

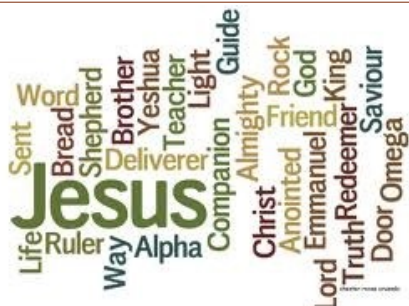
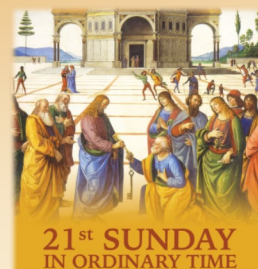


Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter Sunday 27th August 2017



In today's Gospel Jesus asks the disciples the quintessential question of faith. **Who do you say I am?** To the Pharisees and the Sadducees, he was a troublesome teacher, one who threatened their political power. To most of the other Israelites in the region, he was a healer and a leader, at least for as long as it cost them little to follow. While

some speculated that Jesus was the Messiah, they only believed it for as long as they could maintain their own estimation of what a Messiah would be and do. They wanted a warrior to expel the Romans and restore the Davidic kingdom on earth, rather than a path to eternal salvation and forgiveness.

Who do you say I am? It's the question that demands a response. It forces us to decide between being disciples, spectators, or antagonists. That's as true now as it was in Caesarea Philippi almost two thousand years ago, when Jesus asked it of his own disciples. It was a challenge to them to choose now and make the commitment to faith. Jesus wasn't just asking a rhetorical question. He wanted a response to his question who am I for you? He had spent time with people and some have accepted him. His question demands a dynamic response. If we choose to answer it honestly it does not allow us to be passive. Peter's was the remark of faith. Our faith is what defines us and our response is what identifies us. Faith is in the person of Jesus before any creed. Our faith is based on the person of Jesus not on the church. It is knowing Jesus from the inside – knowing who he really is with the knowledge of the heart.

So this week really ask yourself – **'Who is Christ for me?'** And if we were to respond to that question with Peter's fervour and enthusiasm what does it ask of us? What would our community of faith, our church look like? I would hazard a guess and say we would be known as a community who care for each other and particularly for the old, the child, the weaker, the outcast, the unborn, the shunned and the refugee. Our church is the community where the weakest are welcomed.

The Son of the living God is the one who heals, cures, wants us, and is the human face of God. We are that too – He has no body now on earth but ours!

Who do you say that I am? In the end, that question isn't about the identity of Jesus, but the identity of each and every one of us. Will we be disciples? Spectators? Antagonists? Let's respond and let's go be Church!

Frank Brown, Parish Pastoral Worker

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 (Vigil) Sat 6.30 pm

Sunday 11am

Holy Days 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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Monday Club : 14th August

As it was not such a good day weather wise, we did not go to Dun Laoghaire as intended. Instead we stayed in the Centre and enjoyed tea, coffee and cake. We sat around the tables and had a chat about our lives growing up as children. As I sat listening to the different stories told, I thought to myself that some of the situations were very similar to my own growing up in the country. Some of us had to work very hard as children whether growing up in the city or the country. It did not do us any harm! It makes us appreciate what we have got.

This week, Frank Drescher is taking leave of our parish to commence his studies for the priesthood in Rome. Frank was a frequent visitor to the Monday Club since he came to our parish. Frank, we wish you every success for the future and be assured we all will keep you in our humble prayers. You will always be welcome whenever you are back in Dublin.

Mary Brennan's Afternoon Tea Dance will be held in Quinlan's on **Wednesday 6th September**. Mary and her team work very hard organising very enjoyable trips for the senior citizens. This is a fundraiser which goes to help defray the cost of the bus, etc. Tickets will be available soon so save the date for this important event in the social calendar. We will be meeting again for tea/coffee and cake and a chat and, hopefully, a surprise guest.

Until **Monday 28th August**, take care. *Kathleen R.*



National Grandparents Pilgrimage

Sunday September 10th 2017

at Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo

Chief Celebrant: Archbishop Eamon Martin

St. Mary's Secondary School Choir, Ballina

Special Guest: Dana sings "Our Lady of Knock"

2.30pm Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with Music and Song

3.00pm Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary-

www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org Tel: (098) 24877

INTERESTED? - We are hoping to organize a day pilgrimage to Knock the 2nd week in September and Fr. Padraig as our Spiritual director. Saturday is the best day for him because of Sunday Masses commitment. We will have more information shortly but for now we are just gaging interest.



