



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris ✠ **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 27th November 2016



This Advent Season the Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin would like to offer you a little gift, just for yourself, one for each week of Advent. There is a different gift each week.



As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" Ps 42:2-4

Four Gifts for you this Advent

One day on a winter's walk through Phoenix Park I came face to face with a deer. The country had been in the midst of a stretch of very cold weather, and the little stream I was walking along was mostly frozen over. I had stopped at a place where the swift current of the stream broke through to the surface and swirled around in eddies before it disappeared back under the ice.

As I sat for a while watching and listening to the gurgling water, a deer quietly appeared out of the trees. We stared at one another for a few moments and, sensing I was no threat, the deer moved to the edge of the water and drank deeply. I recalled the words, "As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God." I had been experiencing a kind of winter in my soul. There were few signs of life, and the Spirit of God seemed to have become frozen over within me. Somehow, I was drawn to this external image of my internal longing - flowing water finding a way to bubble up from beneath solid ice. It was Advent and I was longing, even though I was barely aware of my discontent. Like everyone else I had been caught up in the busyness of Christmas preparations. Though we had lit the Advent candles at home and I had tried to pray, I needed more. I needed time to really allow my sense of longing to swirl up and become clear to me as it did on that winter's walk in the park. I knew then that I needed a closer relationship to God and that I had to stop just going through the motions of my prayer life. My longing, once acknowledged, turned out to be an invitation to live with a deeper awareness of God's presence and care all around me.



What are you longing for? What is your heart trying to tell you?

The gift God offers this first week of Advent is the invitation to explore your inner longings. The Church, through our Advent customs, and even the weather of the season itself support such inner work. During the first week of Advent, give yourself time and space to contemplate what you are truly longing for in life. Know that this is the season when your longings will lead you to the Christ Child, in whom the hopes and fears of all the years are known and responded to with generous love.

Theme: Our World Longs for God

As individuals and as a community, we are longing for the presence of God. World events shatter our complacency; family difficulties shake our resolve. How can we say God is present when so much seems to be unstable? Where is God in your life? *Frank, PPW*

Adapted from Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts - Parent Newsletter.

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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It was wonderful to see so many people in *The Monday Club* to celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple. We were honoured and blessed to welcome the Presentation Sisters to the Monday Club on their great Feast Day. All the Sisters of the Presentation Order throughout the world celebrate this Feast Day. The parish of Clondalkin has been associated with the Presentation Sisters since 1857 through their work in education.

Sr Stasia thanked all for the welcome and did a great job of dividing a beautiful lemon meringue pie donated by Sean

Brown. Sr. Anne explained the origin and meaning of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple. It was interesting to hear that the Sisters were first known as Sisters of Charitable Instruction of the Sacred Heart when founded on Christmas Eve 1775.

Some years after the death of Nano Nagle the name was changed to Presentation Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary and were enclosed. They did not go out hence the schools and church were adjoined or close to the convents as is here in Clondalkin. A big thank you to Sean Brown for his generous supply of cakes and sandwiches in honour of the day. They were absolutely delicious Sean. Thanks to Martin for setting tables, Collette, Josie and Joan for teas & coffees, and to all for coming and making the morning one to remember.

Next week we hope to have a DVD showing of the work of Fr Bala in India courtesy of Kay Lee. Most of you will remember Fr Bala who ministered here in our church in Clondalkin two or three years ago. Until then take care
Kathleen R



Hi Ciara
Answer to
my riddle
last week:

T H A T without a K. My Riddle for this week :

What is black and white and read all over??

Stephen James Harney

All the talk in my school is about "what are you getting for Christmas. You know the stuff - Iphones, Ipods, Laptops etc.

My dad asks "if I have lost the run of myself" - whatever that means! "now Ciara if you ever loose sight that Christmas is about the birth of a BABY, JESUS - whom God sent into the world to save us, then Christmas will mean nothing to you. It will just be like any other time and as you get older Christmas will only be a hassle".

