

CHURCH DUTY

Thank you!

Altar Linen: Kay Lee
Flowers: Any team member for maintenance
Church Cleaning: Veronica Bayly, Bernardine Wynne, Tracy Whelan & Josephine Hearty

Monday 23rd April - Miraculous Medal Novena

after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 24th April - Lectio Divina, a time to reflect on the Scriptures, led by Sr. Anne. In the Parish Pastoral Centre after the 10am Mass and Rosary.

CCPC Intercessory Prayer for Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes. This Tuesday 24th Group meeting in Pastoral Centre **7.30pm to 8.30pm**. All welcome.

Thursday 26th April - Adoration. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Morning: **10.45 to 11.45am** in the Sisters' Oratory

Evening: **7.00 to 8.00pm** in the Church. All welcome.

This Week



Our sincere "Thanks" to all those who gave so generously to our Clondalkin Parish Lourdes Appeal last weekend. The amount received was **€970**, for which we are most grateful. This money will be shared with the Churches where our Masses are celebrated, The Poor Clare Convent, The Seven Dolor Convent and The City of the Poor. A portion will also go to the large candle which the Group will present to the Grotto on behalf of our Parish Community on the final evening of the Pilgrimage. The Parish Community will be remembered at all our Masses and at the Grotto each day. Our thanks also to all those who helped with our Collection.

The Lourdes Committee

Thank You

Rest in Peace

KAREN BREEN, Clondalkin

Our thoughts and prayers are with her loved ones at this time.



Members of Clondalkin Conference of Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be distributing bags outside the Church after all Masses this weekend for donations of clothes, footwear etc. in good condition suitable for sale in their many shops throughout Dublin. The bags will be collected on Sunday next. Please do not leave bags outside these times as we don't have the facilities for storing them.



The pupils from Scoil Mhuire will be in attendance at the 10am Mass in the Village Church on Monday 23rd April and the children from Scoil Áine will be present at the 10am Mass on Friday 27th April.

Would the parishioner who contacted the Parish Office recently regarding St. Anthony's Shrine please ring Anne (Parish Secretary) at 01 459 3520

"Salvation" the 2nd talk in the series of talks in preparation for Pentecost, 20th May, hosted by the Charismatic Prayer will be held on Wednesday 25th in the Parish Pastoral Centre at 8pm. Please try to join us if you can!



The sun made a rare and welcome appearance last Wednesday morning as the Children from Gaelscoileanna received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Fr. Damian and Fr. Pdraig. The church was suitably decked out for the occasion.

We hope the children and their families had a day they will always remember fondly.

The boys of St. Joseph's will be confirmed by Mon. Dan O'Connor on Tuesday 1st May at 11am, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

Village Church



Sunday 22nd April

6.30pm Vigil Philomena Fitzpatrick (9th An), Eleanor Goodwin (RD)

10.30am Jim Nash (8th An), Paul Maher (An)

12noon Tommy Keegan (9th An),

Kathleen O'Neill (1st An), Harry & Catherine Wall (An), Mary Byrne (MM), Myles & Marcella Byrne (An), Alice, Lily, Sonny & John Byrne (An), Donal Moffat (B'day Rem), Peter Clynch (6th An), Liam Callaghan (7th An), Marcello Capocci (RD)

Tuesday 24th April

10.00am Sean & Nora Horan (An)

Thursday 26th April

10.00am Pat Ryder (An)

Friday 27th April

10.00am Joseph Byrne (An)

Saturday 28th April

10.00am Margaret Weir (RD)

Sunday 29th April

9.00am William Beasley (An)

10.30am James & Josie Fitzsimons (An), Mrs Ann McCabe (An)

12noon Séamus (Jimmy) Archibold (1st An), Pamela Delaney (An), Jane Kendellen (An)

Clonburris

Saturday 21st April @ 6.30pm

Bridget O'Brien (An), Liam Connolly (An), Ivan O'Sullivan (An)

Sunday 22nd April @ 11.00am

Noel McEvoy (An), Cecelia McEvoy (An), Ailish Rafferty (An), Terry Leahy (RD), Rev. Msgr. Ralf Kue Hner (RD)



Eco Week Event

All are welcome to come along to enjoy a photo talk and walk in Corkagh Park on Wednesday 25th April at 11am. Bring along your camera or smartphone camera and take some photos of the lakes, wildlife, fauna, swans and ducks, in this

beautiful Clondalkin amenity.

Meet at the Pet Farm Office for an 11am start. Booking is essential. To book phone Una Maguire 4149000, Ext. 2791 or Aisling Stafford 4149000, Ext. 6091, Tommy 0872812626

You are invited

A self care programme is offered to women in Clondalkin and Tallaght areas. The programme, free of charge, is run over 8 weeks starting Wednesday 25th April. This programme offers an opportunity to explore where you are now in your life and to learn new ways to face challenges ahead. The course takes place LES/Obair offices ACE Enterprise Park, Neilstown Road.

For more information as to times etc please phone Noeleen Lynch at 01-04508748/0879560119





Christina Malone, Pastoral Worker invites boys and girls who would like to be Altar Servers to contact her at 0857162152.

"Being an Altar Server is a very important job"



We take a break from baking and instead enjoy the baking of others and support "LOCALISE" as well. Please do stop at the Localise stalls after all Masses today and support these young people.

They will enjoy to chat with you. All monies are used to fund their various projects in the Parish.



