



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter Sunday, 26th February 2017



“Excuse me, you’ve got some dirt on your head.”

Why do we put Ashes on our heads on Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday, the 1st of March this year, begins Lent, a time when we stop and assess how we’re doing in our walk with God. Lent helps us identify spiritual areas in which we can grow and things or ways of behaviour that we may need to change. To repent, put simply, means to turn away from sin and turn toward God. We use ashes as an outward expression of our need to begin again. It reminds us that it is only through God and in God’s love that we have life; God gave it to us. It also begins a time of taking stock and preparation for Holy Week and the Passion and Resurrection. It’s a fantastic opportunity to reflect, be forgiven, try to love more and make changes to be the love we want to see in our world!



For over twelve hundred years on the **Dies Cinerum** (day of ashes) faithful followers have approached the altar and received ashes upon their foreheads. These ashes are made from the burnt palm that was blessed on the Palm Sunday of the previous year. The ashes are sprinkled with holy water, usually fragrant with incense and blessed using four prayers that are thousands of years old. The use of ashes for repentance and penance can be traced even further back and is practiced throughout the world. On Ash Wednesday ashes are applied to believers’ foreheads in the shape of the Cross. Ashes are also a sign of physical death, as in ‘ashes to ashes, dust to dust.’ We began as dust and our bodies will return to dust until we are raised up by Christ. By receiving ashes and keeping them on, we publicly proclaim our intent to die to our worldly desires and live even more in Christ’s image and example - One of accepting & bringing life and Love, which we focus on during this season of ‘rebirth’ that is **Lent** (Latin for Spring).

God forgives. God unconditionally loves and gives us life. God is always there for us with open & outstretched arms. Gift yourself a bit of time for yourself this Lent!!

Put simply: Our God kicks ash!! Frank Brown, Parish Pastoral Worker

We have a number of things for all ages & interests available for you to aid & support you on your Lenten Journey to Easter this year

We will have some of these available at the back of the Church for you take each week.

Check out, view, download, share or print out these resources **NOW** on our website - www.clondalkinparish.com/?cat=12 & follow us on our Facebook pages @TheCCPCDublin or @Clondalkinvillageparish

TAKE
what you
NEED

These include:

- **Hearing, Happening, Hoping – Lent 2017** - a weekly 1 page reflection resource based on the Gospel readings for each Sunday during Lent.
- **A Journey Into the Wilderness** – A Weekly Ecumenical & Interfaith Reflection Sheet.
- **The 3 Pillars of Lent** – a little resource reflecting on Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving.
- **Something Different for Lent 2017** – A DIY Retreat for Busy People. This a Lenten retreat with a difference – *You are the retreat leader, you set your own pace and work around your own lifestyle and schedule* - with reflections & suggestions for each week of Lent.
- **MAD (Make a Difference) Lenten Resources** - for our younger parishioners.

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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CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Vera Pidgeon
Church Cleaning: Betty Byrne & Rebecca Duggan
Flowers: Kathleen Cosgrove for February



Monday 27th February-Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.
Tuesday 28th February-Lectio Divina under the guidance of Sr. Anne after 10am Mass in the Pastoral Centre.



CCPC Intercessory Prayer for 9 Clondalkin Parishes - 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre (downstairs). All welcome.
Wednesday 1st March-Charismatic Prayer Group **Our Lady Queen of Peace** meeting in Parish Pastoral Centre at 8pm. All welcome.
Thursday 2nd March-Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Morning: In the Church **Evening:** In the Church-Holy Hour 8-9pm. All welcome.
Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 12 noon - new members always welcome.
Friday 3rd March -Pioneer Meeting in the Pastoral Centre at 10.45am. All are welcome.



Mona Nash, Monastery Rise
Ita O'Gorman, St. John's Road
Kathleen Keyes, Monastery Rise

Our deepest sympathies to their families at this time.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 3rd March at 11am in St. John's Church, Tower Road.

