



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 13th January 2019



The Baptism of the Lord

Today's Gospel tells us that the people were 'filled with expectation'. It sounds like a very exciting time as they wonder who this prophet John could be. John must have been a very dynamic and inspiring preacher as the people speculated if he were the one they had

been waiting for. He uses all of this attention for one purpose: to point people to Jesus. There are many people in our own lives who have pointed us towards Jesus, perhaps by an invitation to an event or a retreat or by sharing a reflection with us at just the right time. In them, we see something special and interesting that makes us wonder in our hearts and seek a little further. They are the John the Baptists in our lives, pointing us towards the Lord like signposts along the way.

John humbly responds to the people by saying: 'One who is more powerful than I is coming.' He emphasizes that it is He who will really set their hearts on fire. While the words concerning 'winnowing forks' seem harsh, we might interpret them as speaking of God's power to transform our lives through Jesus. When Jesus enters into the narrative, Luke emphasises that He is at prayer, and it is then that this powerful experience of God occurs. A nice meditation for today is to repeat the last sentence of today's Gospel, imagining God speaking these words to you: 'You are my Daughter/Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Jane Mellett



"The difficulty of explaining 'why I am a Catholic' is that there are ten thousand reasons all amounting to one reason: that Catholicism is true." Indeed. In the end, choosing to be Catholic just makes sense; it makes so much sense that it would not make sense to be anything else. That's why I'm Catholic.

My purpose here is not to proof-text, but to prove from the sacred texts that Catholicism is reasonable. Sure, the theology of the sacraments goes deeper than just a verse here or a passage there. But the deeper one goes with their investigation of Catholicism, the more it makes sense. The only pre-requisite is fairness; for one who is fair to the Church will soon be fond of her. This is not to ridicule or smugly renounce the teachings of other Christians outside of the Catholic Church, but rather, to emphasize the genius of Catholicism. Not only do the teachings of the Church match the teachings, by and large, that the earliest Christians promoted and professed; but they match what the Bible says.

G.K. Chesterton, former agnostic

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 &
5.45pm-6.15pm

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

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CHURCH DUTY

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Monday 14th January - Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

This Week

Tuesday 15th January - CCPC Intercessory Prayer for Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes.

This Tuesday Intercessory Group meeting in Pastoral Centre **7.30pm to 8.30pm**. All welcome.

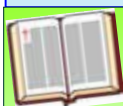
Wednesday 16th January - Charismatic Prayer Group *Our Lady Queen of Peace*. This Wednesday, in Parish Pastoral Centre **8.00pm Prayer Meeting**. Visitors especially welcome.

Thursday 17th January - Adoration Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Morning: In the Church **10.45-11.45am**

Evening: In the Church **7.00 to 8.00pm** with time of prayer of intercession for priests. All welcome.



Lectio Divina, a time to contemplate Scripture, led by Sr. Anne, takes place each Tuesday in the Parish Centre after 10am Mass and Rosary



Wednesday 30th January in the Pastoral Centre after the 10am Mass and Rosary



Mass with the African community at 1pm on Sunday 20th January in the Village Church. All are welcome.



Recently Baptised... Welcome!
MOLLY CHAPMAN, Laurel Park

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of the late Greta Gallagher (Convent View) wish to acknowledge the many gestures of kindness shown to us following our sad loss. We offer heartfelt thanks to friends, neighbours and well-wishers who attended the funeral home, service and burial. For those who travelled distances, sent cards and messages of condolences, we are truly grateful. A special thanks to Fr. Pdraig O'Sullivan, Dr. Eamon Geraghty, St. Joseph's and St. Lawrence O'Toole Pipe Bands. Please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude. Mass has been offered for your intentions. Jim Gallagher

JEAN MURPHY, Hazelwood Crescent

We remember her family and friends at this time



Question:

Do you know what would have happened if it had been three Wise Women instead of three Wise Men?

Answer:

They would have asked directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, brought practical gifts and there would be peace on earth.

