



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

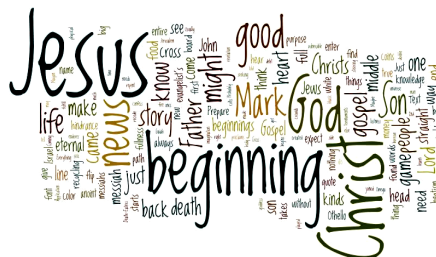
Parish Newsletter

Sunday 10th December 2017



'The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"'. (Mark 1:1-8)



The 2nd gospel, the gospel of Mark opens abruptly. No birth narrative. No childhood stories. After citing Isaiah and briefly introducing John the Baptist, the reader is left expectantly hanging on the hope that an even 'more powerful' character will emerge. These opening eight verses set a cracking pace that this compact gospel will maintain. It suggests an excitement and an urgency.

From these opening verses we know that this is a story, and we are at the 'beginning'. It will tell of 'Jesus Christ, the Son of God'. It will be 'good news'. In Rome these terms were used exclusively by the emperor. He was a 'Son of God'; his decrees 'good news'. It is a dramatic opening line that hits its reader with a bang!

The cited passage from Isaiah leaves us in no doubt that a story, a history foretold is now initiated by God. Mark's warning-less time-jump lands the reader in the middle of the Judean desert. John is systematically described as the archetypal prophet: proclaiming repentance, dressing wildly on a diet of insects and 'honey'. He doesn't sound the most appealing to us but the people flock to this new shepherd. They leave Jerusalem, confess their sins, undergo his baptism. His wilderness cry is hitting the mark. It is being heard. But in the only quoted words from John he points beyond this, to his mission: *'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit'*. The one coming after him will dwarf him. The stage is set. The expectation raised. The reader hooked...

We know how the story unfolds – we have heard it countless times. Today, as a Church, as a parish and people of faith, we can feel like a voice crying in the wilderness. We must ask ourselves, is our message *hitting the mark*? Are people flocking to hear this message? Doesn't seem so – and if not, we have to ask ourselves why?

Maybe the question is 'Who we are pointing to?'
Are we messengers of the Good News in our community?

Do we really know, understand, witness to and accept Jesus who we are preparing for this Christmas? Who is this Christ we proclaim? Do we radiate this excitement, urgency and awe? In essence – *Who is the Jesus that people meet when they meet us, visit our parish or come to our Church?* Therein lies our challenge this Advent!

Frank Brown, Parish Pastoral Worker

Masses

Clondalkin Village

Sundays: (Vigil) Sat 7.30pm,
Sunday 9am Gaeilge)
10.30am (Choral),
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
and 10.00am

Confessions Sat 10.30 - 11am &
6.45 - 7.15pm

Clonburris

Sundays (Vigil) Sat 6.30 pm

Sunday 11am

Holy Days 11am and 6.30pm

Knockmitten

Sundays (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.00am & 12noon (Family)

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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Office, Sacristy, by Tuesday
not later than 4.30pm

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CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Mary Jenkins
Flowers: No flowers during Advent
Church Cleaning: Kitty Egan, Angela McCreevey, Veronica Dayly

Thank You

Monday 11th Dec - Miraculous Medal
 Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 12th Dec - CCPC Intercessory Prayer
 for 9 Clondalkin Parishes. This Tuesday evening in
 Parish Pastoral Centre (downstairs). 7.30 to 8.30pm.

Wednesday 13th Dec - Charismatic Prayer Group
Our Lady Queen of Peace. This Wednesday in Parish
 Pastoral Centre (downstairs). 7.30pm Rosary-*Mysteries of*
Light followed by Prayer Meeting at 8.00pm. All welcome
 especially any newcomers or visitors to our area.

Thursday 14th Dec

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Morning: in the Church 10.45 to 11.45am

Evening: in the Church. Hour of Prayer 8 to
 9pm. All welcome.



Congratulations and Welcome

Tebu Arthur Nguiffo, Aras na Cluaine

Sianna Unathi Soga, Cappaghmore

Lochlan Brian Fitzpatrick, Monastery Rise

Saoirse Katelyn Coyle Almaras, Castleview Road

Sophie Lynn Paige Ellis, Monksfield Walk

Amelia Isabella Gheorghiu, Cherry Orchard

Caoimhe Mary Fagan, Oakwood Grove

Luke Colm Connolly, Hillcrest Way

Ralf Arlo Collins, (baptised in Clonburris)



Christmas Mass for the African Community will be
 celebrated in the Village Church on
Sunday 17th December at 1.00pm
All invited!

The SHARE Collection will be replaced by the
 Annual Collection on behalf of St. Vincent de Paul
 at all Masses this weekend.

The local members of the St Vincent de Paul
 appreciate your generosity and ask us to remind you that all
 monies donated are distributed to people in need in our
 community in time for Christmas.

