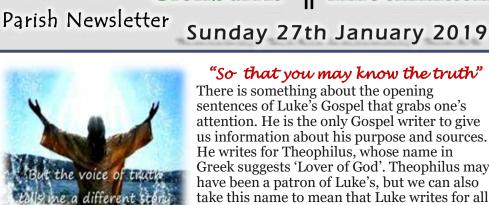


Clondalkin Village Parish Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris # Knockmitten



"So that you may know the truth"

There is something about the opening sentences of Luke's Gospel that grabs one's attention. He is the only Gospel writer to give us information about his purpose and sources. He writes for Theophilus, whose name in Greek suggests 'Lover of God'. Theophilus may have been a patron of Luke's, but we can also take this name to mean that Luke writes for all lovers of God. *i.e.* all of us.

Jesus 'as was his custom' attends the service at his local synagogue. It is clear that Jesus was a faithful Jew even though he is about to have some serious run ins with the Jewish religious leaders. This moment is one of the most powerful passages in the New Testament, as Jesus sets out his manifesto for ministry. Reading from Isaiah, Jesus tells the crowd that this passage is being fulfilled as they hear it, his ministry would be one focused on freeing people from various types of oppression. This passage is as relevant in our world today as it was for Jesus' time: people still await

liberation, the oppressed are not free. This is not a passage read in the past: it

is very much alive, a vision for all to have as Christians and to work out of. Just as the scriptures are fulfilled in Jesus, they are also fulfilled in each of our lives.

"Although they heard you, Lord, they failed to listen. They heard only what they wanted to hear. The truth hurt them, you mad them feel uncomfortable, and they rejected you....Show us how we may seek your Kingdom and help to bring peace to a troubled world.' Tony Singleton



"According to most philosophers, God in making the world enslaved it. According to Christianity, in making it He set it free. God had written, not so much a poem, but rather a play; a play He had planned as perfect, but which had

necessarily been left to human actors and stage managers, who had since made a great mess of it" G.K.Chesterton







Masses

Clondalkin Village

Sundays: (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm 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 6.30pm (Vigil), 7.30am and 10.00am

Confessions Sat 10.30 - 11am & 5.45pm-6.15pm

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Parish Office Hours

Clondalkin: Mon-Fri 9:30 - 12:30 **Clonburris:** Contact through Village Knockmitten: Mon-Fri Mass times

