



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 18th December 2016



Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17:7-8



Four Gifts for you
this Advent

One day while on honeymoon in Crete, we joined a trip going up the mountains to an evening of traditional dance and food. It was a sweltering hot day and was a treacherous journey, along a small, winding dirt road whose steep edges constantly threatening an unforeseen plummet into the seemingly arid valley below. The whole area seemed desolate and empty. As we got higher I got another view. From here, in the distance, through the window of the vehicle I could see the outline of a currently dry river bed. It was easily visible because all along its dry banks, life abounded. From high above, the river bed was like a ribbon of green and gold. In the brilliant sunshine, green and gold leaves fluttered on trees and shrubs, whose roots stretched out to be watered by the stream when the rains came. These roots must have gone deep to sustain such abundant life even during a long, dry season.



Advent is a time to sink our spiritual roots deep, to let them stretch out to God, the source of all life. Because we are thus connected with God, we too can be sources of life to others in the way we live our daily life. Christmas is not only the season of receiving gifts; it is even more so the season of taking delight in giving to others. We emulate what God has done for us and in that we find our deepest joy. Let us prepare, then, to be generous in offering our family, co-workers, and neighbours spiritual gifts such as patience, prudence, encouragement, counsel, faith, hope, and love.

There's a spiritual adage that says, "You can't give what you haven't got." The gift offered during this last week of Advent is the *gift of hope*. Let us drink deeply of the spiritual gift of hope that God offers us. Then we can cherish within us the spirit of Christmas and bring to others the blessings of the Christ Child every day of the year. In our frantic preparation for Christmas during this last week of Advent, let us always *Be Hope* for others in all that we say and do!

Theme: Hope Helps Us Endure in Difficult Times

We can easily become impatient with God and with one another. Living in hope means being willing to live courageously day to day. The signs of change in us will most likely be subtle. Living in hope means that while Jesus has already come, we are still in the process of letting him complete the journey into our hearts. Rediscover, live and be the hope and strength that comes from the celebration of the Christmas story.

May you have the gladness
of Christmas which is hope;
The spirit of Christmas
which is peace; The heart of
Christmas which is love.

Frank Brown PPW

These gifts are given freely to be OPENED - ENJOYED & SHARED

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

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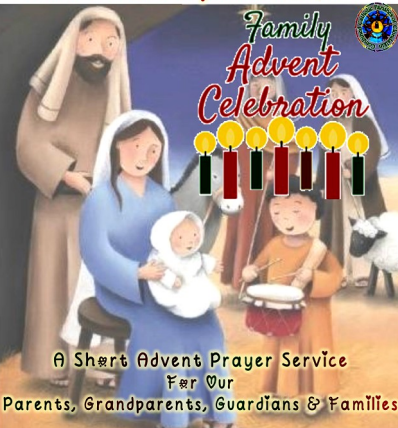
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You are invited to join with us for a



Family Advent Celebration

A Short Advent Prayer Service
For Our
Parents, Grandparents, Guardians & Families

Where: Clondalkin Village Parish Church
When: 20th December
Time: 2:45pm

Join Us!

Dear Santa,
I already have everything I could possibly wish for this year. Got my family, good friends and LOVE. Please take care of those who need you. THANK YOU!! XX

Advent Reconciliation Service




Clondalkin Village Church
Tuesday 20th Dec
7:30pm

*Prepare the way of the Lord
All are Welcome!!*

DON'T BE AFRAID TO GO TO THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION. WHERE YOU WILL MEET JESUS WHO FORGIVES YOU. Pope Francis

Muintir Chrónáin once again invite everyone to our

12th Annual Beithilín Beo Live Crib,



complete with young actors playing traditional roles of Mary, Joseph, shepherds and kings, and a newborn baby playing the central role of An Leabhbh Íosa, and real live animals. There is no dialogue in the presentation but it is choreographed to specially chosen Eastern music.


Beithilín Beo is again produced by Brian ÓGaibhín and Aisteoirí Chrónáin, and directed by Oisín MacTiarnáin.

Don't miss this opportunity to recapture a real sense of the true spirit of Christmas.

The venue is **Áras Chrónáin, Orchard Road, on Sat 17th and Sun 18th, 2 - 6pm.**

Refreshments served. Admission is free but all donations gratefully accepted.

Bígi linn gan teip - fáilte roimh cách.