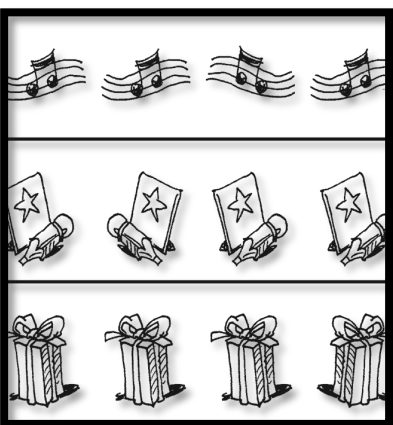
The need for your generosity is greater than ever to help the
 many people in the broader Clondalkin area.

The local SVP members have asked us to acknowledge with
 thanks the generosity of Newland's Golf club (*who presented*
€3,096, proceeds of the Bridge Tournament held in Newland's
Golf Club recently) and all the
 people of the Parish for their continued support.



Lighting the 1st
 candle on the
 Advent Wreath
 last Sunday Fr.

Tom said it is a "Time of Waiting". Waiting is not nice for some
 one like me who never wants to wait. I want things NOW. But
 for the next 4 weeks I will really try to have patience and learn



that many things are worth
 waiting for and waiting for
 Christmas, the real Christmas
 is worth it. The quiz opposite
 is so easy but I think Alex &
 Adam will like it. "Circle the
 objects facing the one way
 and then colour them"
 Please do send in your
 quizzes, stories, jokes etc to
 "Just for us kids". Your task
 for the week: **send us a photo**
of your Advent Wreath.

Ciara

Village Church

Sunday 10th Dec

7.30pm (Vigil) Enie Fitzgerald &
 Deceased members of Fitzgerald family
 Esther Kenny (MM)

9.00am Molly & Christopher Hannon (An)
 Tommy & Sheila Murphy

10.30am James Jnr & Alice Norton (An),
 John Fleming (An), Agnes McHale (An),
 Maura Spollen (An) & deceased members of the
 Spollen family, Thomas Smith (1st An)

12noon Paddy Power (MM),
 Padraig Faughnan (An), Tommy & Hettie Tobin (An),
 Matthew Farrelly (2nd An), James O'Rourke (26th An),
 Patrick Nolan (An & B'day Rem),
 Eilis Nolan (B'day Rem), Phyllis Hennessey (3rd An),
 Ena Byrne (1st An)

5.30pm Phyllis Hurrell (An)

Mon 11th Dec 7.30am Rose & Fred Lee (Rem)

Wed 13th Dec 7.30am Padraig Faughnan (An)
10am Joseph, Ellen, Larry, May & Joe Cleary

Sun 17th Dec

7.30pm (Vigil) Joe, Nancy & Patsy Murphy (An)
 Marion Corless, Bridie & Paddy O'Brien,
 Peter & Annie Nixon (An), Phyllis McGrath (An)
 Thomas McDonnell (2nd An),
 John Bernard Egan (An), George McDonnell (5th An)
10.30am John, Lucy & Olive Corcoran (An)
 Kathleen McCormack, Bridget Brannigan (An), John
 Scully (An)

12noon Eilish Hynes (An), Patricia Kelly (An),
 Donal Moffat (13th An), Thomas Murphy (4th An),
 Stephen & Desmond West (An),
 Elizabeth & Nicholas West, Mary & Patrick Hendley,
 Kathleen & Danny O'Neill, Pauline Murphy (1st An),
 Sr. Catherine Fowley (An), Paddy Delaney (2nd An),
 Michael Gordon (An)

5.30pm George Reid

Clonburris

Saturday 9th December

6.30pm Adam McGuinness (B'day Rem)
 Angela Kennedy (1st An)

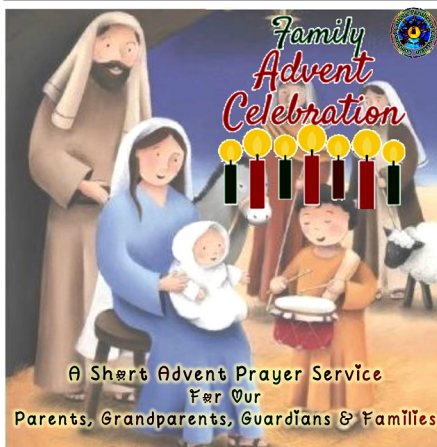
Sunday 10th December

11.00am May Jones (B'day Rem),
 Patrick Downey (B'day Rem), Regina Hanlon (An),
 Bridget Downey (B'day Rem)



VERA PHELAN, Orchard Rd
PATRICK SHANNON, Cherrywood
SEAN McGALEY, formally Floraville
JOE LEDWIDGE, Belgard Rd

Our thoughts and prayers are with their families at this time.



Where: Clondalkin Village Parish Church

When: Thurs 14th Dec

Time: 3pm

Join Us!

Dear Santa,
 I already have everything I
 could possibly wish for this
 year. Give my family, good
 friends and LOVE. Please
 take care of those who need
 you. THANK YOU!! xx

GRANDPARENTS
 fill the world
 with LOVE

Please spread the
 invite &
 come along!
 There will be a **Short**
Advent Prayer
Service for All
Grandparents,
Parents, Guardian &
Families in the
Village Church on
Thurs 14th Dec
at 3pm.



