



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 19th February 2017



FREEDOM AND OBEDIENCE

One of the most important things Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount is that He did not come to change the law but to fulfil it. He gave it a new perspective and summed it all up in saying that we do God's will by loving him and loving our neighbour.

Jesus was the God man, he was Lord and yet he was a servant. He served all those who came to him for healing. In being a servant Jesus was obedient - first of all to God his father. He was also obedient to human beings which is extraordinary. He obeyed his parents, he was obedient to the civil authorities and he paid his taxes. Jesus' obedience was not the mindless obedience we see in dictatorships where it is given out of fear. Rather Jesus' obedience was given in the context of love and happiness.

It is the same with Christians in their day to day lives - they see obedience to God as a path to happiness because God is the source of happiness.

In today's world freedom and obedience are seen as opposites. Yet, extraordinarily they do go together. It depends on the freedom I want. Do I want the freedom to do what I like or do I like the freedom to do what is right? An illustration - learning to play the piano is a tedious, boring business in the beginning. But, after a while with a bit of perseverance what originally seemed like a burden comes into a clearer light - learning to do the right thing is actually liberating.

I can play anything I like, even the most difficult pieces. I can make new music on my own. Any one can bang away on a piano but what they produce is just noise, not music. Learning to play the piano means learning with a set of rules but it is the rules that give me the freedom to communicate good music, to test new ideas, to make new music and even be another composer like Mozart.

So we pray that we will say "Yes" to God and do his will. For it is in obedience that we are freed, it is in humility we are exalted and it is in giving that we receive.

Fr. Pdraig

“Learn to obey. Only he who obeys a rhythm superior to his own is free.”
—Nikos Kazantzakis



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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Monday Club

Today we had a brilliant crowd in the Monday Club. It was not as exciting as last week's surprise birthdays, but one of our team had a birthday also. We wish Collette a very happy birthday too as she shared a birthday with Phyllis and Bernadette but was not free to come last week. Happy belated birthday Collette from us all.

We had a letter from the Our Lady's Hospice informing us of a forthcoming trek of the Amalfi Coast and Capri during Sept or Oct 2017. This is a fundraising event, but I don't know if anyone is able for such a trek, but maybe some family or friends may be interested they can contact the Hospice for further information. They said in their letter that even though funds have gone down, there is a greater demand for the services of the hospice and therefore rely heavily on fund raising.

We extend "A BIG THANK YOU" to Sean Browne for his kindness and generosity in supplying loads of beautiful assorted sandwiches and buns to the club this morning to celebrate St Valentine's Day. There was chicken/salad, ham/salad, to mention a few types. Thank you Sean for your generosity.

We finished off our morning with a few games of bingo. Numbers called out by Joan and selected by Josie. Maureen was lucky with two lines, followed by May, Anne & Teresa H. Congratulations to you all. Next week we look forward to welcoming the LOCALISE group to the club. I am sure they will have a few surprises up their sleeves for us. Until then take care.

Kathleen R



Just for us!

Lent begins on Wednesday 1st March and we will have a Lenten Garden in the Church.

Last year I with my family planted flowers and cared for them and watched them grow. I said a Hail Mary each time a visited for my friends. This year I will plant a flower for the people I fell out with and don't like so much. "In this case you will need a flower garden of your own" my Dad says.

But I know he is only kidding - I'm *not that bad*! I hope you will bring a plant to sow in the garden too. Thought you might like a riddle!!

What is the easiest way to double your money?

Your answer to Newsletter - address on front page **Ciara**



You're invited

Are you in your 40's? The Dublin 40 *Some Things* organise spiritual and social events for people in their 40's in and around Dublin who have a Catholic ethos. We invite you to come along and get involved.

Our next monthly gathering is at Trinity City Hotel, Pearse St. at **8.30pm on Friday 3rd March**. Then we have an evening Lenten Retreat at the Sacred Hearts, 66 Inchicore Rd. at 5pm on Saturday 11th March. Come along or contact us on Dublin40somethings@gmail.com or 0877608268 for info on these and other events we organise.

To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless. G. K Chesterton



ACCORD Dublin

The Annual Collection of ACCORD, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the **weekend of 18th and 19th February 2017**.

The collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection. **ACCORD Dublin needs your support**



CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE SERVICE



CLONDALKIN GARDA LOCAL POLICING FORUM
Public Meeting in the Green Isle Hotel on **Thurs 23rd Feb** at **7.30pm**. Garda and South Dublin County Council Management will be in attendance. **Stephen Lydon Sergt L18**. Clondalkin Garda Station 01.6667600

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

What a wonderful day we had for St. Valentine's day, I will post up some photos for next week. The morning started with Audrey, Paddy, Eileen, Maura, Frank, Catherine, Noreen, Josie, Catherine, Clare, Marie and myself up at the crack of dawn blowing up balloons, putting up all our little hearts around the hall and oh it just looked beautiful, and everyone was in such good form, faces we hadn't seen for a long time and even better everyone was smiling, which makes such a difference. Billy Joyce played the music, an active member from Clondalkin and a big thank you to Kay from the Laurels for the lovely sambos. Sure what else would you be doing on a Tuesday morning, fantastic. Its wonderful to see so many people so happy on a St Valentines morning and a big thank you to Jimmy and Frank from the Towers club... so expect to see a few photos next week. thanks a lot guys for your support.

