



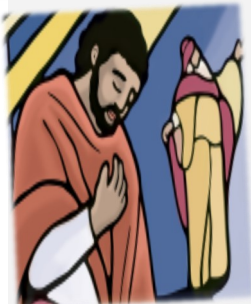
Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Sunday, 23rd October 2016

Parish Newsletter



PIETY AND PENITENCE

Jesus and his followers were all Jews. The parables that Jesus spoke are products of first century Jewish culture. To recover the punch of these parables one must view them through first century Jewish eyes and hear them with first century Jewish ears.

The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, found in Luke 18:9-14, is not as challenging to us as it was when told by Jesus to a first century Jewish audience. The reason being

that Luke fills his Gospel with righteous tax collectors, including Levi (known as Matthew) and Zacchaeus who publicly declared that he was willing to repay anyone he defrauded. In Jesus' time an honest tax collector would have been a contradiction. On the other hand Pharisees get a bad press in Luke. In Jesus' time they were regarded as elitists with strict religious observances.

Jesus came to reveal the true nature of the Father, to change our thinking about God and thus about one another.

The parable opens with two men going up to the Temple and concludes with the same two men leaving the sacred space and returning to the ordinary space of their homes. The setting of the parable in the Temple is essential to the story. Hearing the parable through first century Jewish ears - ears that would have been listening to Jesus himself - all three characters were well known to Jesus' hearers; all three would have been greeted by predictable responses from the hearers. The Temple is the sacred space of God's dwelling, the Pharisee is the upright religious man and the tax collector is the despised outcast. By the end of the parable, however, the hearer is left confused and shocked because the despised tax collector's prayer is accepted within God's own house, while the Pharisee's prayer is not.

The Pharisee stands alone and gives thanks to God that he is not like the rest of the people whom the Temple would not approve of, thieves, rogues, adulterers and the particular tax collector who was standing within earshot. After describing what he is not he lists what he does. He fasts, supports the Temple and pays his taxes. Both he and Jesus' hearers would expect that the God of Israel, resident in the Temple, would accept his prayer.

The tax collector, on the other hand, stands inconspicuously with head bowed beating his breast and asking for God's mercy. The surprise comes with Jesus' comment 'This man went down to his house justified rather than the other'. Jesus came to reveal the true nature of the Father, to change our thinking about God and thus about one another. This is the Good News of to-day's gospel.

Let us rejoice and be glad!

Sr. Anne



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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not later than 4.30pm

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Boot Rd and Common Rd Reunion

Residents and former residents met for their reunion last Friday night in the Round Towers Club. Many former residents travelled back for the reunion from afar, Cork, Wexford, Kildare and even from England to enjoy the night with old friends and neighbours. A most enjoyable night was had by all. Tommy Keogh was on hand to capture the moment and sent on the photos to us!



The Year of Mercy is drawing to a close on the 20th Nov. (*keep an eye out for a special celebration that week!!*) and we've been racking our heads about the Mercy Garden outside. We didn't want the flower container to fall apart in having it moved so we decided to leave it there and plant a **"TREE of HOPE"**

Eddie who has looked after the Mercy Garden since it was erected was tasked to come up with his idea of a **"TREE of HOPE"** and for everyone who loves a challenge this is his contribution:

"You are not a drop in the ocean, you are the mighty ocean in a drop"-- Numi.

I would choose a *Photinia Red Robin* as our "Tree of Hope" to be placed at the garden outside the church on **November 2nd**. For the following reasons:

1. Its branch structure is suitable for placing prayers of hope on it.
2. Young leaves are red and turn to green allowing us to imagine our messy lives changing to green for go. The green leaves do not shed in winter allowing us to see continuity in our lives.
3. Red Robins are symbolic of harsh winters - *I see young families feeding the birds and ducks in Corkagh Park.*
4. In the Springtime, the new red leaves will blend with the cross for Easter time symbolising that the redemptive power of the cross can touch our most tender and touchy life problems!



Eddie Environmental Ministry



As we commence our studies of a new section of the catechism - The Ten Commandments - our attention is drawn to an extract from a talk given by Bishop Brendan Kelly of Achonry at our recent conference in Knock. Bishop Kelly began with a prayer by St Robert Bellarmine, author of two catechisms and the patron saint of catechists.

"O Lord, good and forgiving and abounding in steadfast love who would not serve you with all his heart, when he has begun at least to taste the sweetness of your fatherly rule? What do you order your servants to do, Lord? 'Take my yoke upon you', you say, 'and my burden is light.' Who would not willingly carry a yoke which does not press down but gives strength, and a burden which does not weigh heavily but refreshes? With justification, then, you also say, 'and you will find rest for your souls'. What is this yoke of yours that does not tire but brings rest? It is that great and first commandment: you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart'. For what is easier, better and more agreeable than to love goodness, beauty and love, all of which you are, O Lord my God?" **Ronan**

The local branch of the **Pro Life Campaign** held a coffee morning on the 11th October in The Pastoral Centre, Clondalkin Village Church. It was a great success. We would like to thank the parish staff that helped to organise it and all of those parishioners that attended.

