

Clondalkin Village Parish Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris # Knockmitten

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 24th September 2017



READ ALL ABOUT IT

The Newsletter has undergone a few changes over the past few years. Like all publications modern technology has made it easier for Parishes, schools and clubs to produce newsletters in-house.

The newspaper industry changed radically twenty or thirty years ago when the job of compositors vanished as journalists could input their stories and comment directly into a computer which could be sent online to the sub editor who arranged the pages. Last year the London Independent ceased to sell a print edition and is now an online newspaper. I was on the Luas and the 76 bus during the week and noted all the younger folk glued to their Ipads and phones. As an older person, I might be tempted to pass a negative comment but I do recall a generation ago passengers glued to their newspapers. This is a long way of telling you that for people of my age and below much of their information, interaction with society both commercial and civil is via phone or

tablet. Frank Brown one of our Parish Pastoral Workers monitors the traffic that our website and Facebook page attracts. Over the last year the visitors to our website has increased by over a 120% and our facebook page has grown from 40 to, at times, over 700 views daily, with over 100 overseas *'Clondalkiners'* availing of our weekly newsletter & these numbers are growing! In the last few weeks there are no



copies of the newsletter left by Tuesday even though the print run has almost doubled. Starting this week and on the last weekend of every month the newsletter will have eight pages. In the eight-page edition we hope to have a page for children, teenagers and young adults and reports from Clonburris School & Chapel and from Knockmitten. The newsletter team who work diligently every week can only fill the pages with information received. So, if there is anything relevant happening in your part of the parish please do email it to the newsletter team. Photographs welcome. And if you are interested in being part of the team please let us know!

Once again, the greater Clondalkin area featured in the news media for all the wrong reasons. Living here for over ten years I have become very defensive of Clondalkin when others mock or deride the area. There are many positive and life-giving groups, events and activities in the area which are seldom reported and harking back to my article of two weeks ago it is very hard to shake off a perceived image that media and the public have of an issue, people or place.

Equally we cannot deny that there is a darkness in our midst and it would be foolish to deny or erase the impact it is having in our community. That darkness is suicide which affects family, friends, work colleagues and neighbours of the deceased. On Thursday 7th September, the Village Church hosted a Mass for those bereaved by suicide. It was organised by Georgina Jameson *(PPW)* and Marcella Dunne and was appreciated by all who attended. May we value the life of every human and help those who are vulnerable by our words, prayers and deeds.



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 and 10.00am Confessions Sat 10.30 - 11am & 6.45 - 7.15pm

Clonburris

Sundays Sunday Holy Days

(Vigil) Sat 6.30 pm 11am s 11am and 6.30pm

Knockmitten

Sundays (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm Sunday: 10.00am & 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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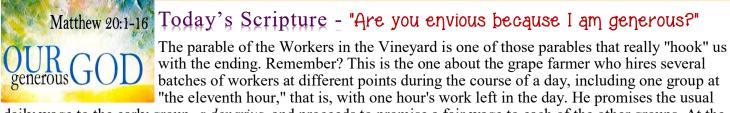
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• Refreshments will be offered afterwards in the Parish Ctr

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daily wage to the early group, *a denarius*, and proceeds to promise a fair wage to each of the other groups. At the end of the day, he has his steward pay each batch of workers beginning with the last and ending with the first. The "eleventh hour" hires were each given a denarius (*a roman coin*), leading the others, especially the first group, to expect that they would receive more payment. But no, they all received the agreed-upon denarius!! The early guys are thoroughly ticked off. But in fact the landowner was not cheating anyone; he was simply being especially generous with the latecomers. Jesus' and Matthew's point is that the reality of the kingdom of God is not at all a matter of mere fairness. It is a matter of God's gift, and our response. God's generosity is not meant to be a cause for jealousy!! It's not meant to be excluding. God's love is all inclusive and given freely to all! Its not about seniority.