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CHURCH DUTYAltar Linen:Angela MinihanChurch Cleaners:Veronica Bayly, Bernardine Wynne,	Village Church Sunday 27th January 6.30pm (Vigil)
Tracy Whelan & Josephine HeartyFlowersElizabeth Mary for February	Paddy & Mollie Kelly (An), Brian Doonan (3rd An),
Monday 28th January- Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.This WeekTuesday 29th January - CCPC Intercessory Prayer for Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes. ThisThis WeekTuesday Intercessory Group meeting in Pastoral Centre 7.30pm to 8.30pm. All welcome.Charismatic Prayer Group Our Lady Queen of Peace. This Wednesday, in Parish Pastoral Centre. 7.30pm The Missionary Rosary. 8.00pm Prayer Meeting. All welcome.All welcome.Thursday 31st January - Adoration Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning: In the Church 10.45-11.45am Evening: In the Sisters' Oratory 7.00 to 8.00pm	Mary Keane, Frank Keane Snr & Frank Keane Jnr (B'day Rem), Paddy & Carmel O'Donoghue (20th An) 9.00am Eddie Redmond (An) 12noon Carole Doyle (An), Andrew Bell (19th An), Marie O'Callaghan (3rd An), her husband Michael (Rem) & dec'd family members, Margaret Palmer (An) 5.30pm Mrs Brigid Hoban (An) Thursday 31st January 7.30am 10.00am Willie Doherty & dec'd members of the Doherty families Friday 1st February 7.30am and 10.00am Altar List of the Dead Saturday 2nd February 10.00am Donagh Lynch
Lectio Divina, a time to contemplate Scripture, led by Sr. Anne, takes place each Tuesday in the Parish Centre after 10am Mass and Rosary	Sunday 3rd February6.30pm VigilJohn Quinlan (An),Ann O'Brien (2nd An) & Jimmy O'Brien (22nd An)9.00amLily Quinn (An), Martin O'Donnell (An)10.30amRory McDonnell, Maura Dagg (1st An),
PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019Date:12th to 17th May (5 nights)Price: $\pounds745$ pps (single room $\pounds160$ extra)Deposit: $\pounds100$ per person—non refundableThe $\pounds50$ discount expires on 31st January so please	Marie Ford (An), Bab & Kathy Hagerty (An), Monica Lernihan & Michael Lynch 12noon Nora Cusack (1st An) <i>Clonburrís</i> Saturday 26th January @ 6.30pm
have deposit with us as soon as possible Contact Joe (087 6820 338) Margaret (086 3069 198)	Maney Byrne (3rd An), Frank Tobin (15th An) Sunday 27th January @ 11.00am
SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR HEALHTY AGEING	George Brown (An), Harriet Coe (An)
RESEARCH AT TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN Researchers in Trinity College Dublin are looking for volunteers to take part in an exciting new study examining how grip strength training programmes influence various types of learning and could provide benefits for the brain as we age. We are looking for 50 healthy adults over the age of 66 who are right-handed. Participation involves approximately 8 hours commitment over the course of 4 weeks with a short follow-up one month later. If you are interested in finding out more, please email Eimile Holton, School of Psychology, Trinity College Dublin at eholton@tcd.ie or call 085 8245 898.	Bawnogue Parish Church, Clondalkin (Church of the Transfiguration) has been recently renovated and is looking for a bit of help - If any parish church, convent, religious house or retreat house, etc. has a Statue of St Anthony (to be displayed in the Church) and/or a large Crucifix (to be mounted on the wall behind the altar) that they are not using, that they have no space for or is in storage, that is in good condition - we would gladly give them a new home.If you can help with this or know someone who would just drop us a message - We can arrange for collection.Frank Brown, Pastoral Worker, Parish Office
The local conference will resume the monthly collections in February. Members will be in attendance after all Masses in Knockmitten Sunday 6th Feb and Village Church on Sunday 13th Feb.	Catholic Schools Week runs from 27th January to February 3rd. The theme - Catholic Schools: Celebrating the Work of our Local Catholic Schools The daily themes are as follows:
CLONDALKIN HISTORY SOCIETY (Founded 1982) IRISH LACE Illustrated talk by Bernardine Nic Giolla Phádraig Venue: Áras Chrónáin, Irish Cultural Centre, Watery Lane, Clondalkin Data	Monday:Living TraditionTuesday:Welcoming DiversityWednesday:Grandparents DayThursday:In Service of our CommunityFriday:Supporting Faith
Date: Monday 28th January Time: 8.00pm Admission €5 (non members) ALL WELCOME Josephine Byrne, Secretary	A Prayer for our School
School Enrolments —the closing date for enrolments of children entering local schools in September is Monday 4th	
children entering local schools in September is Monday 4th February. For Enrolment forms for the following schools please contact: Scoil Aine: 014591645 Scoil Ide: 014592766 Scoil Mhuire: 014592986	Dear God, Thank you for looking after our School. Thank you that you love each and everyone of us here Help us to learn, play and share together, So that the wonderful world you have made becomes more beautiful everyday.

Scoil Ide: 014592766 Scoil Mhuire: 014592986

Please spread this notice!

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"We sing a song to Brigid, Brigid brings the Spring Awakens all the fields and the flowers And calls the birds to sing All are welcome at her door. No one is turned away

She loved the poor, the sick and the sore She helped them on their way She laid her cloak out on the ground and watched it grow and grow In wells and streams and fields of green, St. Brigid's blessings flow"



Friday, 1st February we mark the feast day of St. Brigid—Mhuire na Gael and as is customary we will process to the Well after 10am Mass.

The Transition Year girls from Colaiste Bride will organize the liturgy under the guidance of their teacher Ms Dooley.

We will also be joined by the girls from Scoil Aine. St. Brigid's Well, off the Boot Road is a much loved facility in our Parish, Legend has it that St. Brigid came to the site of the Monastery at Clondalkin and baptised pagans at the Well on Boot Road. The Well is believed to have curative powers. A piece of rag dipped in the water and used to wipe the face was said to cure eye complaints. After use the rag would be hung on an adjoining tree. The well was restored by South Dublin County Council in 1995.

The Well and the surrounds are cared for by Peter. While visiting the Well we draw your attention to the mound at the back of the Well. It is said that babies who died before Baptism are buried on the mound.



