

emphasise the fact that His message is truly 'good news'. Before being rules or orders that human beings have to follow or put into practice, they represent the proclamation that God has entered into the human condition in a brand-new way, embracing all of it. And the Beatitudes indicate the place where God becomes present. In this respect they do not refer to nine different groups, but rather indicate nine approaches to the same mystery of a God who comes close to us. And the astonishing thing is that God does not become accessible where we would expect it. We do not find God starting from our 'strong points' - our talents, our strength, our more or less impressive accomplishments. The Beatitudes show us a God who enters the world through our limitations, through our poverty. Though it would be possible to transform some of the Beatitudes into ethical maxims ('be merciful, be a peacemaker'), others resist this process with all their strength. Should we force ourselves to mourn, to be poor, to be persecuted? There is a paradox here that we should not attempt to eliminate. God's logic cannot be purely and simply identified with the self-realisation of a human being, even the most enlightened human being.

In the final analysis, what gives consistency to this text is the figure of Jesus himself. Before being a way of speaking about His disciples, the Beatitudes are the self-portrait of the One in whom God has become fully present at the heart of our world. If they unsettle us, that is because Jesus as well never ceases to astonish us. Who would ever have imagined a God who comes to us in such an apparently ordinary way?



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Why did Jesus begin His teaching with the Beatitudes?

6th November 2016

The Gospel according to St. Matthew is made up of discourses by Jesus that alternate with narrative sections. In His first great discourse, often called the 'Sermon on the Mount', Jesus reveals to us the heart of His message. The scene can be compared with one that took place long before on another mountain, Mount Sinai, where God assured the Israelites that He would always be there for them. The sign of his presence was the Law, summed up in the 'Ten Words', which we call the 'Ten Commandments' (Exod. 20.1-17). By following the Commandments, God's people 'walked in the Lord's footsteps' and became a reflection of the divine presence on this earth.

Jesus, for His part, announces that God is becoming present in a new and definitive fashion; His

presence is both more interior and more universal.

'The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!' (Mt. 4.17; see 12.28). And instead of the Ten Commandments, He proclaims the Beatitudes: 'Happy.....!' In the Scriptures, this formula is used to express that a person or group of people is well placed to benefit from God's favour, that they are exactly where God wants them to be. 'Happy the person who does not walk in the way of the wicked....but who delights in the Law of the Lord' (Ps.1.1-2). 'Happy the person who trusts in the Lord' (Jer. 17.7). In these phrases, human activity is considered not so much from the viewpoint of its source in a human being but of its finality. It offers an occasion for God to bestow His grace, to become present.

The Beatitudes of Jesus

**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



Adult Faith Development Team – next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 9th Nov. at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Centre.



We welcome in Baptism:
Noah David Jones
Ollie Mark Gavin
Aoife Sorcha Roche
Aria Rose Farrell

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

Ministers of the Word

Group B readers are asked to collect their new roster in the Reception area in the Parish Centre please.

FIRE HAZARD

Please do not place lighted candles under Shrines as this is a serious fire hazard. If there is no space for your candle please leave it unlit to the side of the Shrine. The Sacristan will light it and put it in the correct place when there is room. Thank you.

Recently Deceased: You are asked to remember in your Prayers:

Anna Dooley, Jean Tiernan,
Martha O'Brien, Una Mason

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



Holy Doors of Mercy – Closing
As the Jubilee Year of Mercy comes to an end, Holy Doors that have been opened will close around the world. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will close the Holy Door of Mercy in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral on Sunday 13th November before 11.00a.m. Mass.

You are invited to cross the Holy Door at the Pro-Cathedral any day between now and November 13th. The door chosen by Archbishop Martin (an entrance to the left of the main door on Marlborough Street) leads into an area of the Pro-Cathedral that has two confessionals and a statue memorial to Venerable Matt Talbot, whose life was healed from addiction when he encountered God's mercy. The Door also looks to the altar of St. Laurence O'Toole, Patron of the Archdiocese, celebrated as a man of mercy.

Holy Doors of Mercy will also close on the same date in Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Seán McDermott Street where the remains of Venerable Matt Talbot lie; the Church of St. Francis Xavier in Gardiner St., which holds the Cross of Ven. John Sullivan; the Parish Church of Sts. Peter and Mary in Arklow; and also at the House of Mercy in Baggot St., established in 1827 by Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy.

It was Pope Francis' desire that anyone passing through a "Door of Mercy" would experience the love of God who consoles, pardons and instils hope.

Church Gate Collection

This weekend this collection is for the Santry Branch of the Red Cross. Next weekend 13th it will be for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 1 7 13 26 2nd Jackpot: 6 8 15 20

There was no Jackpot winner. The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: S. Nugent E. Leech B. Brown G. Heller J. Doyle S. Noonan M. Barber. **Next Week's Jackpots :**

First Jackpot €1,250 Second Jackpot €2,000 Plus seven Consolation Prizes of €25



Christmas Fayre Christmas Fayre Sunday 27th 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 nearly 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 support.

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

Monday 7th November	9.15a.m.	Maeve & Harry Power (Anniversaries)
	7.00p.m.	Esther Kavanagh (Anniversary)
Tuesday 8th November	9.15a.m.	Tim Coffey (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Lily Orlovska – Special Intention
Wednesday 9th Nov.	9.15a.m.	Bridget Rogers (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Remato Ivachnova and her Family (Living)
Thursday 10th Nov.	9.15a.m.	Eileen Nestor (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Tony Travers, Hugh Kelly (Anniversaries)
Friday 11th November	9.15a.m.	St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society
	7.00p.m.	Mass for all Parishioners who died since 1st November 2015
Saturday 12th Nov.	10.00a.m.	Alik Mikutaitis and his family (Living)
Vigil	7.00p.m.	Michael Walsh (Month's Mind) John Towell (Birthday Remembrance R.I.P.), Nora O'Hanlon (Birthday Remembrance) Greg O'Toole (Anniversary)
Sunday 13th November	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	Ena Carmody (Month's Mind) Billy & Marie Fenelon, Martin &, Michael Lawlor and babies Philip & Courtney R.I.P.
	6.00p.m.	May Butler (Month's Mind) Robert Power (Birthday Remembrance R.I.P.) Margaret Ward (Anniversary)
		Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball
Wed. 9th November	10.00a.m.	Charles E. Maguire (Anniversary)
Sunday 13th Nov.	10.00a.m.	Peter McGorman, The Philbin Family, Maura McDonnell (Anniversaries)