Clare



St. Joseph's Young Priests Society is a Catholic lay organisation which exists to help student clerics on their journey to priesthood. The Society fosters vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It assists students for the priesthood both financially and by prayer. It promotes the vocation of the laity and fosters a greater understanding and love of the Mass.

The next monthly meeting will be held on **Wed 22nd Feb** in the Pastoral Centre at **10.45am** and new members always welcome!



A COUPLE'S PRAYER

Lord, help us remember that our love for each other reflects your love for us.
May we empower one another to fulfil
Our purpose in life
May our love be an example for our family
And a model for all
May our experience as a couple give us a
Preview of the oneness we will experience someday
Help us to see that everything is either love or a call to love
Help us to celebrate our similarities and honour our differences.
Help us to accept our limitations and utilize our talents
May we remain wise in this relationship
May we grow wise in this relationship.
Bring us what You desire for us, and show us how You would have us be.

Thank you for this opportunity, this life and for my loving Partner, **Amen**



Marie Keating
FOUNDATION

Information Evening
Srleen Parish Centre, Clondalkin,
Tuesday 21st February, 8.00pm

Guest Speaker - Patricia McCarthy - will cover the following topics:

Your Health is your Choice, Skin Cancer, Prostate Cancer, Breast Cancer

Question and Answer Session following the talk.

For further information, please phone Kay on **087 2841453**

While on our mid-term break we reflect on Part Three of the Catechism - **Life in Christ**, which our studies group have now completed and look forward to commencing Part Four - Christian Prayer.

'Prayer is the highest achievement of which the human person is capable' (St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross).



CHURCH DUTY

THANKS

Altar Linen: Mary O'Neill
Church Cleaning: Rita Arnold
Flowers: Kathleen Cosgrove for February
Erection of Lenten Garden: Tues 28th Feb after 10am Mass and Rosary

Monday 20th February

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 21st February-Lectio Divina under the guidance of Sr. Anne after 10am Mass in the Pastoral Centre.

CCPC Intercessory Prayer for 9 Clondalkin Parishes - 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre (downstairs). All welcome.

Wednesday 22nd February

Missionary Rosary at 7.30pm, followed by Holy Mass - celebrant Fr. Brian O'Toole at 8.15pm sharp, hosted by the Charismatic Prayer Group in the Pastoral Centre

And all are welcome. Please do come and join us

Thursday 23rd February-

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Morning: In the Church 10.45 to 11.45am.

Evening: In the Church 7pm to 9pm. All welcome.

Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 12 noon - new members always welcome.



Lourdes 2017

Our annual Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year takes place from **12th to 17th May**.

A special reduction of €25.00 will be given to all those who pay their deposits no later than **26th February**.

Booking forms are now available in the Sacristy, Parish Office and Parish Shop.

Padraig Doyle, Group Organiser.



SOME OF THE 5TH YEAR STUDENTS REFLECT ON THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE ST. BRIGID'S DAY CELEBRATION

"I was part of the music group for the St Brigid's Mass. It was a very lively atmosphere." – Jennifer Irabor

"I helped to make some of the St. Brigid's Day crosses and I was also in charge of selling the crosses on the day. I enjoyed taking part in the organisation of the mass and also afterwards doing the tea and coffee. Everyone was so thankful and it made me proud of myself, my classmates and teachers. I felt more part of the community and loved taking part in this celebration with my local parish" – Rebecca Smith

"I think that everyone was very prepared for the celebration of St Brigid's mass. Everyone participated and had different roles to do. My job was to read a prayer and in my opinion everyone was dedicated and worked so hard to please those involved in the parish. It was a great day because we celebrated the first day of spring with the community. Everyone left the mass feeling happy and blessed." – Suchavadee Foley

"In the lead up to St. Brigid's Day I was involved in making the St. Brigid's crosses. I really enjoyed making the crosses and I found it very therapeutic. I also had the opportunity to read a prayer of the faithful at the mass. I felt a bit nervous but I was ok. After the mass I got to go on the mini pilgrimage to St. Brigid's well. I really enjoyed talking to the older parishioners and hearing their stories of what St. Brigid's day was like when they were younger. I had a really good day overall." Chloe O Meara

"I was involved in the music portion of the mass. We sang during the mass and then a couple of the girls including myself sang to the elderly people while they drank their tea. It was really fun and good to give back to the community. It was great to put so much passion and work into something that others could appreciate with us." Eimear Monaghan



Village Church

Sunday 19th February

7.30pm Vigil Nora McHugh and Thomas McHugh
 Elsie Naughton, mm

10.30am Bro. Francis Thomas O'Malley, rec. dec.

12noon Maisie and Tom Delaney

Brian Lucas

Alan Bradbury

Thursday 23rd February

10.00am John and Mary O'Neill

Friday 24th February

7.30am Michael McDermott

10.00am Mary and Michael Lacey

Saturday 25th February

10.00am Christopher Stapleton, b/day rem

Clonburris

Saturday 18th February

6.30pm Ellie Nolan A.

Patrick and Kathleen Blackburn A

John, Kevin and deceased members of Blackburn Family

Sunday 19th February

11am Noel Keogh M.M

Matthew Fay M.M



Eoin Liam Bennett, Yellow Meadows Pk
Ben Aidan Wong, Slade Castle Heights
Adam James Coates, St. Ronan's Green
Congratulations and welcome!



Thanks Girls!!
We didn't have room for all their reflections here but check out our Facebook Page for more!!