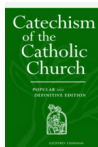
The ladies of the Philippines have prepared the prayers to be said all around the world on 3rd March, the theme being "Am I Being Unfair to You?" It is an Ecumenical event and this year St. John's Church is hosting the service. We encourage anyone who can, men and women, to come along, especially anyone in our community who is from the Philippines. Please give your name and contact number to Anne in the Parish Office (Tel: 4593520). Meeting to be held on **Wednesday 1st March** at 12noon in the Parish Pastoral Centre. *Claire O Connell.*



The Franciscan Family - 1st, Second & Third Orders consists of people of all walks of life; many of our Popes were members of the Third Order. Lots of Saints were Friars of the First Order and Venerable Matt Talbot was a Third Order member for years in Merchant's Quay. He never missed his meetings each month. We are now known as the Secular Lay Franciscans worldwide. We meet **on Saturday before the Second Sunday of each Month**. Our meeting lasts one hour. You will learn a bit more about us and what the S.F.O. means. Join us at **10.30am** just inside the front porch beside the Shrine of Matt Talbot.



The O'Brien Family would like to thank everyone who sympathized with them following the death of our mother Noelle. Her month's mind will be celebrated on **Friday 3rd March at 7.30pm** in the Church. *Nora O'Brien*



Christian prayer is the raising up of the mind and heart to God and is a covenant relationship between God and man in Christ. Prayer is Christian in so far as it is communion with Christ and extends throughout the Church, which is his Body. God calls each person to that mysterious encounter called prayer, which is a living relationship with God.

It is impossible to pray and not be aware of the mystery of God for prayer is that lifting up of the heart to God. We must make prayer an essential part of our lives so that our love is always at the heart of our faith and our life.

Wednesday 1st March at 8pm – Presentation Convent
 (paragraphs 2558-2567) *Ronan*

Village Church

Sunday 26th February
7.30pm Vigil

Noeleen Mansfield (9th An)
 Shane Coughlan, Edward & Mary Corrigan
 Annette Connor, Bridie McDermott (An)
 Gerald Horan (Month's Mind)
 Margaret Palmer (Month's Mind)
 John Downey (1st An)
10.30am Denis & Nora Minogue (An),
 George Walsh (An), Dave Summers (1st An)
 Bridie Feighery (20th An)
 Sarah Brady & John Joe Brady
 Sarah Delaney (6th An)
5.30pm Sarah Delaney (6th An)
Tues 28th Feb 7.30am Paddy O'Connell & Kathleen Kennedy (An)

Wed 1st March 10.00am Paul Guidon (B'day Rem)

Thurs 2nd March 10.00am David O'Sullivan (B'day Rem)

Fri 3rd March

7.30am and 10am Masses for those on November List
7.30pm Noelle O'Brien (Month's Mind)



Our annual Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes next year takes place from **12th - 17th May**.

Fare: **€680** per person sharing (single room supplement €150). **Deposit: €100.**

Fr. Shán O Cuiv will again be our Spiritual Director and our Pilgrimage will be looked after by Marian Pilgrimages. Booking Forms are now available in the Sacristy, Parish Office and Parish Shop *Padraig Doyle.*



HOOR OF PRAYER - The next Hour of Prayer takes place on **Thursday 2nd March**

There will be an hour of prayer with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayers for healing and individual blessing with Benediction at 9pm. You are invited to come to this Hour of prayer where we will gather to pray with you and for you as we ask the Healing Hand of the Lord to touch and strengthen us. **All are welcome**



Clondalkin History - Lecture

"Ma, What Did the Vikings Ever do for Us?" is the title of John Dolan's illustrated talk to be held on **Monday 27th February** at Aras Chronain, at 8pm. Admission €5 (non members). *Padraig A. Murphy*



Daniel Faithful Nwandu-Eze, Lucan
Dylan Robert McDonnell, Newlands Cross
Congratulations and Welcome!

Clondalkin Equine Club -

The Dept of Agri. & South Dublin County Council recently held the official launch of the new Clondalkin Equine Club in Ballyowen (just off the Fonthill road, Balgaddy). The centre run by locals has been set up, with 20 sheds, to support and aid young horse owners in the local area – **North & South Clondalkin**. If you want to find out more see our FB page **@Clondalkin.equineclub**. A huge thanks to all involved & here's to great things ahead!