National Heritage Week 19th - 27th August

Setting out on walk of the Camac River with reference to the many mills viz five Paper mills ... Oil and Gunpowder etc. Great for a very interesting talk by

Patrick Ging. **Tommy.**

You may have seen the Nationwide programme introducing Heritage Week from Brú Chronáin - and Mary Kennedy gave Brú Chronáin a great plug - as a true Clondalkin woman! If you missed it you can watch on player here. www.rte.ie/player/ie/show/nationwide-21/10764845



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 2nd September in Neilstown Church.

Saturday 21st October in Rowlagh Church.

Saturday 19th November in Neilstown 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 is necessary. **To book** in for 2nd September please phone or send a text to **Fr. David** on 0872048898



In response to your invitation of sending in submissions: this is my token! Attending the 10.30am Mass last Sunday and listening to Don's homily on God's Justice and Mercy I was reminded of a story I heard some time ago, and now forgotten the source: "Michael always attended the Sunday evening Mass and being a creature of habit always parked in the same place some distance from the church.

This Sunday he was delayed and returning to the car found to his horror that his keys were locked inside. Everyone was gone so what to do? Asking God to help him in his predicament he saw a forlorn figure approaching with a satchel over his shoulder. The man approached and offered to help. In no time the keys were retrieved and Michael was ready to go. "Where have you come from. You are a stranger here" he enquired of the stranger. "I have been just released from jail. I was imprisoned for stealing cars" Michael thanked the Lord for not only answering his prayer but for sending the best'

I send Don my best wishes and many congratulations and wish him every success. As for the story - fact or fiction it is still thought provoking.

John

The **African Chaplaincy of the Catholic Diocese of Dublin** is celebrating its 10th Anniversary and invites the general public to the following events:



Choral Night on Saturday 2nd Sept at 6.00pm in Westmanstown Conference Centre, Blanchardstown.

10th Year Anniversary and Holy Mass & Thanksgiving with Archbishop Martin at 2.00pm on Sunday 3rd Sept in St. Peter's Catholic Church, Phibsboro

Annual Harvest Thanksgiving takes place at the National Show Centre, Cloghran Roundabout, Swords on Sunday 17th September at 12.30pm. This is an annual event whereby all the African Catholic faithful around the Diocese come together to worship God in praise and thanksgiving for His bountiful blessing of love, kindness, mercy, forgiveness and protection in their lives.

Further enquiries to Fr. Cornelius Nwaogwugwu, CM, on 087 146 7257 or Mr John Kingsley Onwumereh on 089 964 2783.



Always wanted to volunteer overseas?

Want to do a course on global social justice?

We work with Irish missionaries and their local counterparts and projects - who mostly work with the most marginalized in our world and have dedicated their whole lives to this work - living and working with those they serve. We actively want to encourage lay people to consider volunteering with an overseas Mission - go and share their skills where they are needed and train at least one person to take over when they depart.

Learn more from Viatores Christi (VC).

Tel: (01) 868 9986 info@viatoreschristi.com

We enjoy getting submissions for inclusion in the Newsletter, especially poems of inspiration, stories that gladden the heart and make us think! Please non controversial or political. Use the address in the front of this newsletter. *Thanks*



"A saint is one who exaggerates what the world neglects" G. K Chesterton

CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Mary O'Neill
Flowers: Elizabeth Mary (for August)
Church Cleaning: Rita Arnold

Thank You!

Monday 28th August Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 29th August CCPC Intercessory Prayer for 9 Clondalkin Parishes. Group praying in Parish Pastoral Centre (downstairs) from 7.30 to 8.30pm.

Wednesday 30th August - Charismatic Prayer Group-Our Lady Queen of Peace. Missionary Rosary at 7.30pm and Prayer Meeting at 8.00pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre (adjoining Church). Come and join us - visitors especially welcome.

Thursday 31st August - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Morning: In the Church 10.45 to 11.45am

Evening: In the Church 7.00 to 9.00pm. All welcome.

Saturday 2nd September

First Saturday, Fatima Devotions after 10am Mass and Rosary



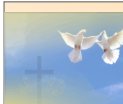
Catholic Young Adults Conference 2017

The 16th Annual Young Adults Conference takes place in All Hallows College, Gracepark Road, Dublin 9 on **Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd September**. The conference - organized by Legion of Mary Project - invites young adults together to learn, share and discuss our Catholic faith.

Theme: Know Mary...Know Jesus...Dare to Believe!

