

Fr. Bala sends God's blessings to all who give so generously to help his people and he has offered Holy Mass for your intentions. Please pray for him. After six years as a Parish Priest he is working alone as he cannot provide accommodation for a Curate. Within his parish there are eleven villages, five of which have small Chapels. He has not got a Parish Church or Presbytery. People cannot celebrate Sunday Mass as a community. .

On our final day we visited St. Thomas Mount where St. Thomas was martyred. The church there holds a picture of the Madonna and Child painted by St. Luke and brought to India by St. Thomas.

We returned from India resolved that we would do what we could for the village people who were so generous in their acceptance of us.

Kay Lee

### LANDSCAPE AND NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP WITH TOMMY KEOGH

Capture the interesting and diverse features of Corkagh Park in the company of local photographer Tommy Keogh.

This former estate parkland with rolling landscapes, fishing lake and wildlife is one of the hidden treasures of South Dublin County Council

This photography workshop is aimed at people of all abilities. Bring along your camera and enjoy!

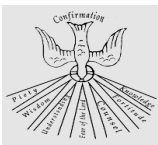
Wednesday 20th April at 11am. Meet at Corkagh Pet Farm

Booking: Tommy @ 087 2812626 or Gina Lee @4149000 ext. 2791

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Summer had really arrived as the children of Gael Scoil Camóige and their families entered the church, beautifully decorated for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We hope that they had a wonderful day and we wish them all the blessings of the Sacrament!



### MONDAY CLUB

On Monday we had the privilege of welcoming our Clondalkin Community Garda, JJ Walsh and Neal Canny. They told us the very practical steps we can take to protect ourselves and our homes from theft and break-ins.

Our homes often come under target by people calling to the door offering to do a job e.g. cleaning gutters, paving driveways or any other excuse. Always have valuables out of sight and back door locked as you don't know if there is another person who goes to the back of the house and go in clearing you of your purse or other valuables while you are engaged with the other person at the front door. Lock front door always, even if you are in the house even though it can't be opened from outside, but can be opened from inside by a clever thief with knowhow. Always have a light on in the house. Be vigilant while shopping, or in the bank or walking in the street.

Thank you lads! Our prayers and good wishes go with you for the very important role you do. Policing has changed in recent years as we know too well by one of our own Clondalkin parishioners losing his life in his line of duty 14th April fourteen years ago. Welcome to Antoinette McGowan and thank you for coming and making the Club enjoyable!

I hope to get the trip to the GPO organised for the May outing!

Kathleen R.

### CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Notices and submissions for the Newsletter must be received before 10.30am on **WEDNESDAY** morning to be considered for inclusion into that week's edition. Envelopes marked "PARISH NEWSLETTER" should be left into the Sacristy or Parish Office and by email to: [ellenteresacoyme@eircom.net](mailto:ellenteresacoyme@eircom.net)

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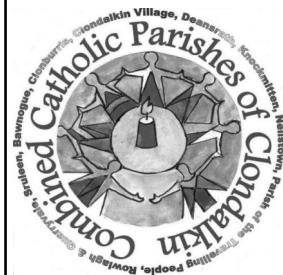
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# PARISH NEWS

Clondalkin Village,  
Clonburris & Knockmitten



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### INDIA REVISITED

Ann Carroll and I were privileged to have a return visit to India. When we left last year we both had a great desire to return, little did we realise that we would return so soon. Following a request from a village elder who said "I live on one meal of rice and chutney a day and I am not complaining but a Chapel would bring great blessings to the village where we suffer a lot of sickness and death". Ann undertook to fundraise to provide the Chapel.

The building of the Chapel brought much needed employment to the villagers. At the completion the Chapel was dedicated to the Divine Mercy in keeping with Pope Francis' declaration of a year of Mercy. The dedication took place on February 4th. There was an air of great excitement on that day which began with a procession to the Chapel led by villagers, priests, nuns and musicians beating drums and dancing. Bishop Prasad, Ann and I followed seated on a tractor and an ornately decorated trailer. Holy Mass was concelebrated by the Bishop and 14 priests. It was a joyous occasion, the lively congregation providing singing and music. After Mass and speeches food was served.

Another highlight of our visit was a festival in Kadapa to honour Our Lady of Lourdes. Holy Mass was concelebrated in a marquee by Bishop Prasad and a very large number of priests.

We visited villages in Fr. Bala's parish. It is very sad to see their fragile homes destroyed by a monsoon in December, leaving some people homeless. We met two village children who we had helped financially last year to receive appropriate medical care. It was uplifting to see the great improvement in their health.

We visited Mr. Rathnam's school in Badvel which we had helped to build in 2008 where we were entertained by students and staff.

Thanks to generous donations from Ireland we were able to provide money for adequate toilet facilities. We hope in the future to make further essential improvements.

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## WANTED

Have you any unused or unloved tools sitting in your shed?

If you have any unused, old, or unloved but still working tools, eg: screw drivers, spanners, drills, saws, sanders, gardening tools, etc. bring them along next Sunday (17th) and leave them in the boxes at the back of the Church. Or they can be left off at the Convent Garages (beside the parish office) between 11 -12 noon every Thursday thereafter. These will be used for the upkeep of the Parish and Convent building and grounds. Any surplus will be donated to Charity!!

