



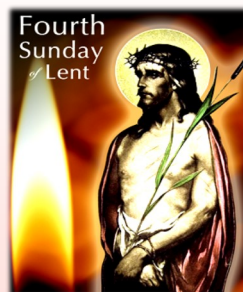
Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 26th March 2017



Today, Sunday 26th, the 4th Sunday of Lent is Mother's Day in Ireland.

It is a special day set apart to celebrate all mothers and to provide the opportunity to express love and appreciation to them.

Generally it is a day to honour the most important person in one's life, the one who gives life, nurtures and guides. But mothering is not only biological maternity. It is every person's calling. Caring and listening is mothering. There are many ways to mother.

Mother's Day is celebrated in more than 46 countries around the world though at different times of the year. The tradition goes back to the ancient annual Spring festival the Greeks dedicated to maternal goddesses. Ancient Romans also celebrated mother goddesses. The early Christians celebrated a Mother's Day of sorts on the 4th Sunday of Lent in honour of Mary, the mother of God. The custom of celebrating this special day died out almost completely by the 19th century until it was revived again in the United States by Julie Ward Howe and later by Anna Jarvis who, though never a mother herself, founded Mother's Day in 1914 in honour of all mothers living and dead and is today recognised as the "Mother of Mother's Day".

Mindful of the God who knit us together in our mother's womb (Psalm 139:13) and in the spirit of Anna Jarvis, the childless aunt of many nieces and nephews, let us honour this special day by also acknowledging all the maternal women in children's lives, all the aunts, godmothers, foster mothers, adoptive mothers and women in general who offer love to children not their own.

My Mother's Day Prayer

I love you, Mom.

I love your aliveness, your joy
in living, your listening, your
understanding,
your giving.

And what I love best of all
is that you love me.

God of all Mothers,

thank you for my Mom!

Happy Mother's Day! Sr. Anne

"There's no way to
be a perfect mother
and a million ways
to be a good one."



"Don't poets know it
better than others?
God can't always be
everywhere: and, so,
invented mothers."

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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Laetare Sunday

"Rejoice Sunday"

Today is **Laetare Sunday**, but what does this mean?

Laetare means "Rejoice" in Latin.

Because the midpoint of Lent is the Thursday of the third week of Lent, today has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, on which the austerity of Lent is briefly lessened. On this Sunday, we look with expectation to the great celebration of Easter for which we have been preparing ourselves as a Church during the Lenten season. By its anticipation of the joy of Easter, Laetare Sunday is meant to give us hope and encouragement as we slowly progress towards the Paschal Feast. Today the purple vestments and altar cloths of Lent are set aside, and rose ones are used instead. The colour **ROSE** is used as a sign of the joy. The use of rose vestments probably stems from an ancient papal tradition of blessing golden roses which would be sent to Catholic heads of state in Europe on the 4th Sunday of Lent. Flowers, which are normally forbidden during Lent, may be placed on the altar. Traditionally, the organ was never played during Lent, except on Laetare Sunday.

It's also known as **Rose Sunday** or **Refreshment Sunday**.



In addition to attending Sunday Mass, a family might choose to mark **Laetare Sunday** by anticipating the Easter feast; a Sunday brunch with roses on the table would be appropriate. You might also wish, during this beginning period of spring, to plant a rose bush on this day. Finally, there was a medieval tradition of visiting one's "mother church" (the church where you were baptized) on this day. A family trip to see where Mum and Dad or the children began their journey of faith could make for a fine Sunday afternoon outing!!



Wanting to **Believe**
Daring to **Belong**
ReDiscover - ReConnect - ReVitalize

Our Series of Lenten Talks
Continues **Thurs 30th March** in
Neilstown Parish Church, Saint
Peter the Apostle, Moorfield
Ave, Collinstown, Dublin 22
7:30 - 9pm

ReConcile Theme: *Reconciliation*
Exploring the radical gospel call to
forgiveness. What does it ask of us and
our community of faith?

