

FINDING JESUS

Imagine travellers from outer space arriving on your doorstep looking for Jesus. "Where," they ask "can we find him?" You might point them in the direction of the church or the kingdom of heaven perhaps the convent or monastery, some place "holy" or "religious". You might not consider directing them to the nearest shelter for the homeless or to that centre where the



Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is

Matthew 5-2

hungry are fed and clothed each day, or perhaps to the hospital or the prison where there is suffering and loneliness.

The surprise in today's gospel is that Jesus is found wherever the vulnerable and the needy are. He identifies himself with the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned. An even bigger surprise awaits us. Wherever caring people give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, a welcome to the stranger or visit the lonely they are ministering to Jesus himself. "As long as you did it to one of these brothers/ sisters of mine you did it to me". At the same time as revealing his own identity with all who suffer in life, Jesus hallows the many ordinary kindnesses done to them and claims that the way of compassion is a way to everlasting happiness in the kingdom. "Come, blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world".

On the other hand there are those who neglect to do such kindnesses. Like the caring group, they too have met Jesus hiding unseen in the vulnerable people they encountered in the course of their lives. But they failed to notice or maybe did not bother. "In so far as you neglected to do it to others, you neglected to do it to me. Go away from me."

The teaching at the heart of the gospel is clear. Kindness to the needy proves to be real attentiveness to Jesus himself. The shocking thing is that the opposite is also true. One group is invited into the kingdom. The other is told to get lost. What direction will you be taking? Sister Anne





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. Holv Davs 7.30pm (Vigil), 7.30am and 10.00am Confessions Sat 10.30 - 11am & 6.45 - 7.15pm

Clonburris

Sundavs Sunday Holy Days

(Vigil) Sat 6.30 pm 11am 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

Submissions for Newsletter: Parishnewsletter1@gmail.com, Office, Sacristy, by Tuesday not later than 4.30pm

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CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Marie Harrington Flowers: Nuala Kendellan (for Nov) Church Cleaning:

Thank You Betty Byrne and Rebecca Duggan

Monday 27th Nov - Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.



Tuesday 28th Nov - CCPC Intercessory Prayer for 9 Clondalkin Parishes. This Tuesday evening Group

joining in Adoration in Bawnogue Church 7.30 to 8.30pm. (Adoration in Bawnogue 6.30 to 8.30pm Mon-Fri as prayer support for the Guided Prayer initiative this week across the cluster of Clondalkin parishes). All welcome.

Wednesday 29th Nov - Charismatic Prayer Group Our Lady Queen of Peace. This Wednesday The Missionary Rosary at 1.74pm and Prayer Meeting at 8.00pm in the Parish

Pastoral Centre. All welcome.

Thursday 30th Nov - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Morning: in the Church 10.45 to 11.45am

Evening: in the Church 7.00 to 8.00pm. All welcome. Friday 1st December

First Friday, All Masses are offered for all whose names are on the Parish Altar List of the Dead

Saturday 2nd December

First Saturday, Fatima Devotions after 10am Mass and Rosary

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will meet after 10am Mass and Rosary on

Wednesday 29th November.



The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association will meet in the Pastoral Centre at 10.45am on Friday 1st December.



Congratulations and Welcome Bria Niamh Fitzsimons Ryan, Floraville Avenue



The family of the late Padraig Doyle wish to acknowledge and express our gratitude to all those who sympathized with us on our sad loss. We thank most

sincerely those who attended the reposing at his home, in the funeral home, the funeral Mass and to those who telephoned, sent cards and messages of sympathy, to our wonderful neighbours and friends who offered such practical support, we are truly grateful. Special thanks to the Priests of the Parish, to the Presentation Sisters for your never ending spiritual help and guidance. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement and gratitude.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions. Celia, Una and Breda Doyle

Coláiste Bríde, Moyle Park & Coláiste Cillian are jointly producing the musical "All Shook up" in Coláiste Bríde in January 2018. it involves 160 students and 30 members of staff. The organisers need the help from school community, business

community and anyone wishing to sponsor.



They are currently producing programmes which will be on sale before each performance and Advertising Space is available. Wishing to advertise, donate spot prizes or any other assistance to help in their fundraising, please contact 01 4591158 or email doconor@colaistebride.com

Deirdre O Connor

Víllage Church



7.30pm Vigil Joseph Fitzgibbon (4th An) Margaret Doyle (24th An), Frank Keane Snr (28th An) Robert & Joan Crookes & Paddy Lysaght

9.00am 10.30am

Josephine Eileen Hogan (An) Thomas Feighery (12th An), Nellie Feighery (70th An), James & Patricia Gill (An), Sheila Crahan, Rose O'Connell & May O'Neill (An), Nan McGuinness, Bernard & Sarah, Sean, Gerry & Joseph McVeigh (An), Jim Monaghan (An)

Dan White, Mary Reilly (1st An) 12noon Kathleen McDonnell (An), Maurice Collins Bridget Bassett (3rd An), Peggy Downey (4th An)

Monday 27th November

Molly McLoughlin (An) 7.30am 10.00am Maura Burke (An)