Colaiste Bride with the support of South Dublin Libraries and local business are planning a community wide campaign called **oneinclondalkin**. The idea is that we encourage as many people as possible in Clondalkin to read the same book, an award winning young adult novel called "ONE" by Irish born author Sarah Crossan. We will be launching the campaign in Clondalkin Library on World Book Day, **Thursday 2nd March** where we hope to have students & teachers from as many schools as possible in attendance to roll out the initiative. The author has agreed to visit the school on **Friday 24th March** to meet students and discuss the book. *Breda Deegan*



MONDAY CLUB - 20TH FEBRUARY

Today we had Localise, young people to the Club accompanied by their leader Geraldine, Anne and Alison. Welcome to all and to Harry too!

When I arrived I hardly recognized the place with all the colourful decorations put in place. Since their mid-term break came later than St. Valentine's Day they decided to make it a springtime theme. They had loads of nice goodies for tea. Thanks a million too to Sean Browne for his sandwiches and eclairs. After the tea there was plenty of creative activity with making hats for St Patrick's Day/Easter. Many had their photos

taken while modeling their hats. If that was not enough there was a card and gift for everyone while leaving.

A good time was had by all. Thank you everyone from Localise for all the huge effort you all put into your visit to us. We really appreciate what you do. We in the Monday Club wish you all the best and enjoy your mid-term break. Until next week take care. **Kathleen R.**



Another great morning on Tuesday last with a few games of snap, well done to our winners. Next week we will have Sean playing a bit of music, and I am sure the floor will be full with all our great dancers. We have a lot of events happening in the next few weeks. I suppose the biggest of all will be the Saint Patrick's Day Parade organized by the wonderful Fran Timmons, what a day it was last year and such beautiful weather, so hopefully we will be as lucky with the weather this year. Our Bright Side of Life Choir will be taking part again. Sorry still haven't got the photos ready from our Valentine's Party last week, hopefully next week. **Clare**



This Lent we are asking all our Younger Parishioners to get involved & **Make a Difference!!**

There is **lots** for you to get involved in

Make sure you get your copy of:

1. My **MAD** Lenten Journey & **PLANNER**
2. The **MAD LENTEN JELLYBEAN CHALLENGE**
3. My **MAD LENTEN FACE!**

You can get a copy of these from the back of the Church each week or download/print & share them from www.clondalkinparish.com/?p=2112

Here's our Prayer for this Lent!!



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Lord, This **Lenten SEASON** with Your help

<p>I WILL TRY TO</p> <p>Give up complaining. Give up pessimism. Give up harsh judgments. Give up worry. Give up discouragement. Give up bitterness. Give up hatred. Give up negativism. Give up anger. Give up gloom. Give up jealousy. Give up gossiping. Give up sin.</p> <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>MOST OF ALL I WILL TRY TO</p>	<p>&</p>	<p>Focus on gratitude. Become an optimist. Think kindly thoughts. Trust in God. Be full of hope. Turn to forgiveness. Return good for evil. Be positive. Be more patient. Spread joy. Pray for trust. Control my tongue. Try a little harder.</p> <p>Hang in there!</p> <p><i>Amen!</i></p>
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Frank, our Pastoral Worker, gave me this week off as we have lots going on for Lent - Make sure you get involved!! The answer to my riddle for last week was "Look in the mirror". I will be back next week or maybe one of you kids would like to give me an extra week off?? **Ciaara**

JOIN US FOR MOVIES THAT MATTER

Movie Night

EVAN ALMIGHTY

A FREE FILM NIGHT FOR ALL WHO ARE MAKING THEIR CONFIRMATION IN OUR PARISHES THIS YEAR

"EVAN ALMIGHTY"

Don't miss this one!

Evan Almighty is a comedy film and the stand-alone sequel to Bruce Almighty (2003). Newly elected to Congress, former local television news anchor Evan Baxter (Steve Carell) leaves his hometown of Buffalo, New York and moves to the fictional town of Prestige Crest (Woodbridge), Virginia, with a campaign promise to "change the world". His family is happy, but concerned about the relocation. Evan's wife, Joan (Lauren Graham) prays that they will come closer as a family. Evan also prays to God to help him change the world. So far, things are going quite well for Evan, but from the following morning, strange things start to happen around him with some hilarious consequences!! Remember **ARK** - Acts of Random Kindness!!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Rowlagh/Quarryvale Church

Friday 3rd March 2017 @ 7pm

Open to all who are

Making Their Confirmation in Our Parishes this Year

Free admission & Pizza!

To make a difference in someone's life you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful or perfect. you just have to notice, care and be there!

~ Mandy Hale