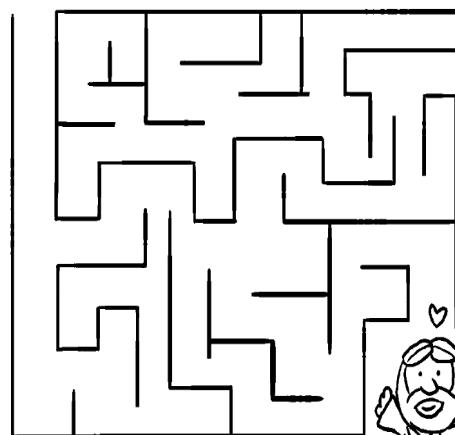
Speaker: Gerard Gallagher

Spread the Invite & Hope to see you there!



The challenge of today's Gospel is to be like Jesus, i.e. to really **"see"** people. Maybe this week try to think of people you meet every day such as bus drivers, teachers, the library lady, store cashiers, even beggars on the street, etc.

Identify some ways they can let those people know they are important to you, e.g. learning their names and then calling them by name, smiling at them, thanking them for what they do for you!



Help me find my way to God!



Some photos from the
St Patrick's Day Parade
Courtesy of Tommy Keogh

Monday Club 13 March 2017 - Today we had a traditional music session to get us in the mood for the celebration of **St Patrick's Day**.

Welcome to you all and to Srs Claire, Maura, Assumpta, and Nanno and Anne, and our musicians today, - *Charlotte, Annette, Maire and Frances*. We had a good turnout for the morning. After the tea/coffee and cakes the session commenced with Charlotte introducing the tunes and started off with some lively reels followed by hornpipes and then at a slower pace was some waltz tunes - *Midnight on the Water* and *Flatwater Fran*. Noel played the spinning wheel and Connamara Cradle Song followed by nice lively Garryowen on his harmonica. This followed on with some jigs and of course St Patrick's Day and Minnie's favorite tunes - *the mazurkas* - including *Shoe the Donkey*. Thanks to Annette, Charlotte, Maire and Frances for coming this morning to play so well for us. Really talented ladies who play a number of different instruments and taking the time to come. They are some of the members of the traditional group called "*Timpeall na Tithe*". Hopefully later in the year they will be back again to play more for us. Thank you Noel for playing and Sr Anne for singing so well too. Brian McKeown who very kindly came to talk on genealogy last week sent some information to hand out on places and websites to source information from. I will give them to whoever is interested next week. Thanks a million Brian. Thanks to Joan, Collette, Josie and Alan who have all been so helpful setting tables, making tea and to all who helped to do the clear up. Until next week - Kathleen R



PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!

COME JOIN WITH US AT OUR

**YOUTH
Mass**

On Saturday 8th April
At 6:30pm

Sacred Heart Parish Church,
Srulleen, St John's Drive, Clondalkin

JAM SESSION & GET TOGETHER
Afterwards in the Parish Centre
We aren't just the future of the Church...
We are the Present! **All Welcome**

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Vera Rogers
Church Cleaning: As per rota
Flowers: No flowers during Lent



Monday 27th March-Miraculous Medal

Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 28th March-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 29th March-St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society meeting at 10.45am.

Charismatic Prayer Group Our Lady Queen of Peace meeting in Parish Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm for Missionary Rosary followed by Prayer Meeting at 8.00pm. All welcome.

Thursday 30th March-Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Morning: In the Sisters' Oratory 10.45 to 11.45am. **Evening:** In the Church 8.00 to 9.00pm. All welcome.

Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 12 noon - new members always welcome.

Lenten Series of talks - 7:30pm Neilstown Church



Kellie Phelan, Kilcrouney
Carmel Maguire, New Road

Our sympathies & prayers are with their families at this time.