Now, as we listen to the parable, with our Irish sense of fair play, we can understand their gripe! We may feel removed from the concerns of those Jews. But the basic lesson remains relevant: that we ought to recognise, appreciate and respond to God's generosity, even when it reaches to those whom we may not expect it to be given to. God's mercy is extended to EVERYONE.

It is not merely about the time that we put in, the hours we have clocked up or the position that we have achieved in doing so - It is the heart, commitment, response and love that we put into the time we have!

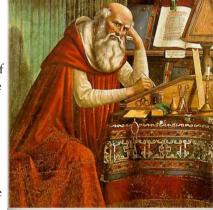
Can we be that generous?? Frank Brown, PPW

Who is St Jerome & why do we celebrate his feast day on the 30th Sept?

Biblical scholars and translators owe a great debt to the model and standard that Jerome, 345–420, set for all biblical scholarship. Jerome was considered the greatest biblical scholar of his day, conversant with Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. He set about translating the books of the Bible from their original languages into Latin.

Much of Jerome's correspondence with his contemporaries has survived and gives us a powerful glimpse into the kind of person that he was, as well as the time in which he lived. Jerome eventually became Pope Damasus' (366–384) personal secretary. In the West, Latin was overtaking Greek as the language of the common people. The pope desired a translation of the Bible that would be accurately translated from the original languages into the language and idiom of the people. Previous Latin translations existed, but they were poor in quality.

Jerome set about this task and spent the rest of his life meticulously translating. He is credited with the translation of the Bible know as the Vulgate, a Latin translation intended to address the needs of the common people. That translation became the standard and the only one used by Catholics until modern times. Catholic Christians did not actively engage in a similar process until 1943, when Pius XII allowed Catholic scholars once again to go back to the original languages and translate an accurate and meticulous version of the Bible into the languages of the common people. We carry on that tradition to this very day.



The face is the mirror of the mind, and eyes without speaking confess the secrets of the heart.

WHAT DO WE DO AT MASS?

The Altar - is the sacred table where the Eucharist (Mass) is celebrated.

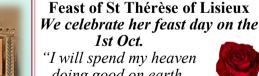
Tabernacle - A box sometimes shaped in the form of a temple, where the Blessed Sacrament is kept.

Blessed Sacrament - hosts that have been consecrated at a previous Mass

Sanctuary Lamp - a candle that burns either near the tabernacle or hangs from the ceiling of the church. The lit candle signifies that the tabernacle contains the Blessed Sacrament. **Pew** - A seat in a Church!

Genuflecting Vs Bowing - It is necessary in all prayer to be mindful of the presence of God. In prayer we are talking to someone, not something. What we do before we enter a pew or choose a seat depends on the layout of the church. If the tabernacle is at the front of the church, we genuflect toward our King, honouring Him, before entering the row where we will sit. This is an act of adoration. It should immediately help us to be mindful that we are in the Presence of God. How would we act if someone important were in the room? Well, there is no one more important than the living God.

What should you do if the tabernacle is not in the main body of the church or the sanctuary lamp is not lit, signifying the tabernacle is empty. In such an instance, one should make a profound bow (bending forward at the waist completely in the direction of the sacred object) toward the altar.



"I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. After my death I will let fall a shower of Roses"

We will have *The Blessing* of the Roses at the 10:30am & 12 noon masses.

We hope & to have the relic present. To ensure we have enough roses to go around please do bring some!!

There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it. Edith Wharton



Photo by Joe Leonard featuring some of the pilgrims who travelled from Clondalkin last Saturday-Spiritual Director Fr. Padraig. The pilgrimage was an annual feature in the life of the parish for many years. First organized by Peg Nolan and later by John Padden and Fintan Mullally. It was revived this year and all agreed it was a lovely occasion worthy to be repeated in September next year. Many thanks to Fr. Padraig and all involved.