If you were unable to attend but would be interested in finding out details on the Pro Life Campaign or how you could help us to stand up for unborn children and their mothers, we would appreciate it if you could contact us.

Our website is www.prolifecampaign.ie, or call us (01) 662 9275. Thank you

Thank You

We would love to hear from anyone who would like to be part of the newsletter team. If you have computer skills & an interest in communicating, please get in touch. Email your name and contact details to Parishnewsletter1@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at **01 459 3520**.



CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Vera Pidgeon

Cleaning: Rita Arnold

Flowers: Noreen King for November

GET INVOLVED!

Please Notice This



All Ministers of the Liturgical Environment (**People who do the flowers**) needed on **Saturday 29th October after 10am Mass** to prepare the church for the **Harvest Mass**

PEOPLE DONATING to Br. Kevin - we will have the **Sacred Heart Altar** ready for your contributions. Please place them in the baskets provided at your convenience!



We pray for recently deceased

Margaret Reynolds, St. Brigid's
Edna Quigley, Monastery Drive

And we extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to their families and friends



Cillian Eamonn Daniel Dowling, Cherrywood Avenue
Stanley John & Arthur Danny Farrell Cherrywood Avenue

Kami-Rose McLoughlin Doyle, Blackthorn Hill Dr, Rathcoole

Lily Marian Homan, Newlands Drive

Ethan Lawrence Anthony Bosello, Ashwood Close
Congratulations and Welcome!



Anita Boland & Colm Ryan

Who received the Sacrament of Marriage recently



Next meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society will be held in the Pastoral Centre on **Wednesday 26th October** at 10.45am and new members welcome

St Joseph's Young Priests Society helps 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.



JUST FOR KIDS !

The winner of last week's quiz is **Stephen Harney** who correctly said the answer was **A TOWEL**. Stephen also sent in this week's riddle—

What goes up when the rain comes down ?



Answer by email address in front of Newsletter, Sacristy & Office Stephen, Fr.

Damian has a gift for you and please collect it from the Sacristy after Mass today. We will have a gift for the winner next week - the first drawn from the hat! **Ciara**



Village Church

Friday 28th October

10.00am

Anne Flanagan

Sunday 30th October

7.30pm (vigil)

Ron Lowen, 2nd anniversary
Ronnie McNulty, anniversary
Michael Broderick, anniversary
Bobbie & Vincent Norton, an
Kevin, Bridie & Kathy Kavanagh, an
Evelyn & Michael Slevin, anniv.
Deceased members of Clondalkin Bridge Clubs
Sam Kelly, 10th anniv. & Grandson
J.J. Kelly, 9th anniversary

Clonburris

Saturday 22nd October

6.30pm

Terry Byrne, Rem.

Sunday 23rd October

11am.

Paddy & Mary Lenehan, anniv
Clare Dunne, anniv
Joan Keane, anniv.



Monday 24th October

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass

Tuesday 25th October

Lectio Divina under the direction of Sr.

Anne in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass

CCPC Intercessory Prayer for 9 Clondalkin

Parishes—praying in the Pastoral Centre 7.30pm - 8.30pm and all welcome

Wednesday 26th October

Charismatic Prayer Group - Missionary Rosary recited at 7.30pm followed by Prayer Meeting at 8pm in the Pastoral and all are welcome!

Thursday 27th October

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Church: 10.45am to 11.45am

Church: 7pm to 9pm and all are welcome!



MONDAY CLUB

Today we had a wonderful outing to -

EPIC Ireland at George's Dock.

Thirteen of us went to visit this wonderful new museum opened to the public in May at a cost of €15million. It tells the stories of people from all

parts of Ireland who had to emigrate to various parts of the world whether it was to seek work, missions, in some cases deportation etc.. In some cases a person was sentenced to death or sent off to places like e.g. New Zealand, Tasmania for committing a crime or stealing. Many of those or their descendants became famous in many areas of sport, history, medicine, invention, education, engineering etc. The exhibition takes you right through past centuries to the present depicting e.g. past and present triumphs, changing history.



Despite our seemingly affluent society we live in today I was amazed at the huge number of people (89,000) people who emigrated in 2013. Our history is repeating itself looking back at the past centuries of emigration we seem to be turning the wheel full circle. Despite our economic and social downturn since 2008 we seem to be better off than our ancestors of the past. It will be amazing for our future generations to look back and read of the present generations across the globe making history in whatever they do. We all had a wonderful day and thanks to those who came and made it such a pleasant day. This is a well worthwhile visit and highly recommend it. Thanks to Collette who stayed back to provide tea/coffee for those who didn't come. **Next week we hope to have Minnie's music. Minnie always has such an interesting and varied selection. It's a treat to look forward to! Until then take care.** Kathleen R