



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 23rd July 2017



Seeds of Faith...

Once again in this week's Gospel passage, images of growing trees, shrubs and plants provide us with powerful insights into the quiet and slow ways that God's Kingdom grows among us and within us. Jesus' parables are a master class in how to meet people where they are. Jesus could have just as easily made the point, "there are always problems!" and been done with it, but his parables make the point much more vibrant and the reasoning behind it much more clear.

Like the parable of the Wheat and Weeds. It comes with an interpretation that Jesus explains to the disciples. As you listen to or read today's Gospel who do you identify with? Do you have a picture of who were the weeds and who were the wheat?

Where do you put yourself? It sounds clear cut, doesn't it? There is good and there is evil! There is the good young man, Harry Potter and there is the evil wizard Lord Voldemort. There is Luke Skywalker and Darth Vader. Batman and the Joker.

Cowboys in white hats and baddies in black hats. It's obvious who is wheat and who is weed - isn't it? Or is it? The growth of God's Kingdom is the result of God's power, not ours. The judgement is not ours to make. Gandhi once said, **"I like your Christ. I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike Christ!"** We are not asked to be Christ but be *Christ-like*. So who is this Christ we are bearing witness to through our words, actions and lives and does it really make a difference? I believe so. In essence the Gospel message is one of true love, acceptance and forgiveness. This is our faith. Like the tiny mustard seed, the Kingdom of God is something that grows from a tiny beginning. We have the seed of faith planted in our hearts as do others. We are asked to water it with prayer and to deepen our relationship with God; to foster and fertilize it with the Word of God & forgiveness; to cultivate it with radical openness and love, and to bear & share fruit through selfless acts of mercy, kindness and compassion. Not an easy task but a **truly transforming one!**

As we start into another week make an effort to look after your own seed of faith and nurture the seeds of others. And, as you do, take comfort and courage from a favorite quote attributed to Oscar Romero – *"It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view. The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us. This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."* Frank Brown PPW



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

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

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not later than 4.30pm

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Monday Club - 10th July 2017

Despite the fact that we are in the summer holiday season when most clubs and associations including our government are on the holiday break, we are open now on a fortnightly basis.

We had a nice little gathering today for the cuppa and chat. We had our usual tea/coffee with biscuits and chocolate cake which appeared to be a great favourite. We had a little correspondence from Our Lady's Hospice telling us of the forthcoming coffee morning to be held in September, also a letter from Dublin Bus. This will be an information talk on how to keep safe while travelling by bus which we will be in the Autumn.

The Monday Club will be on again this **Monday 24th July** after the 10am Mass and Rosary. Until then, take care and enjoy the good weather.

Kathleen R



CLONDALKIN DRAMA GROUP

SUMMER PANTO



To celebrate 60 years, Clondalkin Drama Group presents our family comedy
"Barry Snotter and the Panto of Doom"
on the following dates:

Saturday 22nd July at 2pm and 7pm

Sunday 23rd July at 2pm

Saturday 29th July at 2pm and 7pm

Sunday 30th July at 2pm

The venue is Bawnogue Community Centre and tickets will be available at the door

Children €5

Adults €8

Family (2 adults & 4 children) €25



Saint Brigid's Well

The annual Mass at St. Brigid's Well will take place this year on **Saturday 29th July**. Mass will begin at 7.00am and afterwards there will be tea, coffee and biscuits for those attending. The priests and parishioners of Srulleen organize this Mass each year and it is a really special occasion as the sun rises behind the altar. This celebration has huge historical resonance all the way back to St. Brigid and even further back into pre-Christian times.



There is **1 place** left on

the parish trip to **Fatima** from Sept 7th - 14th!

If you are interested contact **Eileen Carthy** on 01 4574832

Cupcakes, Boxercise and a good cause:

A Day at Clondalkin Village Church for Jigsaw Clondalkin & Pieta House

With my grandchildren beaming through their face paint and mouths full of delicious cupcakes, our wonderful day at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Clondalkin turned out to be an action-packed surprise, and all for a good cause. Organised on Sat 15th of July for Pieta House and Jigsaw Clondalkin, this was more than your average fundraiser. Made possible by the hard work of a group of young people from the Youth Initiative Group of the combined Parishes and cemented together by the lovely Frank and Christina and a host of smiling volunteers from all the parishes, this was certainly an enjoyable way of contributing to two important charities. The front carpark was jumping, a hive of activity as everyone was made feel so welcome at this beautiful old church, helped of course, by the infectious energy of the young people and some great weather. This lovely day out at the church was made all the better by the fun, sport and fitness games they arranged for the children. Whether it was the crazy rush of the boxer-cising lesson or the quiet fun of the children's yoga, Ed and Angela with the balloons or the great music, the children had a blast, and made up for having so many of Christine's homemade cupcakes. A huge thank you to all. Pieta House and Jigsaw Clondalkin do wonderful & invaluable work, supporting people in difficult times, so if you ever get a chance, please do not hesitate to support them too! Joan Byrne



CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Marie Harrington
Flowers: Kathleen Cosgrove (for July)
Church Cleaning: Rita Arnold

Thank You!