Breda Grace

Village Church



Sunday 13th January

6.30pm Vigil Annie McBride (20th An)

Kay Buckley (B'day Rem)

Vincent & Bobby Norton

10.30am

12noon

Gay & Nora Keogh (An)

Luke Barry, Christopher Nixon (An), Joe & Josie O'Connor (An), Nicholas Kendellan (An), Desmond Hartigan Jr (5th An)

Monday 14th January

7.30am Get Well intention

10.00am John & Annie Conroy (An)

Wednesday 16th January

10.00am Bernadette King (B'day Rem) & her husband Joseph King

Friday 18th January

10.00am Rose Plunkett (6th An)

Sunday 20th January

6.30pm Vigil Ciaran Carr (An), Helen O'Donoghue (MM), Kathleen Murphy (1st An), Ita & Jack Ward (An)

10.30am Ivor & Sadie Noone (An), Elsie Naughton (2nd An), Vincent & Bobby Norton (An),

Margaret Peggy Walsh (10th An)

12noon Noelle O'Brien (2nd An)

CLONBURRIS

Sunday 13th January

11.00am Noel Keogh (An)

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019

Date: 12th to 17th May (5 nights)

Price: €745 pps - all inclusive (single room €160 extra)

Deposit: €100 per person (non-refundable)

A deduction of €50 off the cost if deposit is paid by 31st January. As we are late getting organized this year, it is important to book early in order to receive the deduction. More details to follow.

Contact: Joe (087 6820338) or Margaret (086 3069198)



ENROLMENTS FOR OUR LADY

QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES

CLONBURRIS NATIONAL SCHOOL

If you have a child whom you wish to begin school in September 2019 and you have not already enrolled him/her, please call into the school and fill in a form as soon as possible. We would appreciate if you would inform a friend or neighbour, who has a child who will be ready for school in September, and who will not have a copy of this newsletter, of the necessity of enrolling early. It is important that a Birth and Baptism Certificate be attached with the enrolment form. Please also attach any psychological reports, clinical reports or relevant information with the enrolment form.

Enrolments will be processed and places allocated in Feb 2019. Please call the school on (01) 457 3636 for any further information.



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"Happily Every After" tells the story of all the characters you know and love from your favorite stories in Moyle Park College, Clondalkin today **Sun13th Jan at 2.30pm, Fri 18th Jan at 7pm, Sat 19th Jan at 2.30pm & 7pm, Sun 20th Jan at 2.30pm**

Tickets: Adult €8, Child €5, Family €25

(2 adults & up to 4 children)

from Clondalkin Village Hardware beside Tully's Castle

After the Three Wise Men left, the Three Wiser Women arrived.



Kisi Kids made a welcome return to our church last weekend. The crib and the Altar made a lovely backdrop to their performance of the Nativity play through music and dance. Eddie was on hand to capture the moment and sent the Photos to us. We send our best wishes to our young visitors from Austria and hope they will make a return welcome visit to us/ *"Thank you"* to Christina on her visit to us last weekend to distribute "Blessing Cards" for 2019 (*Blessed by Fr. Pat*). The cards are now placed on doors of homes in the Parish asking for blessing on all who enters.



Today is the last day of Christmas. The Crib and the decorations will come down during the week. On behalf of the Ministers of Liturgical Ministry "thanks" for all the help and support received: Pat attending Mass who generously climbed the ladder to the Attic to take down the equipment, Paul who placed the star, put the lights on the tree and placed wreaths on heights we couldn't reach.

Michael Fahy from Kilcloone who joyously gave the straw and said he was privileged to be able to contribute to the occasion Newlands Garden Centre always on hand for advise and encouragement

Aras Chronain who loaned us their water jars and Eddie for providing candles and was on hand to help in so many ways and a BIG THANK YOU to all who helped in any way and of course not forgetting Fr. Damian and Fr. Padraig for their appreciation and support.

Liturgical Team

Photo by Eddie of the replacement Baby Jesus, purchased and blessed in Knock on the parish Pilgrimage in September.

"I know the Christmas Tree and decorations are barely down but nominations are now open for the Clondalkin Patrick's day Parade 2019 Grand Marshal.

We have previously had Mary Kennedy, Colm Gavin and Mary Dardis, we want the community to choose the 2019 grand marshal. The parade is only 10 weeks away."

Nominations can be made @

www.clondalkinstpatricksfestival.ie/grandmarshall/

We are also looking for Groups to participate and volunteers to help for the annual popular community event.

Look at the website www.clondalkinstpatricksfestival.ie to participate or volunteer

Francis Timmons



Carrying on the tradition of taking a few straws from the crib—when it began is now lost in the mists of time. I'm told that it is an old Dublin tradition but I understand that the tradition is carried out in Poland too!



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- Monumental Service
- Horse Drawn Hearse

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