

Clondalkin Village Parish Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris Parish Newsletter

Sunday 12th August 2018

ast Sunday's Gospel ended with a question whether the crowds will be able to look beyond their preoccupation with ordinary bread, and accept Jesus' unique nourishment. Today's Gospel reveals what nourishment Jesus had in mind.

I once heard a priest give a sermon at mass on today's Gospel and he focused on the *complaining* – how it seems to be part of the human condition that 'things could always be better' and that in an age where everything is *instant* and focused on *immediate gratification* if we don't get what we think we want or need then we are compelled to complain about what we should have, could have or worst of all... *what we feel we deserve!!* It was a tough sermon but outside of the Church I overheard someone talking to the priest. "I totally agree, Father. I just had to tell you that it really annoys me the way so many people complain. They should know better!"

We all have a hunger for something. But what is our deepest hunger? How can we satisfy this? Life requires nourishment. The body requires physical food, but human life is about much more than sustaining the body. Jesus is our point of reference. He is our lens through which we find our sustenance and guidance. When we are down, we go to Jesus. When we are happy, we go to Jesus. When we are unsure, we go to Jesus. When life faces us with too much, we go to Jesus. When we want to understand what just happened, we go to Jesus. When we feel as though we cannot go on, we go to Jesus. We bring our complaints to Him. Why? Why do we do this? We do it because not only is He the Word, not only is there true life in Him, but because

He tells us again today – "I am the bread of life. … I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever." He fulfils our deepest hunger, extends the deepest joy! Take the risk now, to trust that He is the Bread that sustains us, that nourishes us. He invites all to reach for this gift and receive it from Him. It is a spectacular gift, freely offered and given to all.

This week bring all your joys, hopes, fears, worries and complaints to Jesus in prayer, placing them in His care and saying simply,

"Jesus, I place all my trust in You."

Frank Brown, PPW



Masses

Clondalkin Village Sundays: (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm 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 6.30pm Vigil), 7.30am and 10.00am Confessions Sat 10.30 - 11am & 6.45 - 7.15pm

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Parish Office Hours

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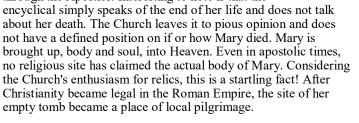
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Explaining the Assumption - In 1950, Pope Pius XII, in his encyclical Munificentissimus Deus, dogmatically defined the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In his teaching he states that "at the end of her earthly course, Mary was assumed into heavenly glory, body and soul." He also wrote that it was not new doctrine he was defining, but rather formalising the revelation given us through the Apostles. Interesting to note is that the



During his time in the starvation cell, he led the other nine men in song and prayer. After three weeks, only himself and three others remained alive and he was given a lethal injection. The prisoner whose place he had taken, survived the camp and gave a report of Fr Kolbe's actions to his Order after the war. This man was himself present at both the Beatification in 1971 and the Canonization of Fr Kolbe in 1982.

St Maximilian Kolbe's Feast Day is 14th August.

St. Maximilian, amidst the hate and lonely misery of Auschwitz, you brought love into the lives of fellow captives, and sowed the seeds of hope amidst despair. You bore witness to the world, by word and deed, that only "Love alone creates."

Help me to become more like yourself. With you and Mary and the Church, may I proclaim that only "Love alone creates." To the hungry and

oppressed, the naked and homeless, the scorned and hated, the lonely and despairing, may I proclaim the power of Christ's love, which endures forever and ever. *Amen*

65 more to go.... donate a Sleeping Bag!!

Thanks to those who have already donated. Would you, your group, your organisation or your family be in a position to donate a sleeping bag (ideally new or used only once or twice) for the KISI Kids? If so please leave it into the parish office or scarcity in Clondalkin Village Church as soon as you can! After the WMoF we



leave it into the parish office or scarcity in Clondalkin Village Church as soon as you can! After the WMoF we will donate all the sleeping bags to the groups who minister to the homeless in Clondalkin and in the Dublin City Centre. The Kisi Kids are involved in the Congress in the RDS. They are involved with the children's space in the RDS every day from 9am - 12noon. On Wednesday 22nd at 7pm they are also performing their musical RUTH in the RDS.

We are very fortunate that the KISI Kids will perform a **RUTH concert** for the parish on **Friday 24th of August at 5pm**. On that Friday we are celebrating the World Meeting of the Families in our own community here in Clondalkin. After the concert we have a social gathering to finish the evening with the **celebration of the Eucharist at 7.30pm**. This evening gives you the chance to meet, to celebrate, to sing and to dance with this wonderful enthusiastic group.

On Saturday, 25th of August the parish is going to bring the **KISI Kids** to **Glendalough** for a pilgrimage. If you would like to be part of this parish pilgrimage please leave your name and contact details with me (Christina 0857162152) or the Parish Office (01 4593520).

As always, if you have any questions or queries please contact me, Christina Malone, PPW 085 716 2152 or christina.malone@dublindiocese.ie

Irish

Cancer Society

Go Hurling for Cancer St. Conleth's Park, Newbridge, Co. Kildare

Tuesday 14th August at 6.00pm.

This event, which has been organized for the seventh year in a row by horseracing legend Jim Bolger and champion jockey Davy Russell, will see a host of Irish hurling and horse racing stars come together for what promises to be yet another fantastic evening for everyone.

Family Ticket (2 adults and 2 children u16) €15

Individual Ticket €10

Tickets can be purchased online and at the gate. See www.cancer.ie/events/hurling-for-cancer-2018 for more information.

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Everything is a Love Letter from God

"God has written a precious book, whose letters are the multitude of created things present in the universe'. No creature is excluded from this manifestation of God. 'From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form, nature is a constant source of wonder and awe. It is also a continuing revelation of the divine." (Canadian Bishops' Conference) [LS 85]

Notice what Pope Francis is saying here - that the first Creation is already a special story about God, a precious book in which every page, every creature, is a revelation of the divine Creator. He is saying that God was already in the world from the beginning of its existence, long before



the coming of Jesus into our world at the first Christmas. He believes that Creation itself is a central part of the Christian story. It will be helpful for all of us to get a clearer glimpse of this revelation - that Creation itself is the first love letter from our Parent-God the first Bible, the first glimpse of our divine Mother, her first incarnation. It is an insight we need to grasp if we are ever to be touched by what our Pope has in his heart for our enlightenment and nourishment.

"Acknowledging the intrinsic value and beauty of creation ... is a major paradigm shift for most Western and cultural Christians," writes Richard Rohr. "We limited God's love and salvation to our own human species and even then to only certain 'chosen' people ... All you have to do today is walk outside and gaze at one leaf, long and lovingly, until you know, really know, that this leaf is a participation in the eternal being of God."

Extract from *An Astonishing Secret* by Daniel O'Leary (www. columbabooks.com)

66 Quote of the week

Within the message the people who do not believe in Christ are sending us, there is a profound challenge for us to embrace a life more rooted fully in the example of Jesus Christ.

Challenge:

How can I embrace a life more rooted in Jesus this week

For a free weekly challenge download YourParish App

– Matthew Kelly



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