Monday 24th July-Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 25th July-CCPC Intercessory Prayer for 9 Clondalkin Parishes. Intercessory Group praying in Parish Pastoral Centre (downstairs) 7.30 to 8.30pm. All welcome.

Wednesday 26th July-Charismatic Prayer Group - Our Lady Queen of Peace. Missionary Rosary at 7.30pm. Prayer Meeting at 8.00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre (adjoining Church). Come and join us - visitors especially welcome.

Thursday 27th July- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Morning: In the Church 10.45 to 11.45am.

Evening: In the Church 7.00 to 9.00pm. All welcome.



Village Church

Sunday 23rd July

7.30pm Vigil

Tony Kelly (Month's Mind)
Morgan & Sally Darcy (An)
Bridget Fitzsimons (An)
May Walsh

10.30am

12noon

5.30pm

Don Nicholl (8th An)
James Duggan (Month's Mind)

Monday 24th July

10.00am

Molly & Billy Dennis (An) and dec'd members of the Dennis family

Clonburris

Sat 22nd July @ 6.30pm

Mick McGowan (An)

Sun 23rd July @ 11.00am

Julie Hackett (An)



Isabella Michelle Nolan

Congratulations and Welcome!



Join the Trocaire Parish Volunteer Group in your diocese and help make a difference for some of our world's most vulnerable communities

We are looking for people to sign up, volunteer and become a **Parish volunteer for Trocaire!!**

(This is **NOT** a fund raising role)

Open to anyone 18 years+

Interested??

Contact :

Frank, our Parish Pastoral Worker
0861018173 or
frank.brown@dublindiocese.ie



The 2nd Collection at all Masses this weekend on behalf of Trocaire for those affected by the East Africa Hunger Crisis.

Please be as generous as you can.



Just to remind everyone our **Play & Pray** children's liturgy group will take place next week, Sunday 30th, at the 12 noon Mass.

Come along & join in. We are always looking for volunteers to help out with this so if you are interested in finding out more contact

Christina on - 085 716 2152

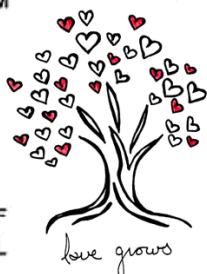
The Mustard-Seed

Matthew 13: 31, Mark 4: 30-32, Luke 13: 18-19

Look carefully at the words below. Each of these has been hidden in the word search.
Words can be on the horizontal, diagonal, backwards, forwards, up and down.

PRODUCING	GREATEST	BRANCHES	SMALLEST	MUSTARD	SPRINGS
SHELTER	PLANTED	SHADOW	GARDEN	FIELD	BIRDS
FOWLS	LODGE	LARGE	GRAIN	GROWN	SHADE
EARTH	ROOST	LEAST	SHRUB	HERBS	SOWED
TREE	TINY	NEST	SEED	AIR	MAN

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Blessing of Grandparents

Wednesday 26th July will be the Feast day of Anna and Joachim, the parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus. We invite all Grandparents for a special blessing during the **10am Mass** in Clondalkin Village Church. After the Mass, we invite you for a cuppa in the Pastoral Centre. If you have any questions, contact Christina Malone

Saints whose Feast Days occur this week

St. Bridget of Sweden: 23rd July - In 1999, Pope John Paul II made her, along with St. Catherine of Sienna and Sister Teresa Benedicta (*Edith Stein*), one of three co-patronesses of Europe.

St. Declan of Lismore: 24th July - Declan's generosity was proverbial and beggars followed him wherever he went. In his last days, he sought refuge "in a narrow place beside the sea" - called Declan's Desert - and it was there he died on 24th July.

St. James the Apostle: 25th July - St. James was one of the Twelve Apostle of Jesus and traditionally considered the first Apostle to be martyred. He was son of Zebedee and Salome and brother of John the Apostle.

Sts Joachim and Anne: 26th July - This was recognized by the General Rome Calendar 1969 which contains only those celebrations that are intended to be observed in the Roman Rite in every country in the world. Saints Joachim and Anne are the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St. Martha: 29th July - St. Martha of Bethany is the patron of active, practical women, perhaps unfairly contrasted with her more laid back "contemplative" sister Mary. But Martha is also the woman of faith, who said "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into the world" (Jn 11:27)