Clondalkin Localise is having their Annual Cake Sale on **Sunday 26th March from 9.30am to 12.30pm.**

We'll be raising money for the **Peamount Project** and **As I Am** charity. **PLEASE SUPPORT!**



The Society of St. **VINCENT** de Paul is seeking your help in its **Annual Clothing Appeal** in this Parish.



Bags will be distributed on **Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th March** and these will be collected outside the Church on **Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd April** after all Masses.

The appeal is for clean, good quality clothes, bedclothes, curtains, shoes etc. The Society is very conscious of the tremendous support given by the Parishioners for their charitable works over the years. They would like to thank you all most sincerely on behalf of those you have helped.

Mark O'Brien, East Region Retain Manager

Lourdes 2017



Our annual Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes next year takes place from **12th - 17th May**. Booking Forms from the Sacristy, Parish Office and Parish Shop

Padraig Doyle, Group Organiser.

Due to an oversight the amounts collected in the family offering haven't been published weekly. As the Planned Giving doesn't meet every week the average weekly amounts collected recently are as follows:

December €980, January €1395
February €1146, March €1013



The Parish Finance Committee thanks all our contributors including those who pay by standing order, collectors and counters. This collection is the main source of income for the Parish and all monies collected stays within the Parish.

Monica Dowling, Chairperson Parish Finance Committee.

Village Church

Sunday 26th March

7.30pm Vigil

William Doyle (An)

Ita O'Gorman (MM)



10.30am

Gay, Liam & Babs Norton (An),
 Patrick Martin (An), John-James Martin (An),
 Margaret Tyson (An), Christina Brown & Cora
 O'Daly (Mothers' Day Rem), Mary Ryan (2nd An)

12noon

Christopher Stapleton (10th An),
 Frances Farrelly (1st An), Elizabeth & Nicholas
 West (An), Mary & Patrick Hendley (An)

5.30pm

Mary O'Shea (An), Mary Furlong (An)
 Muriel Pillay (1st An)

Monday 27th March

10.00am

Pat & Dinah O'Reilly

Tuesday 28th March

10.00am

Louis Duggan (An)

7.30pm

Deceased members of Dublin Mid-West
 Fianna Fáil

Thursday 30th March

10.00am

John & Marie Duggan (An)

7.30pm

Patrick Ryder (B/Day Rem)

Helen McDonagh & Darren Gavin

Recently Married - Congratulations!



Greg Tierney from Crosscare Youth Services spoke at all Masses in the Village Church on Sunday 20th March, about the work of Crosscare Youth Services - *formerly known as CYC* - and the Diocesan outreach to the younger people on the margins of society. Along with Clonburris and Knockmitten, the collection for 2017 amounted to **€3,860**. This was an increase of 44.8% on the amount collected last year.

Thank you for your generosity.

Crosscare Youth Services.

Clondalkin Historical Society - Lecture

Mary Connolly will give an illustrated talk entitled **"From Meath to the Pastures of Smithfield"**. The talk will take place in Aras Chronain, Watery Lane, on **Mon 27th March** commencing at 8.00pm. Admission **€5 (non members)**.

Beidh failte roimh gach einne. *Padraig A. O Murchu.*

LANDSCAPE AND NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP WITH TOMMY KEOGH



Wednesday 29th March

in Corkagh Park

11.00am

Booking:

SDCC : Una Maguire , 01 4149000 ext. 2791

SDCC : Aisling Stafford, 01 4149000 ext. 6069

Tommy Keogh , 087 2812626

Photography workshop for people of all abilities.

Bring along your camera & hope to see you there!



Is looking for your help.

Come along **10am every Sat** in
 Tuthill's Park

A **HUGE Thank-You** to all the parishioners for their kind gifts, prayer & messages during my time on maternity leave! Fionn is doing well & his sisters love him dearly. Back to work this week & looking forward to continuing the great ministry journey we are on together! *Christina PPW*