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.**

20th Dec



**WORD MADE FLESH, TRUE BREAD OF HEAVEN
THE CHURCH'S SACRAMENT AND WORSHIP**

Bishop Barron explores the ancient practices of the Church's worship that endure to this very day, and the notion that all value is summed up in the liturgy, the supreme act by which we commune with God.

Considered by the Catholic Faith to be the source and summit of its identity and mission, the Eucharist is the central practice of the Church's culture. Bishop Barron describes all the parts of the Mass, and shows how the Sacred Liturgy embodies the whole of the Faith in such diverse places as Jerusalem, Rome, Chicago, Orvieto and Mexico City.

The 4th & final part in our series of 4 Advent inputs continues on **Tues 20th Dec** from 7.30pm upstairs in the Pastoral Centre.


Join us for a Film, cuppa & discussion.

Even if you have not attended the other 3 this is an episode not to be missed.

It gives a better understanding of the Mass and the reasons why the Mass is as it is.

This week is hosted by Fr David from Rowlagh!!

Kids - Just for us!



Have you picked up your colouring pages from the Parish Shop yet. There are plenty still available and if you don't like what is on offer you are welcome to send us one of your own choosing. Fr. Damian and indeed most of the people would like pictures telling of the Christmas Story. Please do have your pictures in by Thursday at the latest so that they can be mounted and made ready for display. Every person who sends in a picture will get a gift from Fr. Damian. Last Sunday you must have seen the pink candle on the Advent Wreath being lit. Now the candles really look like a circle and I was reminded of the game we play in the School yard called *Rounders*. My Mam explained that the white candle in the middle of the Wreath is called the Jesus candle and I imagined we were dancing around Jesus but I hadn't done enough yet to ask Him to join in our game. **Ciara**

Have you taken our Christmas Doorstep Challenge Yet?!

Imagine how many Christmases could be brightened by a simple gesture. The rules:

1. Pick someone who has had a tough time or would simply benefit from some festive goodwill. *If doesn't have to be someone you know well!*
2. Choose a gift for them - big or small.
3. Write them an anonymous note, some kind words about why you were thinking of them.
4. Leave it all at their doorstep.
5. Knock on the door and leggit! - make sure they don't see you!
6. Feel happy knowing that you have spread some Christmas cheer with no expectations of anything in return.




Let's share and see if this catches on and we can spread a bit of Christmas magic. Miracles really do happen!

#Christmas #Doorstepchallenge


Share your Christmas Doorstep Challenge photos with us **CCPC.Clondalkin@gmail.com**

Join with your loved ones the **Christmas Eve** in a **Wave of Spiritual Sound** - In the **Village Church** we are joining with people all over the world in singing the rosary at **6pm** to celebrate Mary's special day! Wave of Sound starts in New Zealand at 6pm their time and is passed on to Ireland from Holland. So Join us and ask friends & relatives to participate at 6pm their local time!!



Dolores Stapleton wishes to thank all of those who sent Mass Cards and get well wishes. May you all have a very Happy Christmas

On behalf of all parishioners we pray for Dolores and all who are sick in the parish and wish them all a speedy return to health.



Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light and peace.
POPE FRANCIS

The Excitement is Building!

CHURCH DUTY



Altar Linen: Mary O'Neil

Cleaning teams return to normal in the New Year

Decoration of the Church on Fri 23rd Dec after 10am all hands needed!

Monday 19th December

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass & Rosary.

Christmas Mass for Scoil Ide at 11:30am

Tuesday 20th December

Family Advent Celebration - 2:45pm

Lectio Divina under the direction of Sr. Anne in the Pastoral Centre at 10am Mass and Rosary.

CCPC Intercessory Prayer for Clondalkin Parish Cluster. This Tues in the Pastoral Ctr (Downstairs) from 7.30-8.30pm. All welcome.

Advent Catholicism Programme - Final part - 7.30 to 9pm.

Venue: Upper Meeting Room in the Village Church. All welcome.

Reconciliation Service - 7:30pm

Wednesday 21st December

Charismatic Prayer Group - 8pm in Parish Pastoral Centre. With Exposition - Gift yourself a bit of quite time. All welcome.

Legion of Mary in the Convent at 12 noon and all welcome.

Adoration (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament) 10:45 - 11:45am & then 7pm - 9pm in the Church



Recently Deceased

Thomas Smith, Boot Rd

Timothy O'Leary, Cherrywood Ave

We offer our sympathies and prayers for their families and friends at this sad time.



