



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**



Parish Newsletter

Sunday 19th March 2017



Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving

Could it be foreseeable that Lent might be good for us after all.!

It seems a very strange thing to say in a culture dominated by excess, addiction and superficiality. We are not the only ones who have a season of self-denial, Jews & Muslims have it too. Even our consumer culture has a streak of it in a paradoxical way in that it encourages diets, workouts, jogging and other forms of physical exercise. In our season of asceticism we focus on prayer, fasting & alms-giving which we derive from the 2 great commandments; *loving God & loving our neighbour*.

Many people go to weekday masses during Lent and this is loving God because our attendance demands a certain effort and some of our time. It overlaps with the command to love our neighbour as ourselves which also requires us to give up some of our time, effort and material goods. All of this helps to lift us out of the clutter and stress of modern life and "Live Simply" as the slogan from Trocaire put it a few years ago. Does God really want us to be happy? I think he does but maybe that sounds a little unconvincing during Lent which can appear to be a gloomy time of year. God leads us to happiness in the adventure of what might be called, 'Soul Building' - *the work of channelling our will into conformity with his will*. To do this we need periods where we reign in our untrammelled desires to focus them more clearly on that which is good for us. We have days and seasons of self-denial in order to enjoy the good things of creation all the more in our seasons of celebration.



The English writer, Heloise Belloc, wrote that where ever the catholic sun doth shine, there is laughter, beer & good red wine. His friend G. K. Chesterton tempered that by saying, "We give thanks to God for beer and wine and not drinking too much of them!" Self-denial and self-mastery build our souls and happiness is found in the building. So we pray during this Lent that we will continue with our practices of Prayer, Fasting & Charity as we ask the Lord to help us persevere in our looking forward

to the great celebration of Easter! Fr. Padraig

For a further reflection on these **3 Pillars of Lent** see www.clondalkinparish.com/?p=2107

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

Note: There will be an additional Mass
each weekday evening at 7.30pm
during Lent

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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Clondalkin Talks

aims to increase community awareness on mental health and the supports available in the locality.

Green Isle Hotel on Thursday 6th April from 7-10pm

It is free to attend and all members of the community are encouraged to call in.

It features a number of guest speakers from professional services, and also personal stories from community voices. These include former Olympic boxer Cllr. Kenny Egan, FM104 DJ Keith Ward, local writer and poet Colm Keegan, youth mental health service Jigsaw Clondalkin and many more. There will also be stands with information and leaflets on the night, promoting local and national services available for wellbeing. For any further details or enquiries, feel free to post on the Facebook event page or to email clondalkintalks@gmail.com
Look forward to seeing you all there!



Special once-off performance of the highly acclaimed play And Spring Shall Come in aid of Friends of the Coombe

Tickets now available for a special once-off performance of the highly-acclaimed play *And Spring Shall Come*. Multi-media retelling of the insurrection in Dublin and the Battle of the Somme set against a backdrop of eight hundred years of Anglo-Irish history.

The Gaiety Theatre, Sunday 26th March 2017 at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 22nd March at 8pm – Presentation Convent All Welcome

Library After Dark Writers' Café

Next meeting:

Friday 24th March 7pm to 8.30pm.

The Library After Dark is a self-facilitated creative writers' group which meets once a month when the library is closed to the general public.

In order to be considered for membership you must submit a sample of your writing : 300 words in prose or two poems.

Email: libraryafterdark@dublincoco.ie



You cannot reap what you have not sown.
How are we going to reap
LOVE IN OUR COMMUNITY,
if we only sow hate?



Archbishop Oscar Romero - Anniv. 24th March

Monday Club 6 March 2017

Today we had a traditional music session to get us in the mood for the celebration of St Patrick's Day.

Welcome to you all and to Srs Claire, Maura, Assumpta, and Nanno and Anne. We had a good turnout for the morning. After the tea/coffee and cakes the session started. Charlotte introduced the tunes and started off with some lively reels followed by hornpipes and then at a slower pace were some waltz tunes called *Midnight on the Water* and *Flatwater Fran*. Noel played *The Spinning Wheel* and *Connamara Cradle Song* followed by Garry Owen on his harmonica. The group then followed on with some jigs and of course St Patrick's Day and Minnie's favorite tunes the mazurkas including *Shoe the Donkey*. Thanks to Annette, Charlotte, Maire and Frances for coming this morning to play for us and taking the time. They are some of the members of the traditional group called "Timpeall na Tithe". Hopefully later in the year they will be back again to play more for us. Thank you Noel for playing for us and Sr Anne for singing so well too.

thank you!

Thanks to Joan, Collette, Josie and Alan who have all been so helpful setting tables, making tea and to all who helped to do the clear up.

Clondalkin Senior Citizens St Patrick's Day Party in Quinlin's Pub on Wednesday 22 March at 4pm till 8.

Tickets €10 . Tickets available in the Club on Monday, from Noreen King and from Mary Brennan.

Until next week. **Kathleen R**



Are the plans made and the Cards bought? Don't worry - you still have a week! **But do you know where the tradition comes from?**

In Ireland and the UK, Mothering Sunday or Mother's Day is always on the fourth Sunday of Lent. In the USA and other countries, it is celebrated on the second Sunday in May. Whenever you honour the matriarch of your family, the origins and customs of her special day are fascinating. The earliest Mother's Day celebrations can be traced back to the spring festivities of ancient Greece, in honour of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. In Rome, the most significant Mother's Day festival was dedicated to the worship of Cybele, another mother goddess. Ceremonies in her honour began some 250 years before Christ was born. This Roman religious celebration, known as Hilaria, lasted for three days - from March 15 to 18.

