

With it being Father's Day, I've been reflecting on my connection with my own Dad, Frankie, who passed away at an early age on June 19th, 2003. Still, not a day goes by that I don't think about him and miss him. I know without a doubt that his humour and spirit are with me and that his presence will remain a part of my experiences for the rest of my life. I see a lot of him in my children too. His jokes, compassion and creativity in Amanda, his intelligence, determination and wisdom in Erin and his enthusiasm and sense of justice and what's right in Shane. While I miss my father every day, I continually reflect on the way he lived his life, his creativity and sense of fun, his caring and most of all - his LOVE. This is a day to honour our fathers and those men who we know to be great Fathers. To acknowledge all they do for us and what they mean to us and those we love. When I had my own children I remember my Dad saying to me, "Remember, no one teaches" you to be a parent – Being a Dad is a gift. Do your best each day and don't be afraid to make mistakes, but always learn from them. And

Loving God,

Thank you for my Daddy, and everything he does for me.

Help him to have

patience when I am difficult, Father's Do wisdom when I can't see the way a smile when I am feeling down, energy when I want to play, strength when I need comforting,

and love at all times,

Let him always know how much I love him, even when I forget to tell him.

And Lord, please take care of all dads. Though they are brave and protective, they must also be frightened sometimes. When money runs low and when we need things, Lord, when their hearts break because they can't do it all; Please help us to let them know how much we love them, how much we need them to be an example to us and how much You love them.

everything you do for your children, do it with love and compassion." I know he is always watching over me and I hope he is proud.

Father's Day, like Christmas, birthdays and other special occasions, can be a particularly difficult time of year for parents that are unable to see their children for whatever reason. For many fathers, the gifts and advertising campaigns focussed on Father's Day will be a painful reminder of their own situation. It can be an incredibly lonely time, and it can be difficult for friends and family to understand what you are going through.

So today, let's remember to say a prayer for all fathers, grandfathers & great grandfathers, whatever their situation. Let's also remember to say a prayer for Frs Damian, Padraig, Shán & Des that God give them wisdom and strength as they work tirelessly to witness to us and guide us toward the love of our Father in heaven. Frank Brown, Parish Pastoral Worker *Have a great day!!*

Clondalkin Village Sundays: (Vigil) Sat 7.30pm, Sunday 9am (Gaeilge) 10.30am (Choral), 12 noon (Family) & 5.30pm

Weekdays (Mon – Fri) 7.30am 10am. Sat 10am and First Fridays 7.30am, 10am. Holy Days 7.30pm (Vigil), 7.30am, 10am Confessions Sat 10.30 - 11am & 6.45 - 7.15pm

Clonburris Sundays

Sunday

(Vigil) Sat 6.30 pm 11am Holy Days 11am and 6.30pm

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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Amen





Monday Club 12 June 2017

Today we had a great crowd in the Club. After the tea and chat Frank Dresher came to say goodbye to us. Frank has been in our parish since September last year on parish work experience as part of his formation for the priesthood. Frank will be heading off shortly to a parish in Arizona and later he will be in the Irish College in Rome. We will miss his visits and his friendship in the Club. Frank we all wish you well for the future and we will keep you in our prayers. You will be welcome in the club whenever you are back in Clondalkin. We had Minnie's Music today. Minnie as always had a wonderful selection of music and songs selected from her vast collection of CDs. She opened with "O' what a beautiful morning", followed on with "Will you go lassie go", "Allelluia", "shoe the donkey" (Minnie's favorite), and lots more too. Minnie puts a lot of effort into her selections and is so well organized with her list of the CDs and the various tracks listed. No time wasted searching, she has it all there on her list. Thank you for the music and it got most of us singing along or humming if we did not know the words or even if they didn't have words.

Thank you Joan and Josie for all you did this week, shopping, making teas and looking after everyone, and to all for making the morning so enjoyable. Until next week take care. Kathleen R

Next Synday!! Ice-Cream Fun day for Down undays Syndrome Ireland after the 12 noon family mass !

Enjoy some photos from the events during Ecumenical Bible Week Last week!! Thanks to all who attended, organised and took part!!

