**Table Quiz and Raffle in Aid of
Clondalkin Mental Services
The Laurels, Clondalkin Village
Tuesday 12th December at 7.30pm
Team of 4 : €20**



David, Alanna and Grace have trained and are now commissioned to serve as Altar Servers and they join **Grainne and Cathal** who have been serving Mass for the last 18 months. Should you be interested in becoming an altar server please contact: Christina Malone 0857162152



The way we have prepared children for **First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Reconciliation** has changed over the years. While the schools are doing a fantastic job through Religious Education sometimes parents are struggling to make sense of it all. Most of the preparation has been done in school

and recognizing the dedicated work taken on by the teachers, the parish will now, more and more, get involved with the preparation. We, the Parish of Clondalkin, are offering families opportunities to become involved with the journey over the next few months. Christina will invite children to come to the church once a month to explore the building, learn the liturgical year and get to know children from the other parish schools.

We also invite parents to meet once a month to explore the liturgical seasons as well as look at the bigger picture of what *"faith got to do with my daily life"*. We hope parents will connect with their own faith, ask questions and learn that there is more to the preparation than the day of the First Holy Communion.

The Parish Team is exploring the Diocesan policy which ask the Ceremony to be celebrated on a Sunday during the normal Mass instead of a Saturday as now prevails.

Further information from Christina Malone 0857162152



From January we invite parents/guardians who come forward for the **Sacrament of Baptism** to attend a Baptism meeting and a Welcoming Ceremony before they celebrate baptism.

The welcoming Ceremony will be on two Sundays a month during the 12 noon Mass. In Clondalkin we celebrate Baptism after the Sunday Mass and is seldom witnessed by parishioners. Over the last few months four new members have been trained and joined the Baptism Team. The Team will meet parents at the Preparation and Welcoming meeting and be present on the day of Baptism.

On Sunday 7th January we are inviting parents whose babies were baptized in 2017 to come to a Blessing Ceremony in Clondalkin Village at 3pm to celebrate the joy this new life has brought them. Please bring the Baptism Candle and feel free to join us afterwards for tea/coffee in the Pastoral Centre. For more info contact **Christina**



Monday Club 4 December 2017

We had a smaller than usual crowd this morning, probably due to the funeral, however we did have a nice morning. Joe Leonard came in to tell us about the forthcoming Clondalkin Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes which will be on 12 to 17 May 2018. The all-in price is €680 per/person sharing. If booked and deposit paid there will be a reduction of €50 if booked and paid before the end of January. The fare is cheaper than normal and is cheaper again by €50 if anyone intending to go should if possible book before the end of January. We had a little project this morning making a Christmas Card. The card had a poinsettia on it with leaves. They all made lovely cards, giving me a different slant on what I could do with the same materials. Congratulations to you all you all did a wonderful job on your creations. I had made four examples which I got each table to guess a number and the person who got the correct number got the card. Next week we will be meeting in the centre after the 10am Mass when we will go together over to Moyle Park College. The students and teachers have invited us over this Monday 11 Dec.

Thank you Martin, Stephen and Collette for helping with setting tables, tea/coffee and clear-up. Until next week take care.

Kathleen R



Coláiste Bríd, Moyle Park College & Coláiste Chillian present the musical

All Shook Up

on 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th January 2018
in Coláiste Bríd school.

Tickets: Adults €12, Students and OAPs €8

Tickets go on sale from Dec 4th from all three schools.
We look forward to the community of Clondalkin supporting this great production.



Congratulations to the Round Tower Heritage Group who were announced as Overall Winner of the South Dublin County Council Endeavour Awards 2017 and were also the winners of the Culture & Heritage Award / Gradam

Cultúr agus Oidhreacht na hÉireann at The Awards ceremony in the Red Cow Hotel Photograph by Kevin Keogh



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Check out the media gallery button on our website www.clondalkinparish.com to access **Shalom World's Media Gallery** free! From here you can stream exciting Catholic content live straight from our website. Shalom World's Media Gallery gives you a unique eye on the Catholic world with programming for all ages. Enjoy and let us know what you think!



Mhuintir Chronain once again invite everyone to the Annual "Beithilín Beo" Complete with young actors playing traditional roles of Mary, Joseph and a new born baby playing the central role of "An Leabhn Iosa" accompanied by special chosen Eastern music.

Please do come next **Sat & Sunday 16th & 17th Dec to Aras Chronain** to capture the true spirit of Christmas. Production starts at 2pm and then on the hour until 6pm. Refreshments served. It's free but donations welcome.



2ND SUNDAY OF Advent

Reflections on Lighting the Advent Candles Week 1—Hope

Come surely Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night
Our hearts long to greet you as roses the light
Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage
Our 1st candle is lit for the HOPE of the age.

Week 2—Peace

Come quickly, Shalom, teach us to prepare
For a gift that compels us with justice and care
Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease
Our 2nd candle is lit for the
Reign of god's peace

(I will include week 3 reflection on lighting the 3rd candle next week's issue)
Teresa