Wednesday 29th November Carmel Lynch (An) 7.30am

Friday 1st December

7.30am & 10.00am November List of the Dead

Saturday 2nd December 10.00am Olive Smith (10th An)

Sunday 3rd December

7.30pm Vigil 9.00am 10.30am

12noon

Olive Smith (10th An), Martin Whelan (An) Kathleen & Johnny Roebuck (An) Matthew Minogue (An) Tommy & Dora Clifford Elsie Naughton (B'day Rem) Mick & Nancy Murphy (An) Maura Mernagh, George, Nicholas and Simon McNulty (An) Dave Mitchell (An)



Clondalkin Library is planning to set up a Dojo (coding Session) for young people aged 7 +, on Saturday afternoons in 2018. They are looking for mentors, volunteers who have some coding experience, to guide the young people through

the basics and help them create their own projects. Most of the young participants will have little coding experience and will be using the child friendly programming "Scratch". All mentors will have to be Garda vetted before starting. Interested? coderdojoclondalkinlibrary@gmail.com



Rest in Peace

AGM on Wednesday 29th November in Shaw Suite, Maldron Hotel at 8pm and all Tommy



JOHN WOOD

formally Castle View Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.



Do you play an instrument or sing? Our Adult Jammin' group will be meeting again Wed 29th Nov at 4:30 - 6pm in the Pastoral Ctr!! Come along, bring a bit of music & see you then.!

Let's Play Bridge!





St Joseph's Young Priests Society



" I pulled favours so we in Clondalkin are the first to welcome the Icon which will be travelling Ireland in preparation for the "World day of the Family next August" I am paraphrasing Fr. Damian and we indeed were privileged.

It arrived early on Monday morning and was in situ as the Sisters of the Presentation were in attendance at 10am Mass to renew their vows in the presence of the girls from the local schools, the Presentation Associate Members and the usual 10am Mass goers. "Icons are part of the Church's preaching and part of the Church's prayer. The true iconographer prepares for the work of icon-making with prayer, fasting and study. The icon must be truth". Thankfully Frank, our Pastoral Worker was on hand to offer explanation and to take the Photos. To find out more go to www.worldmeeting2018.ie





Monday Club 20 November 2017 We had a very enjoyable morning in the Club when we welcomed the Presentation Sisters to join in the celebrations of their Presentation Day. We are so lucky here in our parish

to have wonderful nuns who have been involved in education and other works for over a century and a half. Many of the people who come to the club have been past pupils of the Presentation Schools and probably taught by some the sisters who are presently living in the convent and present with us in the club. After the usual tea and goodies we were so lucky to welcome back Sean Browne who had us all singing to his wonderful selections of music too numerous to mention here. Sean was followed by Noel who played many lovely airs and jigs on his harmonica. Joan gave a great rendition of "McBreen's Heifer", Frank told us "why Fr Damian wasn't at work today", Sr Pius sung a parody on a chicken, Sr. Anne sang

work today", Sr Plus sung a parody on a chicken, Sr. Anne sang a beautiful song "A prayer at the end of the day" and Sadie finished off the morning's entertainment with her song. Sorry Sadie, I don't remember the name of your song. A big "Thank You" to all who took part in our little party to make the morning so entertaining and enjoyable especially for the Sisters who were our guests this morning. We really have got a great lot of hidden talent in the club.

Thank you to Stephen who set up the tables for us and helped me get things from the car. Thanks too to Collette and Joan who always makes sure the tea and coffee is at the ready when people come in.

Next week we have the coffee morning as part of the social inclusion week which is this week 20 to 27 November. There are various activities e.g. art, crafts, etc. on in libraries and other centres around from Lucan to Tallaght. There is a craft drop-in circle on in Clondalkin Library on Sat 25 Nov 10am - 12 noon. Contact Emma McDonald on 01 459 3315 for more information.

Delighted to hear the outing to "My Fair Lady" was enjoyed by all who went. The tickets for the "Sound of Music" booked out when I rang again. Better luck next time. Kathleen R

We are asking all our parishioners to support us and join us by saying this little prayer each day during the Week of Guided Prayer 26th Nov to 2nd Dec.
"O God, we are one community in faith, hope, love and compassion. Make our parish and all our parishes in Clondalkin a family of one heart and mind in love towards you. We pray for all those undertaking this week of prayer and know that our prayer is never in vain. May we always be a support to each-other and as we travel on our journey of faith together grant that our common life, faith and work may be an example

to all about us. Guide all those in ministry and service of our community. Guide our leaders to lead us well. We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen Mary our Mother, Pray for us St Peter. Pray for us St Killian, Pray for us St Ronan, Pray for us Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place all our trust in you".

Week of Guided Praver



I'm glad that November is almost over. The 1st week of Advent next Sunday and we are learning to make the Advent wreath and it's meaning. Interesting!

Alex and Adam Leonard enjoyed my quizzes. Adam found the two pictures that were the same. Well Done!



Can you draw a line to the things that go together?

Again contact us here at the Newsletter– details on front page, or to Sacristy and office. Ciara

We will never change the world by going to church, we will change the world by being the church...