



## Parish Newsletter

# Clondalkin Parish

*Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church*

## Clonburris ☩ Knockmitten

Sunday, 10th July 2016

### PRIESTHOOD

#### A HARD LIFE OR AN EASY LIFE

It is around this time of year that priests celebrate the anniversary of their ordination. I was in Maynooth recently for a celebration of the Jubilee anniversary as well as that of my own class. An anniversary is an opportunity to take stock – to look back on what has been done and forward to what remains to be done.

A question I am asked from time to time is “is priesthood a hard life?”. The question is understandable but it approaches the issue from the wrong angle – a priest’s life is not about being hard or easy. It is in fact about a person who is the source, meaning and purpose of all life, namely Jesus, the Lord and Saviour.

In making him the centre of our lives we come to know its purpose, meaning and ultimate fulfilment in our vocation, be it priest, religious or lay person.

Jesus comes to us not to make life easy but to make us great. An easy comfortable life is initially very attractive but ultimately it is empty and boring leading us ever deeper into a desolate wasteland.

Our ultimate destiny is to flourish to be great, to be Christ like and once Christ is in the door he will not stop until we are like him.

He will draw greatness out of us as a sculptor draws a great statue from a lump of stone. This process inevitably involves suffering in some shape or form – it costs to have lumps of selfishness chiselled from us by the master sculptor person. We cannot be great without the cross.



The good news is that Jesus takes delight in our fumbling feeble efforts, to meet him halfway. Every little baby step is a step towards greatness, towards heroism.

The other good news is that the greatness God has in store for us is for everyone whatever our station in life and no matter how great a sinner we have been in the past. You don’t have to run off to a monastery, convent or seminary to be great in the eyes of God. God wants us to be fully alive and he offers that life to all of us whatever our station in life – lay person, priest or religious.

We start with the baby steps – doing little things well and then we will have God’s life in us and have it to the full!

**Fr. Padraig**

### Masses

#### Clondalkin Village

**Sundays:** (Vigil) Sat 7.30pm,  
Sunday 9am (Gaeilge)  
10.30am, 12 noon (Family) &  
5.30pm

**Weekdays (Mon – Fri)**

7.30am and 10am. Sat 10am

**First Fridays** 7.30am, 10am.

**Holy Days** 7.30pm (Vigil), 7.30am,  
10am

**Confessions** Sat 10.30 - 11am &  
6.45 - 7.15pm

#### Clonburris

**Sundays** (Vigil) Sat 6.30 pm,

Sunday 11am (Family);

**Holy Days** 11am

**Confessions** Before Masses

#### Knockmitten

**Sundays** (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm,

Sunday 11am (For July & August)

**Weekdays** Mon to Fri 9.30am

**Holy Days** Vigil 6.30pm;

Holy Day 11am

**Confessions** Sat 6pm & by  
request

### Parish Office Hours

**Clondalkin:** Mon-Fri 9:30 - 12:30

**Clonburris:** Contact through Village

**Knockmitten:** Mon-Fri Mass times

### Submissions for Newsletter

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## TRAVELLING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

February twelve months ago Fr. Seamus McEntee (*director for vocations with St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society*) introduced the idea of special prayer for vocations by requesting parishioners to host the chalice in their homes for one week.

Many parishioners took up the request, set aside a special place in their homes for the chalice, invited their families, friends and neighbours to come and spend time in prayer for vocations.

This was an unique opportunity for us to focus on vocations and to pray in

thanksgiving for our own priests and religious in whom we are blessed. It also helped focus on our missionaries who so generously give and gave their lives working in poorer parts of the world.

I was blessed and privileged to host the chalice. It is a very challenging time in the church these days and those contemplating the call to religious life need our prayers and support. Prayer and support are also needed to those who are experiencing difficulties with their vocation—it is a challenging life for them too.

Maybe this idea of parishioners hosting the chalice could be introduced to other parishes. God alone knows what a spark of a vocation will ignite in someone, to get the courage and strength of mind to embark on a life of a priest and religious.

While the hosting of the chalice is now finished, it is important to keep in mind our prayers for vocations and for others in church ministry whatever it may be.

Kathleen R.



## JULY 8TH - FEAST DAY OF ST. KILLIAN

St. Killian, also spelled Kilian, as Gaeilge Cillian, born 640, was an Irish missionary, bishop and the Apostle of Franconia, nowadays the northern part of Bavaria, Germany where he began his labours towards the end of the 7th century.

He was martyred in 689

He is patron of sufferers of rheumatism.

Our village church building, started in 1858 and opened for worship in 1862, is dedicated to St. Killian, and also to the Immaculate Conception (*the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception having been promulgated in 1858*).

Today we invoke their continuing intercession and protection!



Kids' Corner



Find 7 differences between the pictures.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

The 6th Class boys and girls who graduated from Our Lady Queen of the Apostles School, Clonburris



The 6th Class girls of Scoil Aine, Scoil Ide and Scoil Mhuire

The 6th Class boys of St. Joseph's School and the children from the Gaelscoileanna

Included in our congratulations are their teachers and families.

We wish all the children sun filled days as they begin their holidays and days filled with happiness and play.

*"Children are NOT a distraction from more important work,*

*They are the MOST important work" (CS. LEWIS)*

## MARY DELGADO—10th JUNE RIP

### IN APPRECIATION

Carlos, son Manuel and daughters Carlota and Andrea, extended family and friends thank all who supported them on the sad occasion of the death of Mary, loved and greatly missed wife and mother. "Thanks" to Fr. Damian whose help and kindness were way beyond the call of duty.