As Christianity spread throughout Europe, mother's day celebrations were held on the fourth Sunday in Lent - **Laetare Sunday** or mid-Lent Sunday - and they were adapted to honour the Virgin Mary and also the "Mother Church." Custom began to dictate that a person visit the church of his/her baptism on this day and people attended the mother church of their parish, laden with offerings.

Eventually, the custom of making donations to one's Mother Church expanded to include honouring one's own mother; young people, such as servants and apprentices, were given the day off to visit their mothers and take gifts of food, which sometimes included a special "mothering cake." Often, this would be a very rich fruit-laden concoction called a **simnel cake**. They would also bring her bouquets of spring flowers which were blessed in church first. And, it was customary for sons and daughters to take on the mother's chores. **So what ever you are doing on the day - Don't forget!!**

CHURCH DUTY

THANKS

Altar Linen: Marie Harrington
Church Cleaning: As per Rota
Flowers: No flowers during Lent

We are always looking for volunteers!!

Monday 20th March-Miraculous Medal

Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

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

CCPC Intercessory Prayer for 9 Clondalkin Parishes- Group praying in Parish Pastoral Centre (*downstairs*) 7.30 to 8.30pm.

Wednesday 22nd March-Charismatic Prayer Group Our

Lady Queen of Peace meeting in Parish Pastoral Centre. Prayer Meeting 8.00pm. All welcome-please join us if you can after the evening Mass. Come and join us - all welcome.

Thursday 23rd March- Confirmations at 11am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Morning: in Sisters Oratory 10.45 to 11.45am.

Evening: In the Church 8pm to 9pm. *All welcome.*

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

Our Lenten Series Of Talks continues in **Neilstown Parish Church** from 7:30 - 9pm. Come along & share the Invite!



Our Series of Lenten Talks Continues
Thurs 23rd March in Neilstown Parish Church, Saint Peter the Apostle, Moorfield Ave, Collinstown, Dublin 22

7:30 – 9pm

ReConnect Theme: *All are Welcome / Inclusiveness*

The diversity in our Church - "All are welcome".

We are all different but equally loved and called. Our diversity is our richness and our hospitality is our witness.

Speaker: **Georgina Jameson** & Representatives from the Parish of the Travelling Community
Spread the Invite & Hope to see you there!



Congratulations & Welcome to
Max Jacob Miley Cullen,
Leilia Grace Martin, Evan Danny Ennis &
Holly May Flynn
 Recently Baptised into our Faith Community



We know the Green Cross Code off by heart and are always told when crossing a street to get to where we want to go it is best to Stop, Look and Listen before crossing.

The **Season of Lent** is about taking time to Stop, Look and Listen on our life journey. And when we take this bit of time, look around and listen to what is happening around us - We have the opportunity to make a huge difference, to help out and do works of kindness for others! How are you making a difference this Lent? How are you changing the world for the better? How are you being love to others?

Try it, it's fun!! **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**
Remember there is a load of **MAD** stuff just for us this Lent on the website - www.clondalkinparish.com/?p=2112

Village Church

Sunday 19th March

7.30pm Vigil

Anne Pattie Pownall (1st An)
 & Joan Bradley (Her Sister, An),
 Mona Nash (MM),
 Graham McKeever (MM),
 Joanna Teresa Boggans (3rd An)

10.30am Thanksgiving Mass, Mollie & Tommy O'Rourke (An)

12noon Andrew White (10th An),
 Kathleen Keyes (MM), Bertie, Kay &
 Kathleen Allan (An), Deceased members of the Smith & Moore Family

Monday 20th March

10am Catherine Taylor (1st An)

Thursday 23rd March

10am John, Ellen & Winnie Maughan (An)

7:30pm Betty Millea (An)

Friday 24th

7:30am Sr Michael O'Brien (MM)

10am David Smith (9th An)

Clonburris Church

Saturday 18th March

6.30pm Brian Cruise (BR), Christopher Hatton (A)

Sunday 19th March

11am Eileen O' Connor (An), Charlie O'Connor 50th Wedding Anniversary, Dan Aherne (An)

Congratulation to all the Boys and Girls who were confirmed on Thursday

Lourdes 2017



Our annual Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year takes place from **12th to 17th May**. Booking forms are now available in the Sacristy, Parish Office and Parish Shop. **Padraig Doyle, Group Organiser.**

A Walk Through the New Testament

Our reflection on the New Testament continues on **Sunday 26th March at 12:30pm** in **Neilstown Church**

Led by Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA
All are Welcome to come along!



WALKING WHERE JESUS WALKED

HOLYLAND

St Peter Apostle Parish & Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rowlagh

Fully escorted Pilgrimage from Dublin -

8th-16th Oct 2017

cost per person sharing €1355

contact Joan in Neilstown Parish Office ph: 4573546

Open to all parishioners in the CCPC

Zaprasza wszystkich parafian na:

Would like to invite all parishioners to join us at **GORZKIE ŻALE - Lent worship - "Lamentations"**

Lent Worship (Lamentations) is a traditional Polish Passion liturgy accompanied by The Blessed Sacrament adoration and Passion meditation. It's very beginning reaches as long ago as the 18th century and was celebrated for the first time in 1707. Lent Worship's text remained in its original, old Polish language form. It is accompanied by beautiful songs preserved in their original old Polish tunes. This year we have a very special opportunity to pray at Lent Worship in our Clondalkin parishes.

Every Sunday during the Lent after the 5.30pm Mass in Clondalkin Village in the Immaculate Conception and St. Killian Church.

It is accompanied with Eucharistic Adoration.

Lenten Lamentations