

Clonburris <sup>4</sup> Knockmitten

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 14th May 2017

## What is it to have faith?

Jesus starts John 14 by exhorting his disciples to have faith in him. In our society today the emphasis seems to be on self-sufficiency, 'what ever makes you happy', or, as a friend of mine said, 'as long as what I do doesn't hurt anybody'. John 14:1 Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God

My issue with this belief is that it places me at the centre, we make ourselves and our beliefs the yardstick by which we judge, interact and respond to others and the world around us. I am not afraid to say that I am well aware, day on day, that my own views are always growing - I don't know everything, I don't get it right all the time and do make mistakes, regularly! (But don't tell my wife!) So who/what is the guiding light, who is at the centre of my life at, at the centre of our community and at the centre of our parish?

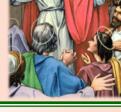
I firmly believe that faith, especially today, is the greatest gift that we have been given and can pass on. In essence we have a living hope that the world can not give - In faith we are saying; you are never alone, no matter how low you feel, how bad things get, how isolated you feel **you are loved and loved unconditionally**. Through faith we are also living with the conviction that in the hardest of times we are supported and cared for by this community of faith. Do we really know and show this?

For us the centre is the person of Christ. Our work for Jesus and our love for people, no matter what our calling in life, flows from this. Mother Teresa was once asked why she did what she did, and she simply said, 'for Jesus'. This centre always holds, it cannot be unhinged. It is a deeply personal relationship: we are led by Jesus 'one by one', known by name, not as just one of a group. I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. We follow him as one we know, not a stranger. We follow him as one who knows us and loves us more intimately than we even know or love ourselves.

Today, perhaps, our problem is not so much recognising God in Jesus but recognising God in ourselves, in the world and people around us. To see everyone and every situation as an opportunity to encounter God in our world and not to let

these pass, to really believe and have faith that in people everywhere and in the whole of our created environment, God's presence is shouting out to us. "The world is charged with the grandeur of God," wrote the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins. Every little flower, each chance encounter, every smiling child, every singing bird can say to us, "Who sees me sees the Father". Frank Brown, Parish Pastoral Worker

"Every experience God gives us, every person He puts in Our lives, is the perfect PreParation for the future that only He can see."



# 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, 10am 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 10am, 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

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The Man who Kept Liberty Hall Thursday 18th May @ 6.30pm Clondalkin Library Historian Paul Ennis will share the story of his great-uncle Peter Ennis who was the Caretaker of Liberty Hall from 1912 until his death in 1927. This talk will be presented as part of the Bealtaine Festival in conjunction with the Genealogy Group. All Welcome!

#### **MONDAY CLUB - 8th May**



All had a fun morning thanks to our 5th Year girls from Coláiste Bride, accompanied by teachers Catherine and Harry Keogh. The girls, Chloe, Nadine, Kayla, Eimear, Aoife and Chloe, came laden down

with fresh fruit, meringues and carrot cake and the materials to make very colourful Mexican paper flowers. A lively competitive quiz followed with a tie for first place! A huge "thank you" to all our entertainers also to Home Economics teacher, Louise Ronan and Jake who recorded a video.

A reminder to club members to bring along **next Monday** your completed entry forms and items for Bealtaine Festival Competition. Closing date is Friday 19th. Ensure that your name and "Monday Club" are written on each entry together with the application form. Until next time.

#### Colette.

Congratulations to the girls of Clondalkin parish schools who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 6th May. We hope the children and their parents, together with their grandparents and other relatives had a wonderful and memorable day! These photos by Tommy Keogh show how well and happy everyone looked on this special occasion!



Clon-mino

LOCAL PILGRIMAGE WALK

The local Pilgrimage "Clon-mino" takes place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> of June. The theme of this year's pilgrimage is the upcoming "WORLD MEETING OF THE FAMILY" in Dublin, August 2019 & also closes *Ecumenical Bible week* that starts 4th June (see www.Bibleweek.ie). We start our

journey with mass in Knockmitten at 10am. From there we walk to all the Churches within the CCPC. Feel free to join us for a whole pilgrimage or for a part of it. Everyone is welcome. If you need further information please contact Christina Malone, 085 7162152 or Frank Brown 0861018173



# FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

7th to 14th September 2017

Spiritual Leader: Fr. Owen Lambert Cssp Hotel: Domus Pacis, Fatima (full board on sharing basis), Fare: €799 (fully inclusive of taxes), **Deposit:** €200 non refundable For further informatin please contact Eileen Carty at (01) 4574832.

You are cordially invited to come along and test your knowledge in a Fun Quiz as part of the Bealtaine Festival. Date: Thursday 18th May Time: From 6.00 to 8.00pm Venue: Seminar Rood, County



Library, Chamber Square, Tallaght (beside the County Council offices) Teams of 4 - €2 a head. Prizes on the night Places are limited so please confirm your participation by contacting Maria Finn or Sandra Hickey at (01) 4149270 or

086 380 3060 / 086 043 1779 Maria Finn, Community Services Dept Team South Dublin County Council



CLONDALKIN ANIMAL AID are hosting a Table Quiz in the Steering Wheel on Thursday

18th May at 8.30pm. €20 for table of 4 (€5 per *head*). There will also be a raffle. All monies raised will be used entirely for the feeding and veterinary care of the animals.