"Thanks" to all who sent Mass cards, offered sympathies, attended funeral and anyone who helped in any way. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated and in appreciation Mass will be offered for your intentions.

On behalf of the family, Carlos

**Reminder:** Mary's month's mind Sunday 10th July at 10.30am Mass



Roseanna Halloran, Castle Close

*And our sympathies and prayers to her family and friends*



## "THE BEAUTY I SEE HE HAS GIVEN TO ME AND HIS GIVING IS AS GENTLE AS SILENCE"

The news coming at us from all directions seems as if evil has the upper hand. It is as if all of Heaven have taken a back seat or even worse have given up on us. Taking a conscious decision to find out how many of the 'beautiful' far outweigh the 'opposite' I became more aware of my surroundings with appreciative eyes. I found joy, happiness, generosity, beauty, hope, in short all the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

My vote of appreciation this week go to Eddie for the garden of Mercy outside the Church and to the members of the "Tidy Towns" who planted tubs of flowers everywhere in the Village including at the entrances of the Church. They dared to defy the odds that their work could be vandalised but "did it anyway"

Teresa



Niamh Fitzsimons and William O'Reilly

Rebecca E. Stokes and Louis Scanlon

*Congratulations and best wishes!*



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**



The Irish Cancer Society's 'Volunteer driver Service' is currently seeking volunteer drivers to drive local patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments. We are looking for volunteers from all over North & West Dublin to pick local patients up at their homes, drive them to the door of the hospital, pick them up again when they are finished their treatment and bring them home. The service is free to the patient and all drivers' expenses are paid. Phone Rebecca on **01 2316 642** or email [transport@irishcancer.ie](mailto:transport@irishcancer.ie)

### HOUR OF PRAYER



The next Hour of Prayer takes place on  
**Thursday, 14th July from 8 to 9pm**

There will be an hour of prayer with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayers for healing and individual blessing with Benediction at 9pm.

You are invited to come to this Hour of prayer where we will gather to pray with you and for you as we ask the Healing Hand of the Lord to touch and strengthen us. **All are welcome**

### CHURCH DUTY

**Alter Linen:** Marie Harrington  
**Flowers:** Noreen King (for July)  
**Cleaning:** Betty Byrne and Rebecca Duggan  
**Newsletter:** Aine O'Leary

### 100 YEARS CELEBRATION OF THE PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS IN CLONDALKIN



The celebration commenced with Mass on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June last at 7.30p.m. in the village Church. The Celebrants were Fr. Seamus McEntee, Fr. Bernard McGuckian, Fr. Piaras Mullen and Fr. Aidan Kieran. Sr. Statia read the Readings and Sr. Anne said the Prayers of the Faithful. The Presentation Sisters were the founding members in February 1916. It was the Feast of the Sacred Heart and the readings were very appropriate for the occasion. The large congregation sang the hymns and Fr. Bernard gave a very interesting and inspiring talk about the importance of the Pioneer Movement. He started with 'A hundred years of happiness in Clondalkin' thanks to members abstaining from alcohol for those who are problem drinkers.

Fr. Seamus invited everyone to the Pastoral Centre for tea and sandwiches. After Mass a group photo was taken, of all present, in front of the Altar. There was a Celebratory cake with candles. Among those present were members from Newcastle and Dunboyne, also members of the Dublin Diocesan Council. We were entertained by a group of Traditional Musicians while have the tea.

It was a great occasion and many met old friends and made new ones. Everyone enjoyed the evening thoroughly.

If anyone is interested in joining the Pioneers please phone

**Máire at 086 3445249**

**Clondalkin Branch of the Pioneers.**

# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



## Clondalkin Village

### Monday 11th July

10.00am Rita O'Sullivan

### Sunday 17th July

7.30pm (Vigil) Paddy Maguire, mm

Sarah Whelehan, mm

9.00am Noel Lombard

Ann Domican

10.30am Desmond Maher

Eileen McCormack

12 noon Aileen Hynes, 50th an

Tom and Maisie Delaney

Bill Caddle and Fr. Denis Caddle

5.30pm Fr Martin (Monty) Ryan, 2nd an

Margaret (Peg Nolan)

Barry Carroll, 1st an

## Clonburris

### Saturday 9th July

6.30pm: Charlie O'Connor, an  
Edward Lawlor, an  
Jack and Jim Lawlor, an  
Bernard Lee, 1st an

### Sunday 10th July

11am Rosemary Mc Kenna B.Rem.

*Thanks to all who contributed to the Lourdes Invalid Fund, amount collected was €910 and this has been sent to Lourdes Invalid Fund.*

## Knockmitten

**Weekend Masses at 6.30pm, vigil and 11am Sunday**

**Please note: no 10am Mass or 12 noon for July and August**

# This Week

In Village Church

### Monday 11th July

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary

### Tuesday 12 July

Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 11am

CCPC Intercessory Group in Pastoral Centre, 7.30pm to 8.30pm and all welcome

### Wednesday 13th July

Early start to the Prayer Meeting - the Rosary Mysteries of Light at 7.30pm followed by Prayer Meeting at 8pm and all are welcome!

### Thursday 14th July

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament :

Morning: In the Church 10.45am to 11.45am

Evening: In the Church—Hour of Prayer 8pm to 9pm conducted by Fr. Pdraig

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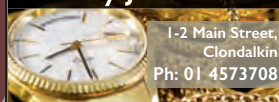
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Cemetery Mass, blessing of the graves, Sunday 10th of July, 3.00pm





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