



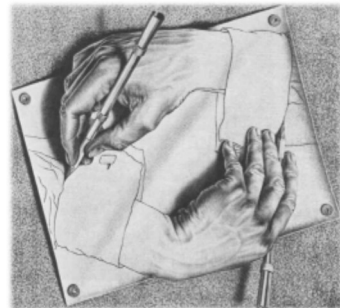
Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 15th January 2017



GOD'S BIG PICTURE

One of the really big ideas in Catholicism is paradox and its ability to accommodate paradox. This is what the Lutheran Theologian Karl Barth called the "Catholic and" it is able to take apparently contradictory concepts that seem to be either/ or and make them into both/and. Scripture and tradition, grace and freedom, faith and reason. Christ's divinity and humanity.

Another big idea is "don't go to extremes". Even ventures become vices if taken to extremes and removed from

their context. They then degenerate into a form of zealotry and become puritanical. Catholicism seeks to harmonize paradox and avoid extremes by always looking at the big picture. In our technological world there is a tendency to break things up into smaller and smaller pieces and to know more about less and less. This approach has its place particularly in the sciences – it has helped us find out a great deal in the scientific realm. But specialisation comes at a price, we tend to lose sight of the big picture, we don't see where all the little details ultimately lead and they become fragmented. In the big picture science and religion are meant to be friends not enemies. Science takes things apart in an ordered way to see how they work and religion puts things together to see what they mean.

The big picture is what God has joined together in creation and what God has joined together humanity has a tendency to pull apart. This is God's glue and humanities scissors or more accurately the devil's scissors.

God's big picture harmonizes sex and marriage. It harmonizes husband, wife and family. It harmonizes family, community and society. It brings together lonely isolated individuals in friendship and love. God is creation's great harmonizer, he builds things up. The devil is the great fragmenter – he pulls things apart - God's glue and the devil's scissors. In gluing together the thing that makes up the big picture, it is not done rigidly. There is a certain flexibility within the boundaries of the natural order God has created. Love and fertility have natural periods of separation to give us a share in the management of fertility. Husbands and wives have a natural distinctiveness that is both unique to them and yet complementary to the other. In our fractured divided world we pray that we will be people of goodwill who see the big picture in why God does what he does as the great harmonizer. We pray that we will be a people who build up and harmonize in a culture where there is much sundering and fragmentation.

Fr. Padraig



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 (Family);

Holy Days 11am

Confessions Before Masses

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

Knockmitten: Mon-Fri Mass times

Submissions for Newsletter:
Parishnewsletter1@gmail.com,
Office, Sacristy, by Tuesday
not later than 4.30pm

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Scoil Mhuire, Scoil Aine and Scoil Ide are currently taking enrolments for Junior Infants. The closing date is **Monday 6th February 2017.**

Mary Sheridan, School Secretary,
Scoil Mhuire. Tel: (01) 4592986.

C.A.M.E

CAME (Clondalkin Adult Morning Education)

We will continue taking enrolments Monday to Wednesday 16th to 18th January from 10am to 12noon and thereafter by phone at (01) 4640450 or 086 7703445.

One new class we omitted from last week's newsletter is a HISTORY class on Thursday mornings (French Revolution).

Mary Seery, Secretary.



NEW YEAR - NEW YOU!

Clondalkin Toastmasters welcomes new Members for 2017

Clondalkin Toastmasters is extending a welcome to visitors to join it for its meeting that will take place Tuesday 24th January at the Maldron Hotel, Newlands Cross. Toastmasters is an internationally proven programme that develops peoples' communication and leadership skills.

Members undertake a programme at their own pace that enables them to develop their confidence and skills to deliver presentations. The meeting will commence at 8pm and visitors are welcome to attend from 7.45pm. There is no admission and tea and coffee will be served. Anyone interested in attending can just attend on the evening or speak in advance to Mary Conlon, Toastmasters VP of Membership, by emailing maryconlon27@gmail.com or calling 085 1314032.



Kids - Just for us!