"Heaven and earth reflects the Glory of God", "The work of your hands", "I have made a Covenant with you" were some of the captions I thought of when I saw this photo. Your home work for today or your topic for discussion with your family! What caption would you give this picture or what are your first thoughts? This photo was sent in by Kathleen Lambe to Fr. Damian and he kindly has shared it with us. The photo was sent in on Friday 15th Sep-

tember but I don't know when it was captured by Kathleen. We appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity of Kathleen and hope to hear from her soon again and indeed from anyone, remembering the adage "A picture speaks a thousand words" Kathleen, can you settle a dispute as to when it was taken and time of day? We love to get items of interest for inclusion in the Newsletter especially now when we have colour! Teresa

We always welcome items of interest and suitable for inclusion in the newsletter

Monday Club 18 September 2017 - After the busy preparations last week for the Hospice coffee morning we had a more relaxed morning with a chat. We had a lovely postcard of Rome from our dear friend Frank Dresher who was living our parish, but is now gone to Rome to study for the priesthood. He is well and was very kind and thoughtful to remember us here in the Monday Club. Keep Frank in our prayers as promised.



Frank Brown came to tell us about **Clondalkin JIGSAW** which is a group set up to help with Mental Health in Youth. Frank requested if he could have a raffle to help Derek Hanway who is doing a 470km cycle to help raise funds for JIGSAW Clondalkin. As we know suicide is very prevalent in young people, and news of one this morning just shows its an issue in our own community. Frank will be doing the raffle next week in the club. It will be great if we can give support for this very worthy and important cause. They are trying to raise up to $\epsilon_{50,000}$. Mental health is very important and young people are

very vulnerable with all the issues they are faced with. I think they have a lot more pressures on them today than we had when growing up. Frank also told us about the Memorial Garden based at Neilstown Church. Frank did a wooden sculpture at the garden. Anyone can go there and plant a flower in remembrance of a loved one - *for all who died too soon!*

We had a very difficult quiz from Saturday's Independent Newspaper. The questions were rather difficult, but we had two winners in Sadie Courtney and Anne Padden. To round off the morning Noel played a few tunes on his new Susato Whistle, then played the harmonica. Sadie and Joan finished off with their party pieces.

We all had a lovely day in Knock. Thank God it all went very well. Fr Padraigh our (spiritual director) arranged to have Mass in the Apparition Church which was a great privilege and honor to have our own priest and Mass at such a special place. Thank you Fr Padraig and for your support to Teresa Coyne and myself in organizing this parish pilgrimage. Thanks to PJ Browne our coach driver who did very well getting us there on time too. I thank Sean Brown who very kindly gave bottles of water for everyone going to Knock on Saturday, and if that was not enough he also supplied lovely doughnuts in case we got hungry. We all appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness. Thank You so much.

The new piece of sculpture - 'The Spirit/Flame of Courage' - in the memorial garden in Neilstown Church -"For all our loved one's who died too soon" - All are invited & encouraged ALL to come an plant a flower (without permission) & maybe say a prayer, in their own time, in memory of their loved one.



Until next week take care, Kathleen R

Local Jigsaw Manager Becomes a Real Giro Hero for Jigsaw this September

Jigsaw, Ireland's National Centre for Youth Mental Health, has 60 brave cyclists taking part in their epic Giro D'Jigsaw cycle tour this September. This three day, eight stage, 470km charity



cycle tour of Ireland is taking place from Friday 29th Sept to Sunday 1st Oct to raise vital funds to support young people with their mental health. Taking part will be our local Jigsaw Clondalkin Project Manager, Derek Hanway.

Derek, along with his fellow cyclists will experience life like a cycle pro, starting their journey from the rugged coastline of the Wild Atlantic Way in Galway to the gorgeous coast of the Irish Sea, along Ireland's Ancient East, and then back again! The challenge aims to raise over €50,000 to support Jigsaw's work improving the lives of young people experiencing mental health difficulties.