Mary Farrell of Clondalkin Pioneers presents a new member. Rita Kirwan with her Certificate. Membership open to all. Phone 0863445249



Congratulations to Christine Jordan & Marcella Grey commissioned at the 10:30am mass in the Village last Sunday as ambassadors to youth & young adults in the Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin. God bless their work &

keep them in your prayers. Congrats also to Natalie & Pawel who also completed the Youth Leadership course. They are all part of our YOUth Initiative Group that is looking to support, reach out to and respond to the Youth and Young adults in our community. We are always looking for new members so if you are interested in finding out more on this or the Youth Leadership Course talk to them or contact

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CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Mary Leonard Flowers: Nuala Kendellon Cleaning: Kitty Egan, Veronica Bayly, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Angela McCreevy and May Stynes



Monday 19th June

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and rosary

Tuesday 20th June Lection Diving under the direction of Sr. Anne in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass and Rosaru

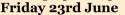
CCPC Intercessory Prayer for 9 Clondalkin Parishes in Pastoral Centre 7.30pm to 8.30pm and all welcome

Wednesday 21st June

Charismatic Prayer Group - Our Lady Queen of Peace - in the Pastoral Centre and all welcome especially newcomers and visitors to our area

Thursday 22nd June

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Morning: 10.45am to 11.45am in the Church Evening: 7pm to 9pm in the Church



Pioneer Meeting in the Pastoral Centre at 10.45am and new members welcome

Presentation Sisters' Associates thank all who Thank you contributed to the Presentation Sisters' Mission in the Philippines and Slovakia. Total amount collected from Clondalkin, Clonburris and Knockmitten was €2, 300 Mary Dardis

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

I think I will write this article every couple of weeks as there is a little bit more to report. Since we last spoke we had Sean singing a few songs with a bit of dancing which was a great morning, We had the



close of The Bealtaine Festival which was a great afternoon. Our Bright Side of Life Choir singing at Hollywell Nursing Home,

which is always a pleasure to sing for these lovely people. We also had a day trip to Kilkenny which was lovely, but unfortunately we were not blessed with the weather. We stopped at The Arborotum for morning coffee and then on to Kilkenny We all had good fun. We had our dinner and a bit of music at The Louis Fitzgerald Hotel. Jimmy Coogan and Denis Kavanagh sang a few songs and they were really fantastic. Before

I forget I would like to congratulate our members who won prizes at The Beataine Festival, Eileen Carey, Pat O'Loughlin, Dolores Shields, Nora Treacy and well done to everyone who won. It was Clare

a great afternoon.

(They meet in the GAA Round Towers Club on Tuesday mornings 10am so feel free to drop in)



Clondalkin Indoor Bowling Club each Wed 7.30pm to 9pm in the Scouts Hall, Watery Lane. All aged 18 years + men and women welcome. Advice, help and lessons freely given. Drop in and see what it is all about or phone Liam 0876409225



Visitors welcome! Monday and Thursday Bridge Clubs welcome visitors to join in a game of BRIDGE. We meet at 7pm in St. Joseph's School Hall. Please do bring a Bridge Partner.



Village Church (today) Sunday 18th June

7.30pm (vigil): David and Rita O'Sullivan



Sheila and Teddy O'Byrne Intentions Cecelia & Alan Napier Anne Guilfoyle BR Noel, Mairead Doyle & Fionnula Doyle Patrick Maguire, 1st An 10.30am 12noon Gerard Courtney, MM Bridie and Sean Foran Wednesday 21st June 7.30am Tom Curran, 26th ann John Dowling, 33rd ann

Clonburrís

Saturday 17th June

6.30pm:

Pat O'Brien M.M. Josephine Kennedy A. James Kennedy A.

Sunday 18th

11am: Keith Mulready A., Kathleen Blackburn A. Deceased members of Blackburn Family. Sr. Elis O'Loughlin A., Ester Lawlor A. Pat Downey A.

Congratulations and welcome!

Alex James Ward, Monastery Gate Avenue Theo Jonathan Mannis, Castleview Rd Lillie Leanne Owens, Riversdale Crescent



Izzy Elaine Forrester, Whitefields, Station Rd, Portarlington Millie Rua McKeever McDonnell, Cherrywood Villas Cole Kayden Boyle Carton, Kilcronan View.



You are welcome to stay for a few minutes; an hour; a few hours Security, Tea/Coffee available during night hours



PLEASE KEEP CLONDALKIN BEAUTIFUL Please help to keep Clondalkin beautiful The Clondalkin Tidy Towns Group has a spread of 100 Barrels of Flowers throughout the Village in preparation for the visit by the adjudicators of the Supervalu National Tidy Towns Competition who are about to judge

our village for the 2017 competition . To help allay the expenses in providing these barrels plus the watering costs of same during the Summer months we are seeking help from business's / families willing to sponsor a barrel @ 100Euro each. If you wish to be associated with our sponsorship drive please contact the undersigned at 087 2812626 or

tommykeogh@gmail.com.

Tommy Keogh Hon. Sec Clondalkin Tidy Towns Group.



The annual Cemetery Mass & Blessing of the graves takes place at Palmerstown Cemetery today, Sunday, 18 June 2017 at 3pm