So, how many presents are there altogether? From the question in the Newsletter last week - gifts from the song "12 days of Christmas"

Partridges: $1 \times 12 = 12$, Doves: $2 \times 11 = 22$, Hens $3 \times 10 = 30$

Calling birds: $4 \times 9 = 36$, Golden rings: $5 \times 8 = 40$,

Geese: $6 \times 7 = 42$

Swans: $7 \times 6 = 42$, Maids: $8 \times 5 = 40$, Ladies: $9 \times 4 = 36$

Lords: $10 \times 3 = 30$, Pipers: $11 \times 2 = 22$, Drummers: $12 \times 1 = 12$

Total = 364

My family had great fun with it. The answers were all different but my dad says he is right. Is he??

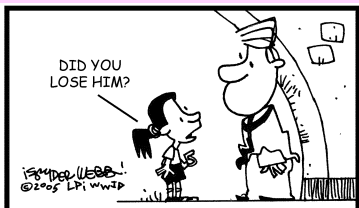
It sounds silly but there is an explanation for the song on the opposite page.

You will always find me in the past. I can be created in the present, But the future can never taint me.

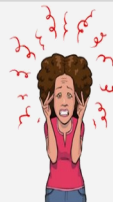
What am I?

Your answer to: Parishnewsletter1@gmail.com, Sacristy or Office by Tuesday at the latest and please do include your quiz, story etc.

Ciara



The Migrane Association is delighted to announce that a Migrane Self Help Group will take place over three evening sessions starting on Tuesday 17th, 24th and 31st January 2017. Venue will be the North Star Hotel on Amiens Street, Dublin 1. Each session will dwell on a different topic/feature of migraine. The event is free to attend and light refreshments will be served.



Places limited to 15 so registration is essential.

To register for a place, call (01) 8941280 or mail info@migrane.ie

Deirdre Ni Mhordha, RSO, Migrane Association of Ireland.

B.E. Beginning Experience

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner through death, separation or divorce. The next Coping Programme will commence on **Wednesday 9th February 2017** for seven evenings at 7.15pm. Venue is the White Friars Community Centre, Aungier Street, Dublin 2.

For information, call 086 0877379 or

email bedublin@gmail.com. www.beginningexperience.ie

Starts Monday, Jan 9th

Round Tower GAA Club-house

Registration from 6:45pm (€20)

3k/5k walks twice a week - (Mon & Wed)

5 local leaders to follow

Keynote speakers each week

Non-members welcome

Contact Cathal - 0872834150 for more details

or follow us on Facebook



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Start the new year in a healthy way!

Round Tower Follows

Operation Transformation 2017

Start your new year in a healthy way!

Round Tower follows Operation Transformation

returns for 2017 and swings into life

on Monday night next, January 9th.

In addition to the two weekly walks there will also be weekly guest speakers promoting health, well-being and fitness.

Further detail is provided below and follow Round Tower GAA - Operation Transformation on Facebook for information about our volunteer leaders and details on routes and timings etc.

Registration will take place Monday at 7pm or click online here to register in advance (registration fee is €20)

This is open to all so please come along. We want to get the community out walking! (You are not too late too take part

Michael McGlynn

Adult Catechism Studies

The Sixth Commandment - *Thou Shall Not Commit*

Adultery. Marriage is a lifelong and irrevocable

commitment between the spouses. All of the

Sacraments of the Church are covenants and the

importance of faithfulness for life in marriage is

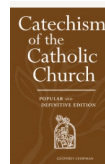
emphasised by the word covenant, which is more than simply a legal commitment. The vocation of Christian married couples is

to embody this covenant. The Catechism tells us what the

Church asks of married couples, is a loving faithfulness to the unity God has established in their lives.

Wednesday 18th January at 7.30pm - Presentation Convent (paragraphs 2331-2365).

Ronan



Monday Club - 9th Jan 2017 - We had a good catch up after the New Year with a number of new and not so new faces. Frank let us know about the great idea for the New Children's prayer book and although we missed Kathleen, Joan filled her shoes admirably - See you next week!!

**SPEAK IN SUCH A WAY
THAT OTHERS LOVE TO
LISTEN TO YOU.**

CHURCH DUTY



Altar Linen: Marie Harrington

Church Cleaning: Kitty Egan, Angela McCreevey, Veronica Bayly, Kathleen Fritzpatrik and May Stynes

Flowers: Nuala Kendellon for January

Sincere "Thank You" to all who helped with the taking down and storing away all the Christmas Decorations!

