



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 16th December 2018



Today we are celebrating the third Sunday of Advent. We light the candle of "Joy". Today is also known as "Gaudete Sunday". Gaudete in Latin means "rejoice". We are urged not to worry, for the Lord is near. But, for some, at this time of year rejoicing can be the furthest thing from their mind. Sometimes life just hurts. I wish there were a more delicate way to say that. I wish there were a clever way to explain this fact away – maybe some whimsical cliché that we can all have a chuckle over? But I've got nothing. The truth is there are days when the burdens of life can weigh on us so heavy that we're not sure how we'll lift it, much less carry it around. Around the middle of December it can be easy to be swept up in the holly, jolly tide of Christmas cheer. If life has dealt you a good hand, it's a quite enjoyable time of the year. But if life has dealt you a bad hand, if you have lost a loved one during the year then that tide of Christmas joy can feel like it's drowning you. What do we do with this?



For starters, we can call to mind that Advent is a season for people who are in darkness waiting for the sort of light that will save them. You can't commercialise or turn a profit on this sort of thing. Living in darkness and waiting for a great light isn't very easy to market either. Maybe that's why it's so easy to forget (*or avoid*) this reality when we're rushing through the season's numerous to-do lists. The author Taylor Caldwell writes, *"I am not alone at all, I thought. I was never alone at all. And that, of course, is the message of Christmas. We are never alone. Not when the night is darkest, the wind coldest, the world seemingly most indifferent. For this is still the time God chooses."* This season is still the time God chooses to bring the world's greatest hope into the very darkness of life that can seemingly weigh us down every day. There is, indeed, hope for those who live in darkness. May we stand in solidarity with those for whom darkness is an all too familiar reality this season. May we experience and share this light together. May we be this light for others and maybe, just maybe if we look through the chaos, the pain and the struggle we can glimpse our true hope, the child in a manger.

We hear today and over the next few weeks about the 'Peace of God' in our hearts that we will feel when we just "reach out" in prayer to God. St Paul in the second reading says, *"There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving"*. Maybe this week is a good time to rejoice. Rejoice that we are never alone, never forgotten. Our God is a faithful God who walks with us, is in the depth of our struggles and envelopes us with unconditional love and compassion. This week look at things a little differently - *In prayer don't tell God how big your problem is, tell your problem how big God is!!* Christina & Frank PPWs

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

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CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Mary Jenkins
Church Cleaners: Veronica Bayly, Bernardine Wynne,
Tracy Whelan & Josephine Hearty
Flowers: No flowers for Advent

Monday 17th December - Miraculous Medal

Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 18th December - CCPC Intercessory

Prayer for Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes. This Tuesday there will be **NO CCPC Intercessory Prayer** for Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes as a Penance Service is taking place in the Church commencing **7.30pm**. All welcome.

Wednesday 19th December - Charismatic Prayer Group

Our Lady Queen of Peace. This Wednesday, there will be Adoration from **8.00 to 9.00pm** in the Pastoral Centre - a quiet time aside with Jesus in preparation from Christmas. All welcome.

Thursday 20th December - Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Morning: In the Sisters' Oratory **10.45-11.45am**

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

This Week



CHRISTMAS NOVENA

(Traditionally recited 15 times a day from the Feast of St. Andrew 30th November up to Christmas reminding us what Christmas is really about)

*Hail and blessed be the hour and moment
when the Son of God was born
to the most pure Virgin at midnight
in Bethlehem in the piercing cold.
Lord, as we think and pray about
your coming among us as man,
help us to grasp its meaning
in a way that is personal and profound.
Christ among us, our hope and glory!*



There will be a Church Gate collection after all the Masses this weekend to raise funds for the 17 students from Coláiste Chillian who are hoping to travel to Uganda in April 2019 for 12 days with Nurture Africa to volunteer with local schools and the community in the town of Nansana.