Derek said that he was really looking forward to the 3 days, and said "we really need to raise these funds for the vital work that Jigsaw does here in Clondalkin and around the country, I am just so focused now on the training and also raising my funding target of €750 & I'll really need all those people who know about the good work of Jigsaw to help me along the way. "

If you would like to help Derek and Jigsaw with a donation, please follow the link https://giro-d-jigsaw-cycle-

tour.everydayhero.com/ie/derekgirohero to make an on-line donation or drop into the centre beside Neilstown Church or by calling Justin in the Jigsaw Fundraising Team

on 091 549 252.

Derek & a few of the volunteers from Clondalkin Jigsaw will be holding a church gate collection in the Village Church on the 14th October.

CASP Clondalkin Addiction Support Programme



Ballyowen Meadows, Fonthill Road, Clondalkin Telephone: 6166750

Email: info@casp.ie Website: http://www.casp.ie/

CASP is a community service for drug users, over 18 years of age, and their families from the North Clondalkin area. CASP has adopted a holistic approach in supporting our clients to achieve an addiction free life, and to support them in reaching their full potential.

Services provided: In addition to providing medical assistance for their addiction, our complete range of services include counselling, auricular acupuncture, meditation, yoga, reflexology, key working, activity groups and support and assistance with further education/return to work. Other services provided: Methadone Treatment Centre. Holistic care for drug users and family members. Services include nursing care, family support, partner support, counselling, urinalysis testing and Prison links.



Clondalkin Women's Network - was established in 1991 by local women's groups and are providers of community education, mutual support, women's development, policy work and representation.

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Peace of Mind... If you or someone you know is struggling with; stress, tension, anxiety, mood disorders, anger, fear, sleeplessness, helplessness or hopelessness you are not alone. If so we have a way out for you. Recovery Self -help Ireland is a support group for anyone who wants to re-gain peace of mind and reduce suffering. The members demonstrate a method by which they deal with the trivialities of everyday life without feeling overwhelmed by them. It gives you tools which empower you to overcome these problems. Why not come along to our next meeting & try the method out. You can bring a friend.

Every Monday at 8pm (including Bank Hols) in The Community Room, Rowlagh Church, Side Entrance

St Vincent de Paul Monthly Collection -Members of the local St V de P will hold their monthly collection after all masses next weekend in KNOCKMITTEN.



All monies raised are distributed to all in need of help in the Clondalkin area. Your generosity & support as always are greatly appreciated.



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, 0861018173 or

frank.brown@dublindiocese.ie

Have ideas of how we could improve or get **Join Our** submissions for our newsletter?



If you would like to help out, contribute, distribute or you can spare a bit of time to help put it together...

Please leave your details in the parish office or contact Frank on frank.brown@dublindiocese.ie or 0861018173,

We would love to hear from you!!

An Ashram Retreat

An Ashram comes from the Indian Spiritual tradition. There are now over 150 Christian Ashrams in India. A person would go to an Ashram to be immersed in Spirituality,



Meditation and opening oneself to experience God. A number of full day retreats following the pattern of what occurs in the parishes of Neilstown and Rowlagh over the next few months.

Saturday 21st October in Rowlagh Church. Saturday 19th November in Rowlagh Church.

This is a full day which will begin at 9.00am, there will be several sessions of meditation, some Yoga style exercises, deep relaxation, Evening Mass and finish with Satsang or a

reflection session after

the evening Mass. Numbers will be limited so booking in advance in necessary. To book in for 2nd September please phone or send a text to Fr. David on 0872048898





As enrolment opens for this vear's Foundational Leadership Course for Young Adults, local parishioner Christine Jordan, reflects on her experience of the course last year.

'When I was first asked would I like to do The Foundational Leadership Programme, I wasn't sure what it was all about or



what to expect. I looked into it a little, and thought, I'd give it a go!! I never expected to have the experience that I did! There was a lot around leadership, how to be a good leader, how to resource people, etc. The practical side of it was great & I learnt a lot from this. But most of my learning came in the form of faith. Before I started the programme, I did have a foundation of faith - I went to mass, I said my prayers and I helped my children to understand our faith as much as I could. However, during the programme, even though we only had sessions once a month, it had a huge pull on my relationship with God. As the months went by, I had question after question in my head and heart - all this new stuff that I had, had come off the back of the topics we discussed on the FLP.

