sunday 30th October	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	Eileen Clarke, Jimmy Ennis (1st Anniversaries) Thomas Murran, Noeleen Arnold (Annivs.)
	6.00p.m.	Peg Fitzgibbon, Seán Smith & Killian Shanley (Anniversaries)

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

Wednesday 26th Oct.	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Sunday 30th October	10.00a.m.	Margaret (Peg) Dunne (1st Anniversary) John Dunne, Ross L. Mahon, Ellen Nellie Kane (Anniversaries)

Ballymun Adult Read & Write Scheme – Would you like to brush up on your reading, writing, spellings, maths or computer skills. Daytime and evening courses take place in CDET Ballymun Education Centre. For more info. Call Christine 01 8622402

ChildVision – school for the blind and multidisabled children on Gracepark Road have a new manager at their garden centre and are selling winter bedding plants and hanging baskets. Open 7 days a week until 4p.m. Please support this local and deserving charity.

Thanks: The Drumcondra CASA group sincerely thank the parish of Larkhill/Whitehall/Santry for their generous contribution to the recent CASA Annual Church Gate Collection.