Monday Club 12th December 2016 - This morning we had the privilege of welcoming the young men of Moyle Park College together with their teachers Mr Eugene Molloy, Sandra & Tina and Harry Keogh. Harry has been to the Monday Club on many previous occasions with the girls from Colaiste Brid and Localise. He is Education Co-coordinator, Localise, Dept of Children and Youth. This is the first time they have been with us. It is part of a school project where they had to engage with a community group, so we were the lucky group to be selected. Sixty per cent of the marking for the exam is based on this project. The young men brought biscuits, cakes and mince pies. They prepared a quiz with many questions relating to Christmas. Then there was the geography round with some interesting questions. Colin, the young quiz master was an excellent quiz master, and maybe we should get him for our next quiz in the club. Then we were entertained with some Christmas songs eg. Jingle Bell Rock and Jingle Bells with Tomi, Colin and two other guys. Sorry I don't know your names as they were not on display. I noticed you all have great interpersonal and communication skills. Wonderful to see in people so young. We all had a wonderful morning and a millions thanks to all you young men and all concerned for the most enjoyable morning, for the cards, the raffle prizes for the quiz and the other goodies. You all are a credit to yourselves, your school and to our community. We wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas and a peaceful studios and exam successful new year. I got the new winter programme for the Civic Theatre in Tallaght which lists their concerts for their new season. There is a Viennese Strauss Gala Concert on at the end of January if anyone is interested. Just let us know in the Monday Club and maybe we could get to go as a group. Until then take care.

Kathleen R

Congratulations and Welcome to Newly Baptized
Gavin Patrick Dempsey, Palmerstown Woods
Erin Nancy Daly Norton, Cherrywood Pk
Gabrielle Sophia Long, Alpine Hieghts
Lucas Michael Clarke Noble, Cappaghmore
Dominik Patryk Jerke, Cappaghmore Est.

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Christmas Events programme including envelopes for Christmas Dues and 2017 calendars are now available for collection from the Sacred Heart Altar, entrances, shop and office.

Village Church

Sunday 18th December

7.30pm Vigil Paddy Delaney (1st An), Thomas (Sammy) McDonnell (An), Jack & Katie Fitzgerald & deceased family members, Patrick & Mary Cosgrove and deceased family members. Josephine Fitzgerald all deceased family members.

10.30am James Norton Snr (An), Maureen King (5th An) Mary Kirwan & Geraldine Lernihian, Brigid Brannigan (An), Lisa Sexton, John, Lucy & Olive Corcoran

12noon Paddy Delaney (1st An), Sr. Catherine Fowley (An) Stephen West (2nd An), Eliz, Nicklos & Eilish Hynes (An), Thomas Murphy (3rd An), William O'Neill (An), Ann Carol Walsh (An), Bill Branigan (5th An) Charles Gray, (An), Padraig Faughnan, Kathleen & Michael Shannon, Liam Callaghan & deceased family members, Living & Deceased Residents of Floraville

5:30pm Bridie & Paddy O'Brien (An)

Monday 19th

10am Christina, James, Thomas & Madge Moore (Ch Rem)

Thursday 22nd

7:30m Mary & Henry Aylward (An)

Friday 23rd

7:30am Seamus Egan (An)

10am John Scully (An)

Christmas Services



Village

Christmas Eve - first mass of Christmas 7:30pm

Carols at 9:45pm followed by night mass at 10pm

Masses Christmas Day - 9am, 10:30am, 12 noon

NO 5:30pm Mass Today, 7pm Evening Prayer

Knockmitten

Christmas Eve - first mass of Christmas (Children) 5:30pm

Vigil - 6:30pm

Masses Christmas Day- 10am, 12 noon

Clonburris

Christmas Eve - first mass of Christmas 9pm

Masses Christmas Day - 11am

On Christmas Day at 7pm - If you are at a loose end and would like to finish off a beautiful day in thanksgiving with like-minded people, well then feel free to join us here in the Church on Christmas Day. The Church opens at 6.30pm and Evening Prayer begins at 7pm followed by refreshments in the Pastoral Centre. You may like to share the left-over Christmas Cake, etc. with others please do bring it along.

Fr. Padraig



Parish Shop

There are cribs and many other items suitable for Christmas gifts still on sale in the Parish Shop. please feel free to drop in after all Masses this weekend!