We appreciate your generosity



There will be a Penance Service in the Village Church on **Tuesday 18th December** at 7.30pm

The pupils from Scoil Áine will be in attendance at the 10am Mass on **Wednesday 19th December**.

Scoil Íde pupils will lead a Carol Service in the Village Church on **Thurs 20th December** at 11.30am



Village Church



Sunday 16th December

6.30pm Vigil Elizabeth & Nicholas West and dec'd members of the West family, Phyllis McGrath (An), Mary & Patrick Hendley, Patricia Kelly (25th An), Kathleen & Danny O'Neill (An), Sammy McDonald (3rd An), Paddy Delaney (3rd An), Bridie & Paddy O'Brien (An) & John Hally (RD)

10.30am Christina Brown (98th B'day Rem), James & Kathleen Gallagher & Greta Gallagher (Rem), John Bernard Egan (An), Kevin Walsh (An), John, Lucy & Olive Corcoran, Kathleen McCormack, John & Mary Scully (An)

12noon Pdraig Faughnan (3rd An), Eilis Hynes (An) Tommy & Hettie Tobin (An), Eugene Garrigan (1st An), John Fleming (5th An), Donal Moffat (14th An), Sr. Catherine Fowley (An), Christina Brown (98th B'day Rem)

5.30pm Charles Kelly & Bridget Kelly (An)

Mon 17th Dec 10am Eamonn Farrell (CR)

Saturday 22nd Dec 10am Joseph, Bridget, Joe, Larry & May Cleary (An)

Sunday 23rd Dec

6.30pm Vigil Anne, Peter & Christy Nixon (An), Jack & Katie Fitzgerald & dec'd family members, Patrick & Mary Cosgrove & dec'd family members, Maureen Cooney (1st An), George McDonnell (An), Maureen & Frank King (An),

10.30am James Norton Snr, Seamus Egan (An), Mary Kirwan & Geraldine Larnihan (An), Pauline Murphy (2nd An), Bridget Brannigan (An)

12noon Ann Adair (MM)
Madeleine Hodgins (1st An)

5.30pm Seamus Egan (An)

Clonburris

Saturday 15th Dec @ 6.30pm Adam McGuinness (An and B'day Rem)

Sunday 16th Dec @ 11am Joe Gleeson (An), Bill Molloy (An), Thomas & Mary Tully (An)



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



The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day is almost over. Rose is a liturgical colour that is used to signify joy, so we light the single pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent. Today is also called "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.



All are invited to the Annual Beithlin Beo featuring live animals, actors and Christmas Spirit in Aras Chronain on Saturday and Sunday 15/16th December 1pm to 5pm - performance on the half hour. The photo is taken from last year's performance - an unforgettable experience wafted away to the strains of traditional Palestine background music. A review of not just the year gone out but since 1945 - submitted by Breda Grace, a long time contributor to the Newsletter:



I was born before television, before penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, videos, Frisbees and the Pill. I was born before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ball point pens; before dishwaters, tumble dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip dry clothes and before man walked on the moon. I thought fast food was what you ate in Lent, and a "Big Mac" was an oversized raincoat. I existed before house husbands, computer dating, dual cars and when a "meaningful relationship" meant getting along with people and "sheltered accommodation" was where you waited for a bus. I was born before day care centres, group homes and disposable nappies. I never heard of FM Radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial beards, word processors, yoghurt or young men wearing earrings. For me "time sharing" meant togetherness, a "chip" was a piece of wood or fried potatoes, "hardware" meant nuts and bolts and "software" wasn't a word. Before 1945 pizzas, McDonalds and instant coffee were unheard of. Cigarette smoking was fashionable, "grass" was mown, coke was kept in the coal house, a "joint" was what was eaten on Sundays and "pot" was something you cooked in. "Rock Music" was a fond mother's lullaby.