2 days Non-Residential €50, Residential €80. Meals included.

For further information, call Keith on 086 889 9123 or Lucy on 087 995 9803 or email deusetpatria@gmail.com



St. Joseph's Young Priests Society meeting will take place after 10am Mass and Rosary in the Pastoral Centre on **Wednesday 30th August**.

The Pioneer Total Abstinence Society will meet at **10.45am on Friday 1st Sept** in the Parish Centre.



Ciara

Can't get my head around that the summer holidays are over and we are back at school. The only ones happy are my parents - so they say but I don't believe it.

Last week's quiz was certainly a teaser. Smitha Joby tried but sorry Smitha it was the wrong answer but thank you for trying.

The answer was: remove the jar with 9 biscuits and place it in the bottom line. Now both lines will have 48 biscuits each.

This one is much easier and more interesting. Try it!

You will find that each line in this poem has a clue to spell a five letter word. Will tell you the answer next week or better still you tell me the answer.

"My first is in WALK but not in CRAWL

My second is in ROOM but not in HALL

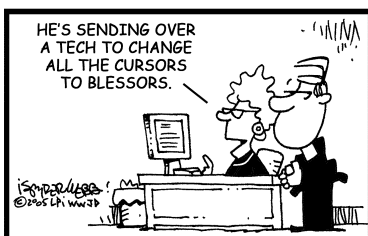
My third is in BAT but not in BOWL

My fourth is in WOLF and also in MOLE

My last is in MOUNTAIN and also in SEA

My whole is usually found living up a tree.

I love doing quizzes with my grandparents - they let me win!!!



Village Church



Sun 27th Aug - 7:30pm (Vigil)

Paddy Fitzgerald (An),

Carmel Robertson (10th An), Michael Buckley (BR)

9am - Hinda Duff (BR)

10.30am - Conor & Alice Hogan (An), Mae McInerney (1st An), Fr Sean Cassidy (An), Beatrice Smith McHugh, May Caven (An) Michael Maguire (An)

12 Noon - Michael & Aileen Hynes (An), Kathleen Grace (24th An), Mary & Joe O'Connolly (An)

5:30pm John Ronan (MM)

Mon 28th Aug - 7.30am Special Intention

Tues 29th Aug - 7:30am Hanna Wilson (An)

Wed 30th August - 10am John Davis (10th An)

Thurs 31st August - 7.30am Ursula Murtagh (MM)

10am Owen Doherty (1st An)

Friday 1st Sept Masses for those on the Parish Altar List of the Dead

Sunday 3rd Sept - 7:30pm Vigil

Anne Guilgoyle (2nd An), Noreen Ryan (MM)

10:30am Patrick (PJ) Minogue (An),

John McCormack (MM)

12 Noon Kathleen O'Neil (BR), George Reilly (An), Liz Walsh (An)

5:30pm - John Dunne (An)

Clonburris

Sat 26th 6:30pm Pauline Fallon (An), Fran Breen (MM)

Sun 27th 11am Nora Byrne (An), Danny Byrne (An), Martin Byrne (An)

ESKER CEMETERY ANNUAL MASS

The annual Mass for the Dead in Esker Cemetery will take place today **Sunday 27th August** at 3.00pm



Faith4Life is a new course designed to help you to discover more energizing and empowering ways to live out your faith in the reality of today's world: through relationships, family, home, parish, work and the events of daily life. It aims to help you to be more active, open, faithful, confident, trusting and willing to work for change.

Faith For Life takes place over four weekends in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3.

- **Called to Become** (21st/22nd October)
- **Church in and for the World** (2nd/3rd December)
- **Centered on the Word of God** (20th/21st January)
- **Living Faithfully** (3rd/4th March)

The course will benefit everyone who wants to make a deeper connection between faith and life.

Further details and application forms are available from Rosemary Lavelle rlavelle@abhouse.org or ph (01) 837 3732 ext 247/239.

John Cross & Joe Callaghan



Rest in Peace

Our thoughts and prayers are with their family and friends.



"Did you ever notice that when you are in trouble or ill it is very difficult to pray" I commented to a friend the other day. "Of course that is when the community prays for you" was the response.

Today we remember all who through illness or caring for those who are ill and have been missing from the church for a while the whole community is praying for you. I have had reason to experience this 'community praying' recently through Mass Cards, assurances of remembrances and consoling words I received and very much appreciated. Having experienced the kindness of all I hope I will always remember and pass it on wherever I find the need. **Teresa**