Please come along and support this worthy cause.



#### ADULT CATECHISM STUDIES The Lord's Prayer

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH In response to the disciple's request "Lord, teach us to pray", Jesus entrusts them with à the fundamental Christian prayer, the Our Father. The Lord's Prayer "is truly the summary of the whole gospel" (Tertullian: De Oratione), it is the core of the Sermon on the Mount. We repeat the Lord's Prayer all together at every Mass and so

many other times, yet we can never fully understand its meaning. We should be careful not to say the words mechanically without thought. The Lord's Prayer is a gift to us from God and also our own offering to him. Wednesday 17th May at 7.30pm- Presentation Convent (paragraphs 2777-2796) Ronan



CHURCH DUTY Altar Linen: Teresa Coyne Church Cleaning: Veronica Bayly, Bernardine Wynne, Tracy Whelan, Josephine Hearty Flowers: Elizabeth Mary (month of May)	Víllage Church Sunday 14th May 7.30pm Vigil George Guilfoyle (An) 12noon Carol Nolan (4th An) Margaret Reynolds
Monday 15th May-Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass and Rosary. Tuesday 16th May-Lectio Divina under the guidance of Sr. Anne after 10am Mass in the Pastoral Centre.	Thursday 18th May 7.30am Larry Farnon (An) Saturday 20th May 10.00am Joe Cleary (2nd An)
CCPC Intercessory Prayer for 9 Clondalkin Parishes in the Parish Pastoral Centre (downstairs) 7.30 to 8.30pm. All welcome. Wednesday 17th May-Charismatic Prayer Group-Our Lady Queen of Peace-Prayer Meeting in the Parish Pastoral	Clonburrís Saturday 13th May 6.30pm Kevin Blackburn (An) and deceased members of the Blackburn family Frank & Anne Pitts (An) Ena Reilly (Birthday Rem)
Centre adjoining the Church at 8.00pm. All welcome especially any visitors to our area. <b>Thursday 18th May-Exposition of the Blessed</b> <b>Sacrament.</b> Morning: in the Sisters' Oratory 10.45 to 11.45am. Evening: in the Church from 7.30 to 9.00pm. (The	The local branch of the Legion of Mary will be recruiting new members this weekend
Rosary will be recited at 7.00pm). All welcome.Rest in PeaceEilish Nolan, St. Brigid's Anita Arnold, St. Killian's ParkOur thoughts and prayers are with their families at this time.	The 5 odd numbers were just the number 1. I know it was mean, but fun. I have a simpler one for this week: Fill in the squares using the clues and in the shaded squares you will find the country between Ireland and England. EASY!!Enjoy!
Clondalkin has been asked to be one of the centres for Ecumenical Bible Week this year - a fabulous initiative now in it's 4th year, involves a number of Christian denominations throughout the wider Dublin area and beyond. This year, there are 23 events with 25 presenters over 14 venues - something for all ages. Check www.bibleweek.ie for full details.	<ul> <li>Please do send us your story,</li> <li>Please do send us your story,</li> <li>quizzes etc. Ciava</li> <li>Clues</li> <li>The colour of snow</li> <li>Mountrath, Portlaoise are in this county</li> <li>St. Joseph's flower</li> <li>Plural of woman</li> <li>The green stuff that cows and sheep eat</li> </ul>
A few dates for your diary for you to note & promote - <i>"What would Jesus Tweet ? The Gospel in 140 Characters"</i> Tuesday June 6 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Presenter: Jonny Sommerville – In The pastoral Centre beside Clondalkin Village Church <i>"From Taizé to Theology - The Impact of Bible Study"</i> - Wednesday June 7 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Presenter: Regina McCarrick - in St John's Parochial Centre, (adjacent to St Johns National School)	The first <b>Family Mass</b> with "play & pray" took place last Sunday. It was great to see many of the young parishioners joining the grown ups for "play & pray". It is always encouraging to journey with the present and the future of the church. Engaging with this age group is very rewarding, and if you like help with "play & pray", contact Christina Malone 0857162152 The next Family mass with "play & pray" is on Sunday 28th of May
<b>"Is the Bible still relevant today?"</b> - Wednesday June 7 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Presenter: Annette MacFarlane – in Sruleen Parish Centre, (adjacent to Sruleen Church)	This year's May Procession takes place after the 12 o'clock mass on Sunday, 28th of May. Please join us after the procession for tea and coffee in the Pastoral Centre.
There will be more events & details to follow so watch this space. If you would like any further information please contact Frank Brown on 0861018173	Do not be afraid to be saints. Follow Jesus Christ who is the source of freedom and light.

"I wouldn't get lost all the time if the shepherd would let me use his GPS navigator." Be open to the Lord so that He may lighten all your ways. Pope John Paul II