Monday 16th January

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass & Rosary.

Tuesday 17th January

Lectio Divina under the guidance of Sr. Anne after 10am Mass and Rosary, in the Pastoral Centre.

CCPC Intercessory Group - praying for the 9 Clondalkin Parishes. 7.30-8.30pm in Parish Centre (downstairs). All welcome.

Wednesday 18th January

Charismatic Prayer Group - Our Lady Queen of Peace. Meeting at 8pm in Parish Pastoral Centre (downstairs).

Thursday 19th January

Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 12 noon and new members welcome

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church.

Morning: 10.45-11.45am Evening: 7.00-9.00pm. All welcome.

Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 12noon-new members always welcome.



THE ORIGIN OF THE "12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS" SONG

According to Catholic Tradition:

The song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an English Christmas carol. From 1558 until 1829, Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. The carol was written as a catechism song for young Catholics.

It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the Church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember. The "True Love" one hears in the song is not a smitten boy or girlfriend but Jesus Christ, because truly Love was born on Christmas Day. The partridge in the pear tree also represents Him because that bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary to protect its young by feigning injury to draw away predators.

According to Ann Ball in her book,

HANDBOOK OF CATHOLIC SACRAMENTALS:

The two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments, The three French hens stood for faith, hope, and love. The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The five golden rings represented the first five books of the Old Testament, which describe man's fall into sin and the great love of God in sending a Saviour. The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation. Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit - Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy. The eight maids a-milking were the eight Beatitudes. Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit - Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience [Forbearance], Goodness [Kindness], Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Continency [Chastity]. The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments. The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful Apostles. The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed.

Now the song makes more sense and I hope satisfies Ciara's interest!

Village Church



Tuesday 17th January

10.00am Maud Hurley (3rd An)

Wednesday 18th January

10.00am Rose Plunkett (4th An)

Thursday 19th January

10.00am Ita Ward (An)

Sunday 22nd Jan

7:30pm (Vigil)

Ciaran Carr

10:30am

Vincent & Bobbie Norton

12 noon

Pauline Murphy (MM)

Marie O'Callaghan



Congratulations and welcome to
Aoibheann Dolores Jennifer Hughes,
Riversdale Ave &
Heidi Killeen, Melrose Grove



Lourdes 2017 - Our annual Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes next year takes place from **12th - 17th May.**

Fare: **€680** per person sharing (single room supplement €150). **Deposit: €100.** Fr. Shán O Cuiv will again be our Spiritual Director and our Pilgrimage will be looked after by Marian

Pilgrimages. Booking Forms are now available in the Sacristy, Parish Office and Parish Shop. *Padraig Doyle, Group Organiser.*



We pray for the soul of
Gerald Horan, St. Brigid's Drive
And offer our deepest sympathies to his family and friends.



Clondalkin Village, Deansrath, Srulleen, Knockmitten, Clonburris, Bawnogue, Neilstown, Rowlagh-Quarryvale, Parish of the Travelling People

After the success and response to our CCPC Local Prayer Book



You're invited!

To Submit & Send in prayers to help us make a
NEW LOCAL CHILDREN'S PRAYER BOOK

We hope to put together collection of the favourite, fun, inspiring, traditional and comforting prayers especially for children used by the younger parishioners from our local area!

If you or your children would like to send us in your favourite children's prayers leave them into the parish office or email:

ccpcprayerbook@gmail.com

By Friday 10th February

Morning Prayers, Night Prayers, Prayers for parents, for special occasions, etc!! We hope to have the book published and available for the beginning of Lent this year (1st March 2017)

Following on from the success and response to our **CCPC Local Prayer Book** the suggestion came from a number of people to do a similar prayer book for Children. So we are asking people/children to submit their favourite prayers and we hope to put together collection of the favourite, fun, inspiring, traditional and comforting prayers especially for

children used by the younger parishioners from our local area!! You can leave them in your local parish office or email: **ccpcprayerbook@gmail.com** before the cut off date of **Friday 10th February.** We hope to have the book published and available for the beginning of Lent this year (**1st March 2017**) - So please start sending in your prayers and spread the word!!

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