We are calling into the Parish Shop after Mass today to buy an

Advent Calendar which will help the family to focus on the countdown to Christmas. And Stephen I will leave an Advent Calendar for you to pick up from the Sacristy - & Dad, I will **REALLY, REALLY** try to remember what you told me"

FYI for the next four weeks of Advent we get our own special Sunday Newsletter with lots of activities for us to do - Make sure to pick up your own copy. If there are none left at the back of the Church you can download one from the Parish website!!

What are you doing for the Countdown to Christmas?
Ciara



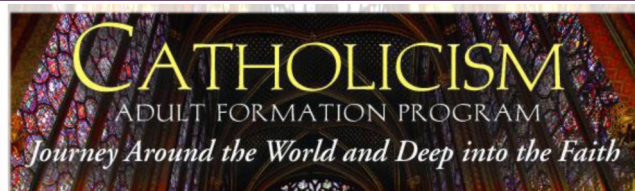
An invitation to a Memorial Mass:

To families and friends of all who died in the Parish during the year - November last year to October this year, To families and friends of loved ones who died from outside the Parish and indeed to everyone who would just like to attend and remember all loved ones gone to God

Tomorrow, Monday 28th November at 7.30pm

We acknowledge that some family members of the deceased may live out side the Parish but we hope that you as neighbours and friends will notify them.

For those attending please make yourself known to Margaret who will be present with the names of all the deceased so that everyone on the list will be remembered by presenting a lighted candle. Candles will be available from a table across from the Offertory table where the lighted candles can be picked up for presentation. After Mass your candle can be collected and brought home.



A 4 week Advent Programme
every Tuesday of Advent
beginning 29th November 2016

29th



7:30 - 9pm

AMAZED AND AFRAID

THE REVELATION OF GOD BECOME MAN

The strange and dangerous words of Jesus of Nazareth set up a drama that will culminate in a surprising battle between two kings and in the wake of this conflict an empire will be defeated and the world will be changed.

Bishop Robert Barron illuminates and explains the conviction of the Catholic Faith that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah and the revelation of God become man. He shows how Jesus fulfils the four tasks of the Messiah, according to the Old and New Testaments, and how the living legacy of Christ, God and Messiah, is proclaimed by the Church.

Join Bishop Barron as addresses some of the most controversial questions about the life and identity of Jesus Christ and travels through the mysterious and sacred places of the Holy Land of Israel and the eternal city of Rome.

A DVD series filmed in 50 locations throughout 15 countries illustrating the history & practices of the global Church.

With host Bishop Robert Barron, you will learn what Catholics believe and why, while being immersed in the art, architecture, literature, beliefs, and practices of the Catholic tradition.

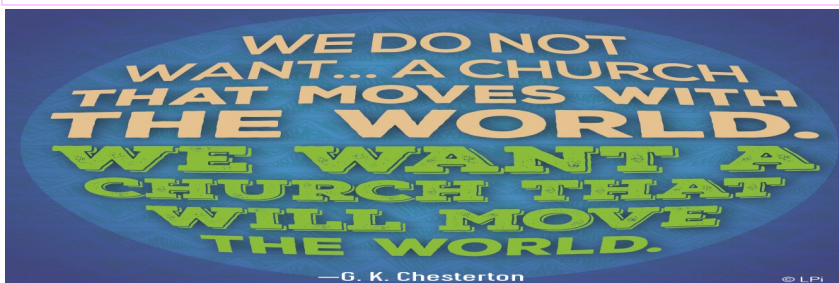
Follow by a short discussion & a Cuppa!!

All Welcome!

Held in the

Upper Meeting Room in The Village Church

The **Advent Wreath** is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Since Advent is a time to stir-up our faith in the Lord, the wreath and its prayers provide us a way to augment this special preparation for Christmas. Moreover, this good tradition helps us to remain vigilant in our homes and not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.