Monday Club 16th April

We had a very slow start to our club this morning due to the very sad funeral of Karen Breen. We offer her husband and family our sincere sympathy on this sad occasion. Sr. Rosaria was to give us a talk on her time in Slovakia but this was deferred to a later date. We look forward to Sr. Rosaria at a future date.



We had a nice number of people who came in and enjoyed the cuppa and chat and catch-up after our extended Easter break.

We had some correspondence this week. First we had an acknowledgement from Fr Damian for the €100 donation from the Club which goes to help with the light, heat and excellent facilities the club enjoys. We received a Remittance Advice from South Dublin County Council for €100 we get for hosting the Bealtaine Festival Coffee Morning. We received a booklet containing all of the events for ECO Week 23 to 27 April. Most of the events are geared for schools with events suitable for children starting with primary first class up to 6th class and then onto secondary 1st year to 6yr.

There are a number of community events too. There is also the Recycle IT facility located at Unit 14/2 Crag Crescent Industrial Estate open daily from 8.30am. If you have questions regarding this or want to arrange a personal collection from your home. It can be arranged by phoning 01 457 8321.

As part of this week too there is a very interesting "Landscape and Nature Photography Workshop with Tommy Keogh. This is an excellent workshop as Tommy explains very well all the hidden treasures of Corkagh Park for landscape, wild life and fish. This event is taking place on Wednesday Morning 25 April at 11am at the Pet Farm. Please bring along your camera too. Please let me know on Monday if you intend to go.

There is a Vintage Exhibition displaying some unique electrical appliances collected over the years. This exhibition is on for the whole week.

Today I received the book of events for the Bealtaine Festival with very interesting events taking place throughout all of South County Dublin, some being held locally here in Clondalkin.

I will make a list of all of these for the Clondalkin and Tallaght Civic Theatre and Library for Monday.

Next week we look forward to *Kay Lee* telling us about her recent visit to India.

Until then take care.

Kathleen R



Alex and Adam Leonard liked figuring out the real from the fake flowers from the quiz last week. Today you will hear a lot about Jesus and sheep. So I thought "how about a quiz on sheep".

My big brother asked did I know sheep were really stupid but I know he is wrong!



Female sheep is called what?

Sheep are herbivores, what does that mean?

What is a group of sheep called?

What is a baby sheep called?

When I am called a 'black sheep' what does it mean?

Are sheep really stupid and why do you say that they are/not?

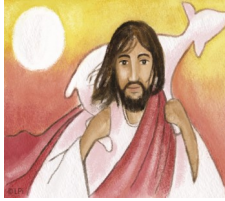
Ciara

"God calls you to make definitive choices, and He has a plan for each of you: to discover that plan and to respond to your vocation is to move toward personal fulfilment."

Pope Francis

"This year is a special year for vocations, because the Synod of Bishops will reflect on young people, especially "the relationship between young people, faith, and vocation."

"We are not victims of chance or swept up in a series of unconnected events; on the contrary, our life and our presence in this world are the fruit of a divine vocation," **Today**, Sunday, 22 April, is the 55th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis continues "Vocation is today! The Christian mission is now. "Each one of us is called – whether to the lay life in marriage, to the priestly life in the ordained ministry, or to a life of special consecration – in order to become a witness of the Lord, here and now and there is no reason to fear God's call, even to a life consecrated to God's kingdom".



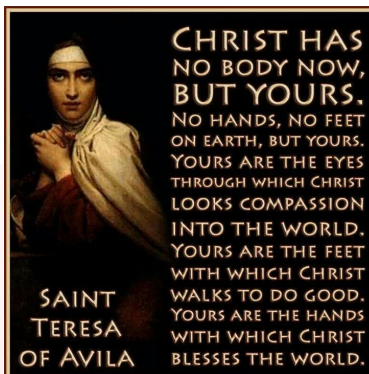
I know the Shepherd

There was once a Shakespearean actor who was known everywhere for his one-man shows of readings and recitations from the classics. He would always end his performance with a dramatic reading of Psalm 23.

Each night, without exception, as the actor began his recitation - "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want" ...the crowd would listen attentively. And then, at the conclusion of the Psalm, they would rise in thunderous applause in appreciation of the actor's incredible ability to bring the verse to life.

But one night, just before the actor was to offer his customary recital of Psalm 23, a young man from the audience spoke up. "Sir, do you mind if tonight I recite Psalm 23?" The actor was quite taken back by this unusual request, but he allowed the young man to come forward and stand front and center on the stage to recite the Psalm, knowing that the ability of this unskilled youth would be no match for his own talent.

With a soft voice, the young man began to recite the words of the Psalm. When he was finished, there was no applause. There was no standing ovation as on other nights. All that could be heard was the sound of weeping. The audience had been so moved by the young man's recitation that every eye was full of tears. Amazed by what he had heard, the actor said to the youth, "I don't understand. I have been performing Psalm 23 for years. I have a lifetime of experience and training - but I have never been able to move an audience as you have tonight. Tell me, what is your secret?" The young man quietly replied, **"Well sir, you know the Psalm... I know the Shepherd."** Teresa



Take a moment to
**Reflect on Your
Vocation**

Read the Prayer

Think about one time when you've experienced God reaching out to someone through another person

Read the prayer again

Think about a time that you've experienced God reaching out to another through you.

Now pray the prayer one last time –

Change the word 'Yours' to 'Mine'

Recognise the gifts you have, the difference you make to those around you and the opportunities you have been given to share the Love, Joy, Peace, Hope & Compassion of God each day and say "Thanks"!

Keep the Prayer with you...as an ongoing reminder of how God desires to work through you!