Frank Brown, Parish Pastoral Worker

## LOURDES PILGRIMAGE APPEAL

The committee members of the Pilgrimage has deferred their collection to weekend 30th April/1st May and ask for your support and generosity.

## CLONDALKIN MENS SHED RE-LAUNCH

Wednesday 20th April 2016 at 3pm  
At our new shed, rear of 98 Boot Road  
Very limited car parking only a short walk up from St Brigid's Well  
Fintan Mullaly

## VOCATION SUNDAY

"The Church is the House of Mercy and it is the "soil" where vocations take root, mature and bear fruit!"

Pope Francis  
The **SHARE** Collection at all Masses today will be replaced by a collection in aid of the students studying for the Priesthood for our Diocese in Maynooth and again your generosity is very much appreciated.

## CHURCH DUTY

**Altar Linen:** Angela Minihan  
**Cleaning:** Betty Byrne, Rebecca Duggan  
**Flowers:** Kathleen Cosgrove to 22nd and Elizabeth Mary from 23rd April to 6th May.

## CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER FO CLONDALKIN PARISH CLUSTER

This Tuesday, 19th April meeting in Pastoral Centre 7.30pm to 8.30pm and all are welcome

## BAPTISMS



Sophia Anna Stewart, Grange View Drive  
Daniel John Higgins, Canon Sheehan Place, Mallow

Isabelle Julia McKevitt, Newlands Manor  
Karen Laura Kerins, Monastery Drive  
Ella Mai Murphy, Laurel Park  
Tate Hudson Tebay, Thornley Lane North, Iver, Bucs.

Welcome into our Catholic Community



## DEATHS

We pray for Tony Clifford, Dunawley and extend our deepest sympathies to his family and friends

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Saturday 23rd April

10.00am Pat Ryder, 5th an

### Sunday 24th April

7.30pm (vigil) William Doyle

10.30am Paul Maher

12 noon Henry and Catherine Wall

Peter Clynch

Joseph, Michael and Robert Cullen

Frances Farrelly

Pamela Delaney, 18th an

Tommy Keegan, 7th an

## "FINDING NEW LIFE" TALKS

The Clondalkin Charismatic Prayer Group - Our Lady, Queen of Peace - invites you to our 1st Talk:

"**GOD'S LOVE**" starting 8pm om the Parish Pastoral Centre attached to main Parish Church in the Village, this Wednesday 20th April.

Pentecost Sunday is 15th May and in the weeks between now and then we will be trying to prepare our hearts and minds to receive the "New Life" the Holy Spirit wants to give us at Pentecost and make a renewed adult commitment to our Baptism.

Pope Francis recently encouraged us to find out the date of our Baptism and celebrate our spiritual birthday as well as our birthday each year. Please come and join us  
Claire

## CLONBURRIS

### Anniversaries

### Sunday 17th April

11am

**John O'Brien A.**

**David( Gus) O'Brien A.**

**Michael Donoghue A.**

**Noel Mc Evoy A.**

## CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

"Thanks" Ruth Dawson for doing the quizzes on Tuesday last.

We will have a few outings coming up in the next few months. I will keep you all informed. Our "Bright Side of Life" Choir is singing at The Trade and Tourism Show on 18th May in Whites Hotel, Wexford, under the direction of Peter Bramble. They have really come on in leaps and bounds. We are having coffee morning in the Towers Club on Tuesday 3rd May as part of The Bealtaine Festival, anyone who would like to come along just give me a quick ring on 086 3274323 as I need numbers.

Clare

## WALK FOR MERCY

In July this year over 300 pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Dublin (all aged between 16 and 30) are travelling to the World Youth Day in Krakow. These young people have accepted the invitation of Pope Francis to meet him in Krakow to celebrate our faith. Over 2.5million young people are expected to attend this event and six young adults from the CCPC will be representing us there. Next weekend (23rd/24th) you have to chance to meet them and offer them your support at the masses when they share their motivation, hopes and dreams for the World Youth Day. They also invite you to join them for the **WALK OF MERCY** pilgrimage which is going to take place on Sunday 1st of May in our area. More details on the WALK OF MERCY will follow next week.  
Christina Malone, Pastoral Worker

## ADULT CATECHISM STUDIES

We now commence Part 3 of the Catechism, Chapter One-The Dignity of the Human Person. This week's reading-Man: The Image of God.

"God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them"Gen1:27. Living a moral life bears witness to the dignity of the person. Deep within their conscience men and women discover a voice calling them to love one another and to do what is good and avoid evil. Christians are joined to one another in the search for truth and to the right solution to so many moral problems, which arise both in their own lives and in society. The moral life, having matured in grace, blossoms into eternal life in the glory of heaven.

Wednesday 20th April at 7.30pm Presentation Convent, paragraphs 1691-1715.

Ronan

## THIS WEEK!

### Monday 18th April

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass

Monday Club open to all- no membership—in the Pastoral Centre after Mass and Rosary

### Tuesday 19th April

Legion of Mary in the Convent at 11am

Lectio Divina in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass and Rosary

Active Retirement in GAA Club after Mass and Rosary

### Friday 22nd April

The 2nd and 6th class girls from Scoil Aine will be in attendance at 10am Mass

### Sunday 24th April

**World Day Pilgrims will speak at the 5.30pm Mass**

## ADORATION

This Thursday 14th April there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

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

**Evening:** in the Church 7pm to 9pm and all are welcome