My faith was challenged & took a massive shift. The view I had on life, God & Faith had moved from where it was, on to a



much deeper level. This took me a while to get my head around. It prompted a lot of talking, a lot of books, searching and reading and that will continue!! The difference this programme made to my life is unbelievable. One year ago I had no idea what I wanted. I was scared to try something new, was not confident and almost apologetic about my faith and I thought I could be happy just doing what I was doing already. In that year, I learned so many useful skills that I have been able to put into practice in my parish. I also now know that it is ok to move slowly and it's ok make mistakes, to learn from them because God will always be there with me, wherever I am called to be. This programme is for absolutely anybody. There was a huge variety of people in the group & a great deal of support! Each one of us took away something different. The FLP can help, teach, support and

guide in so many ways. If you want to deepen your faith, if you want to look at ways to engage with your parish, if you want to learn new things, if you need some help leading different things, if you want to take the risk to be involved -I strongly believe there is something to learn from the FLP for everybody."

Would You Like to learn more about being a leader in your Church, Your Parish, or community. The FLP starts in October.

Enrol now!!For More Info - contact Frank on 086 1018173 or look at www.evangelisation.ie/2017/08/25/foundational-leadership-programme-for-young-adults-enroll-now-2017



Faithfest at Tallaght - Faithfest is an initiative by the Dublin Diocese Youth Forum group, offering young people (Aged 12-18) an event that is lively and good fun. It will feature Prayer and a series of workshops. All are welcome so share the invite!! For more info contact faithfestattallaght@gmail.com or @tallaghtfaithfest.ie



Next event Friday 13th Oct, St Mary's Priory, from 6pm – Join us for an evening of Fun-Music-Meditation Workshops!



Young People Making A Real Difference In Their Community - We meet Every Monday from 7-8 pm at the Callse Parish centre in the Clondalkin Church to plan community aring in the community events. - Come along!!! We regularly meet up on Saturday mornings for a clean-up or event-planning session. We are

always looking for volunteers from 12+ and are currently in need of new Adult Leaders as well. Leave us a comment or contact clondalkingroup@localise.ie if you want to find out more or think there's something we can be involved with :)





Alex Leonard aged 6 loves doing the quizzes with his granddad and cousins and of course they are always right.

I love listening to my granny when she tells me what it was like when she was growing up. You know how it begins:

"When I was your age" "I walked three miles to Mass on Sundays fasting when I was receiving Holy Communion" She was just saying that we have it easy now. Please grown-ups give us kids a

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chance. We will surprise you and we do love doing challenges. Now my Quiz: What 2 numbers from the top circles do I use to get the answer **31**? If you find it difficult grannies and granddads will help.

Send your answers to us! Ciara

As we begin our preparations for the **World Meeting of Families in August 2018** we are asking all families, groups, schools, etc., to help us make a

Parish Family Blanket in each of our Clondalkin parishes. We are asking



& encouraging everyone to create an **A4** size piece of cloth/material decorated with something to represent their family or what family means to them. When finished bring yours to the Parish office or leave in the special

box in the Church and over the next while sewers will come together to stitch all the pieces together to make one big

blanket to represent

'Family in our Parish."





PARABLE OF THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD (MATTHEW 20:1-16)



God, help me to be ready when you ask me to work for you.

Find the words from today's Gospel: Money, Hour, Equal, Workers, Vineyard, Landowner, Heaven, Grumble, Kingdom, Generous, Wages, Hired, Unfair, Right,



Ve're teaching our children the importan of regular church attendance . . . what time should we pick them up?"



Sharing the Gospel

Whether you work for God your whole life, or whether you just got started, God will reward you in heaven. God doesn't want you to compare yourself with other people. God just wants you to love him with your whole heart.