CHURCH DUTY



Altar Linen: Vera Rogers

Church Cleaning: Veronica Bayly, Bernardine Wynne, Tracy Whelan and Josephine Hearty

Flowers: No flowers for Advent - maintenance of Advent Wreath Help needed to dismantle memorial garden on Thursday 1st Dec after 10am Mass and Rosary

Eucharistic HOUR OF PRAYER



Adoration

The next Hour of Prayer takes place on Thursday, 1st December from 8 to 9pm

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

Fr. Padraig



Lexie Boggan Moran,

St. John's Park West

Matthew David Buckley,

Weirview Drive, Stillorgan

Congratulations and Welcome!

Tuesday 29th November

Lectio Divina - under the direction of Sr. Anne - in Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass and Rosary.

CCPC Intercessory Prayer for Clondalkin Parish Cluster. Meeting in Pastoral Centre from 7.30 to 8.30pm. All Welcome.

Wednesday 30th November

Charismatic Prayer Group—Our Lady Queen of Peace with The Missionary Rosary at 7.30pm followed by Prayer Meeting at 8.00pm in Pastoral Centre. All welcome.

Thursday 1st December

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church.

Morning: 10.45-11.45am.

Evening: Hour of Prayer from 8.00-9.00pm in the Church.

Friday 2nd December

Pioneer Association meeting in Pastoral Centre at 10.45am.

First Friday, masses today are offered for all whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead

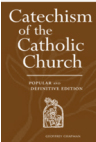
Saturday 3rd December

First Saturday—

PLEASE NOTE: Mass at 9am to facilitate training.

Fatima Devotions will take place after Mass and Rosary

No 10am Mass



Study of the 10 Commandments continue on Wed next in the Convent at 7.30pm

"Dear God help us to purify our worship of you the one true God, cleanse our minds of superstition and the worship of the false gods of our age that we might preach to those without faith the truth of your love."



St. Joseph's Young Priests Society is a Catholic lay organization which exists to help student clerics on their journey to priesthood. The Society fosters vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It assists students for the priesthood both financially and by prayer. It promotes the vocation of the laity and fosters a greater understanding and love of the Mass.

Next meeting in the Pastoral Centre on Wednesday 30th November after 10am Mass and Rosary and new members always welcome!

Village Church

Monday 28th November

10.00am Denis Flanagan (An)

7.30pm Mass for Deceased Parishioners

Tuesday 29th November

10.00am Carmel Lynch (An)

Thursday 1st December

10.00am Olive Smith (10th An)

Friday 2nd December

7.30am and 10.00am Altar List of the Dead

Sunday 4th December

7.30pm Vigil Nora and Gay Keogh (An)

Paddy Lysaght

Robert and Joan Crookes

9.00am Tommy and Sheila Murphy (An)

10.30am Matthew Minogue (An)

Margaret and Peter Minahan (An)

Clonburris

Saturday 26th November

6.30pm Michael Byrne (An)

Sunday 27th November

11.00am Deceased members of the Coy family



CLONDALKIN HISTORY SOCIETY - LECTURE

Eileen Brady will give an illustrated talk entitled - "Grand Irish Concert 1916 Clondalkin Library-Cancelled. The three performers were either killed or captured" The talk will take place in Aras Chronain, Watery Lane, on Monday 28th November at 8.00pm. Admission €5.00 (non members).

Beidh failte roimh gach einne.

Padraig A O'Murchu



"Every penny you have given tonight will go directly to help the people in need in our area" Rita Carroll assured **Newlands Bridge Club** as she accepted in excess of €2,600 the proceeds of the Annual

Charity night held in Newlands Golf Club last week in aid of St. Vincent de Paul. "On behalf of all who will benefit we say, Many, Many Thanks"!

The Blessing of Expectant Parents

In Clondalkin Village Church
Church of the Immaculate Conception & St Killian



Thursday 8th December, 2016
10am Mass

All expectant and adopting parents are invited to come along and receive a special blessing and a small gift in the anticipation of your child. Please come along and invite anyone you may know who would like one of these blessings.