St. Brigid's Cross

Tradition tells us that St. Brigid's unbounded charity drew multitudes of the poor to her door and much enraged her father Dubhtach, a Leinster pagan Chieftain and a stubborn disbeliever. As he lay on his deathbed, she sat by him and whiled away the time weaving a

cross from the rushes at her feet. Her father asked her to explain it's meaning and was so overwhelmed that he became a Christian before his death.

Many believed that this rush cross, which became her emblem, keeps evil and hunger from the homes in which it is displayed. For centuries, it has been customary on the eve of her feast-day for the Irish to fashion a St. Brigid's Cross of straw or rushes and place it inside the house, over the door. St. Brigid's feast day falls on the first of February, the day on which she died in 524 A.D. Her body lies at Downpatrick beside the graves of St. Patrick and St. Columba.

The cross is made from rushes and tradition has it that the women who made them prayed for different people as they made each arm of the cross.

Each arm in turn represents:

- 1. The people who have walked the path before you
- 2. The people you will meet on your path
- 3. For the healing of all who have gone before you

4. For being united with our loved ones in the afterlife And all of these prayers are gathered weaved together in the centre, in the Heart of Christ.

We hope that the students from Colaiste Bride will have an ample supply of crosses available when they attend the church for the feast of St. Brigid!

Our group for **World Youth Day** are getting on well in Panama They have been staying with families and participated in the Mercy program. This was in conjunction with Aid to the Church in Need.

Monday Club 21 January 2019

We had a wonderful morning in the club this morning with a good attendance. After the tea and coffee to warm us up on such a cold morning we had a variety of entertainment.



First Joan had a newspaper cutting of an article by Patsy McGarry relating to the treatment we get from the banks. It told us of how if we ring the bank we are asked to press 1 for this, or, 2 for that and 3 for the other, after which we are left hanging on with some sort of musical entertainment while waiting for a real voice if one comes at all. We are a faceless people as far as communication is concerned with the present day modern technology. Joan brought the article to life. It sounded so funny the way she read it. She followed this by the poem "The Old Violin" by Myra Brooks Welch (1877 – 1959) which told the story an old violin that was auctioned. At first nobody wanted to bid for it until a man came forward, took up the fiddle and dusted it and played a tune so sweet and pure. Again, Joan has special talent for recitation and did it justice.

Then, we had Sean Browne, the star of the morning come to play music for us. Sean played such a wide selection of tunes and had us all singing and dancing at the top of our voices. Some of the tunes played e.g. were "O what a beautiful morning" from Oklahoma, Sean is a wonderful musician. He is remarkable that he can play one tune after the other without even thinking what to play next. He just plays and plays. He must be exhausted with the weight of his accordion. When you love music it is no weight at all. You don't notice the weight of the instrument. Thank you Sea We all thoroughly enjoyed your music. You will be back please God. Thank you Collette, Joan, Martin & Stephen for all your help. Until next week take care and keep warm. Kathleen R



Next Saturday, **2nd February** we celebrate "Candlemas Day" when Christians around the world celebrate the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple. In some countries, Christians mark the day by removing their Christmas decorations. We bring candles to our church to be blessed and then used

throughout the year. The candles represent Jesus' command that his followers be "a light in the world." It is also known as the Feast of the Purification of the Virgin Mary. It's one of the oldest Christian commemorations. It was first celebrated in the 4th Century AD, when the earliest sermons on the Feast were given in Jerusalem. The Roman consul Justin introduced the celebration to the Roman Empire in 521 AD.

Candles are on sale at €1 each in the Parish Shop. They may be left in the shop for blessing on the 2nd February and collected later at your convenience. You may also bring candles of your own choosing to be blessed on the day—at 10am Mass. It is recommended to have a lighted blessed candle when the Blessed Sacrament is brought to homes and in time of sickness. Indeed it is consoling to light a blessed candle in times of loneliness or any other time when needed.



They were joined by colleagues and young people from Latvia & New Zealand. Young people have been reaching out to families, helping the sick and housebound and distributing food to the poorest of the poor. Amazing. It's been challenging in very hot conditions.it's a real pilgrimage and certainly the furthest thing from a holiday. They dared to say Yes! Keep them in your prayers for their safe return on the 30th Jan. You can follow all the events at WYD on our website LIVE just click on the MEDIA GALLERY button!!



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