We who were born before 1945 must be a hardy bunch when you think of the way in which the world had changed and the adjustments we have had to make. And we wonder why we are confused and there is a generation gap today. But by the Grace of God ...we have survived!! "Happy New Year" to everyone!! (Breda, many thanks - you brought a smile to many and I'm sure you can add a lot more to Breda's list) Teresa

Beidh Serbhís Caruil at súil ag 8.45am maidin Lá Nollag roimh an Aifrin Gaelige. There will be a Carol Service at 8.45am before the Irish Mass on Christmas morning.



Clondalkin Youth Band will hold their 4th Annual Christmas Carol Service on **Monday 17th December** at 8.00pm in Clondalkin Village Church. This year they will be joined by soprano Maeve Corroon and the Knockmitten Youth Choir.

Donations to the Cappuchin Centre for the Homeless are very welcome on the night.

Join us for a night of festive cheer!

All welcome

Monday Club 10th December 2018

Today we had a nice crowd in the club. Today's project was to finish off the cards prepared last week. After the tea and chat we set to setting out our card toppers and decide how best to display them. After careful selection everyone got one, two and even three cards made. I must say you are all an arty lot between knitting, sewing, crochet and painting pictures, singers, musicians and now card makers. This project taught us how to look at a picture or card in a different way and see the potential it has to create a new version of the card or picture. It is amazing what people throw away and don't see what can be recycled. A lot of people give me their used cards which I use for a lot of other items eg: cards, calendars, boxes, candle holders etc. so I am still hoping that I will still get cards after this as some club members will probably see their cards differently now. This project took us through the process of selecting toppers, background, size, sentiments and putting it all together to the finish.



Thanks everyone for taking part and creating your beautiful cards. Thanks to Joan, Collette, Martin and Stephen for all your help. Until next week take care.

Kathleen R



Congratulations and Welcome to ...

Alya Olivia Haughton, Dunawley Drive
Ross James Boland Nolan, Floraville Avenue
Cora Jane Boland, Newcastle, Co. Dublin
Harvey Alexander McGill O'Sullivan, Monastery Drive
Lyvia Pauline Christina Cramp, Orchard Road
Millie Anne McKenna, Monastery Drive
Hanna Rose Daly, Monastery Road
Emilio Lionel Simeoli Uzcategui, Cherrywood Park
Willow Morgan Callanan, Mill Court Avenue
Lana Rosie Murphy, Rosebank View

Christmas Tree already up at home? This week, as a family, why not bless the Tree? –

Give thanks to God for the gift of evergreens in the winter, for the gift of lights that remind us of Jesus coming into the world, and for special ornaments that remind us of family, friends and holidays past. Sprinkle a little bit of Holy water on your tree (*be careful of the electrics!!*) and say together - *Lord God, Let your blessing come upon us as we have decorated and illuminated our Christmas tree. May the light and cheer it gives us be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree spread that joy to others and may we be a witness of the light of your love for all. Keep that light burning bright in our family.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



"It's easy to tell when it's Nativity Play time – I can never find a tea-towel!"



The Parish Christmas Remembrance cards are still available in the parish shop. All the masses on Christmas day will be offered for the recipients of these cards



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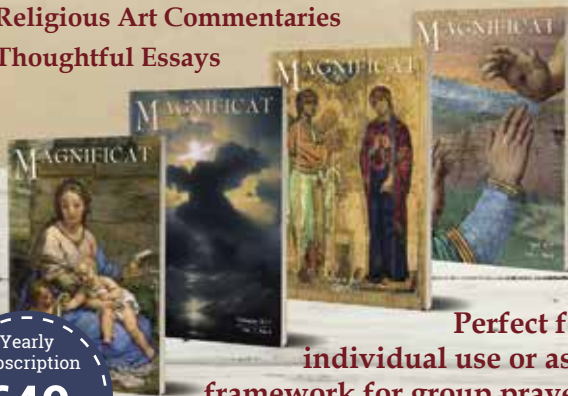
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