

POWER and POWERLESSNESS

In addition to his direct teaching, Jesus taught in parables, a style of teaching known to his fellow Jews. The term 'parable' means, in it's Greek original, 'to place things side by side'. Parables aim to get the attention of the listener, to show another perspective on the world, to question the status quo.

Parables convey news that listeners don't want to hear and in ways that may cause them to smile or be shocked.

Today's Gospel and again next Sunday's illustrate this.



Today's Gospel is about a judge and a widow. The judge is the principal character. In contrast to the widow he has power, social standing and security. But he is an 'unjust judge'. If he was a just judge there would be no surprise or plot in the story because he would give the widow the justice that was her due. He is described as a man who neither feared God nor had respect for people.

He seems unreachable and isolated in his own self- centred world. We hear him talking only to himself and blaming the widow for pestering him. In the end he tells us that he will give in to her demands because he is worried about the effect she could have on his health or worse still, give him a black eye!

The widow on the other hand is a figure of powerlessness, one of the little people who seem destined to lose. But she knows

exactly what she wants and she persists in getting it. Representing herself without a male family member or friend, indicates her isolation in the community. All she has is the justice of her case and her demand that the judge be just. The widow is our teacher. She teaches us not to be overawed by those who think they have the last word. She challenges us to invest our time and energy in what we believe to be right and just and not to Sr. Anne give up too easily.



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

(Vigil) Sat 6.30pm. Sundays 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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CHURCH DUTY Altar Linen: Kav Lee

Flowers: Kathleen Cosgrove for October



Cleaning: Kitty Egan, Angela McCreevey, Veronica Bayly, Kathleen Frtzpatrick and May Stynes We wish a speedy recovery to Elsie Naughton and pray that she'll be soon out and about again

MONDAY CLUB



On Monday 10th we had a brilliant crowd. We had Megan O'Grady from Trinity College who qualified as a

physiotherapist earlier this year. Presently, she is involved in research into brain activity in over 55s and also how concussion affects the brain. After her introduction, Megan distributed information sheets and requested people to engage in a survey to help her in her study. This involves a meeting with her at an appointed time when she will go through some questions and then you will be given a password and login to their web where a number of multi-choice answers will be provided and you tick the answer you think appropriate. Collette read out information from South Dublin County Council where they are offering over 55s replacement security locks, free of charge. There are conditions attached but information is available from them and application for this has to be made on-line before **20th October**. Our outing to EPIC Ireland is next Monday 17th. Meet outside the main door (or at the gate if there is a funeral) after 10am Mass to get the bus to Bluebell and then onto the Luas to George's Dock. If anyone would like to join us, please do so as there is no pre-booking for this. Admission is €10. Collette will be available in the club to make tea for anyone not going on this outing. Until then, take care, Kathleen R.



"The quality of mercy is not strain'd, It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven, Upon the place beneath: it is twice blest; It blesseth him that gives and him that takes" Shakespeare

How can one describe Mercy? Like love we know what it is not, rather than what it is! The dictionary defines it as an attribute of God - kindness, goodness, mercy, pity, love, grace, favour, compassion - The quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate.

This poem by Fr. Mike Ruddy sums up the Mercy theme for me:

KINDNESS

There is only kindness needed, Nothing more, or less will do

For now be gentle, Keep vigil at the door of humility -Sensing

we know little or nothing of how the Spirit moves through each and every thing - even pain

Except, so we must learn to help another when they can no longer see

Beyond tomorrow's Sorrow, And maybe this is what True Friendship is, And a kiss - just that *(Teresa)*





Congratulations and Welcome!

Harvest Mass - We are inviting all parishioners to bring donations of **non-perishable foods** (Cans, rice, pasta, tea, coffee, cereals, etc.) that can be left at the **Sacred Heart altar** at all masses on the

30th Oct and will be given to aid the fabulous work of Br Kevin in the Capuchin Day Ctr in Church Street.

Víllage Church Monday 17th October

10.00am Jerry Cooney (Anniversary) Intentions Wednesday 19th October

Joseph McCarthy (Anniversary)

Thursday20th October7.30amBilly McDermott (Anniversary)10.00amMichael & Nuala Buckley (Anniversary)

Sunday 16th October

7.30pm	Catherine Fitzgerald (Anniversary)
(Vigil)	Seamus Ryan (Anniversary)
9.00am	Annie Lanney (Anniversary)
10.30am	Maureen Slevin (Month's Mind)
12 noon	Betty & Liam Roberts (Anniversary)
	Esther, Dessie & Liam Buggy (Anniversary)
	John & Michael Mahon (Anniversary)
	Gertie & May Mahon (Anniversary)
5.30pm	Mary O'Brien (Month's Mind)

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Sunday 16th October

11.00am Maura Murphy (anniversary) Eileen Larkin (Anniversary) Jimmy & May O'Brien (Anniversary) Dick Ryan (Anniversary & Birthday Rem) Neil Hanlon (Anniversary)

Monday 17th October

Miraculous Medal Novena After 10.00am Mass and Rosary



Tuesday 18th October

Lectio Divina under the direction

of Sr. Anne in the Pastoral Centre after 10.00am Mass - all welcome.

Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 11.00am 7.30-8.30pm: CCPS Intercessory Prayer in Pastoral Centre - all welcome.

Wednesday 19th October

8.00pm: Charismatic Prayer Group in Pastoral Centre.

All welcome.

Thursday 20th October

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church 10.45-11.45am and 7.00-9.00pm. All welcome

JUST FOR KIRS

What goes up but never comes down? Your age of course!!

We had no takers and again asked Ciara to come up with a quiz that is easy and many would take part. Ciara wants others to now take part. This is her quiz for this week:

What gets wetter as it dries??

There is a prize for the winner - the first one drawn. Please do not let Ciara down!! Your entries to the Sacristy, Office, email address on front of Newsletter







Photos by Tommy Keogh on Friday of night last at the Tidy Towns Awards. Winners of the Summer Competition were announced, for Best Front Garden, Best Shop Front, Best Estate Entrance. A very enjoyable night was had by all. Congratulations to all the winners and our appreciation for the care they take of the village.



South Dublin County Council Home Security Scheme 2016 Do you have a door with a multipoint locking

strip? If so you are invited to apply to have your existing front door European Profile lock replaced with a high security cylinder lock *free of charge*. This scheme is specifically for older residents (55 years+) of South Dublin County Council who may be vulnerable or living alone. Applicants must be living in privately owned accommodation. This scheme is not open to people living in private rented accommodation or to tenants of South Dublin County Council. Only one lock will be available per household.

What are the benefits of high security cylinder locks? The locks that will be installed under this scheme make it virtually impossible for an intruder to bypass. They are: *Anti-snap* • *Anti-drill* • *Anti-pick* • *Anti-bump* How do I apply?

If you would like me to send you an application form please ring or text me on 0874132627. (after 3 pm) Or ring the council at the following number. 014149270. Closing date October 21st, but apply asap if interested.

Clir Breeda Bonner, Moyle Park

John Hegarty, St. Patrick's Park Sympathy Mairin Keane, Boot Road

May they rest in peace. We remember their families and pray for them in their grief.



IN APPRECIATION

Mary and her family would like to express our deep appreciation to everyone who has supported us following the death of Aidan. Thanks to all those who called, phoned or wrote. Thank you to those people who sent cards, flowers, food or gifts. We thank the huge numbers of people who attended the funeral home and the

funeral mass. Particular thanks to the priests of the parish whose kindness made a difficult time a little easier. Your many acts of kindness have been a great source of comfort to us. To those closest to us, our family, our neighbours and our friends, whose support is still continuing, we really appreciate it. Go raibh míle maith agaibh. Mary Dardis & Family

Adult Catechism Studies

The Church, Mother and Teacher It is in the Church, in communion with all baptised, that the Christian fulfils his vocation. From the Church he receives the Word of God containing the teachings of Christ. Christ entrusts the task of authentically interpreting revelation to



the Pope and the Bishops of the Catholic Church. The Church's Magisterium, the Pope and Bishops, bring the light of the Gospel to bear on the moral problems we face. All of us have a right and duty to inform ourselves to the best of our ability on the moral issues before us. The Holy Spirit can use the humblest to enlighten the learned and those in authority. Wednesday 19th October at 7.30pm, Presentation Convent, Introduction to the Decalogue, (paragraphs 2052-2082).

It's over six months since the revamped newsletter was introduced and we recently undertook a review to see how parishioners feel about its present format. There has been a general welcome for the new layout and the introduction of colour! We have seen an increase in distribution of the newsletter so obviously more people are picking up a copy as they visit the church. As the newsletter is also available to read on the parish website and on the parish Facebook page, it is reaching a greater audience than previously. We are aware that former parishioners are reading it (across the globe!) and have had positive feedback from many of them. We welcome contributions from those living in the village, in Clonburris and Knockmitten, from organisations and clubs both locally and in the greater catchment area as this is one of the aims of the newsletter - to give information about events & activities and promote participation in these. We would love to hear from anyone who would like to be part of the newsletter team. If you have computer skills and an interest in communicating, please get in touch. Email your name and contact details to clondalkinchurch@eircom.net or ring the Parish Office at 01 459 3520.