



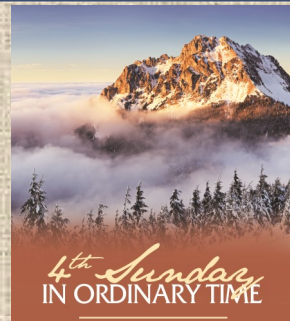
Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 28th January 2018



WHY YOU MIGHT INVEST IN A GYMNASIUM OR KEEP FIT CENTRE

A couple of weeks ago I wrote about New Years resolutions and how difficult it is to maintain them. The new year sees an increase in people taking out memberships of gymnasium and keep fit centres with regular users complaining that in January the venues are full of newcomers who constantly get in the way. By the end of January and certainly by mid February many of the newcomers decrease the frequency of their visits or give up all-together leaving the owners with a handsome profit, particularly if the new customers paid for their annual membership upfront. A similar situation occurs when September brings about a certain enthusiasm for night classes but by November only the most committed stay the course.



A new year resolution we as a Parish took on was to welcome the families of children for Baptism. During the 12.00 Village Mass on the first and third Sundays of the month we ask the parents to name their baby and we begin the dialogue with the parents, asking them what they want of the Church for their child to which they reply 'baptism' and they promise to bring up their child as a Christian. The parents and godparents along with some members of the parish make the sign of the cross on the foreheads of the babies as we welcome them to our parish community. The response so far has been very positive. The invitation to parents to have their child baptised during the Mass they attend is still open, please mention this to Anne in the office at the time of booking the baptism. As I have written previously there was something not quite right that as we left after the twelve Mass we were meeting the baptism families who had no connection with us. Thanks to Christina, one of our Parish Pastoral Workers, and our baptism team for all the preparation for this initiative.



The World Meeting of Families 2018 is only seven months away. In the Sanctuary area you will be able to see and read information about volunteering to assist with the program or maybe you would be interested in hosting a family from overseas for the duration of the event. The Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin will be hosting a number of events in the lead up to the meeting in August. As we begin our preparation for WMF2018, pray that we don't fall into the trap that trips up the gymnasium users and night class attendees who fall by the wayside but to persevere to the end and renew and increase the faith of all our families. *Fr. Damian*

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 &
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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Office, Sacristy, by Tuesday
not later than 4.30pm

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CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Marie Harrington
Flowers: Jacinta Dunne for February
Church Cleaning: Kitty Egan, Veronica Bayly, Angela McCreevey

We welcome Jacinta who has volunteered her time in looking after the flowers and the many other artistic duties involved in the celebration of the different cycles of the church year.

Thank You

Monday 29th Jan - Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 30th Jan - CCPC Intercessory Prayer for 9 Clondalkin Parishes. This Tuesday evening in Parish Pastoral Centre. **7.30 to 8.30pm**. All welcome.

Wednesday 31st Jan - Charismatic Prayer Group *Our Lady Queen of Peace*. This Wednesday at in Parish Pastoral Centre.

7.30pm The Missionary Rosary. **8.00pm Prayer Meeting.**

All welcome especially any newcomers or visitors to our area.

Thursday 1st Feb - *Because of St. Brigid's day celebration in the morning and Colaiste Bride Celebration at 7.30pm it is impossible to have the Morning adoration or evening Hour of Prayer*



St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society, supporting students studying for the priesthood financially and by prayer, will meet on Wednesday **31st January at 10.45am** in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass and Rosary. New members always welcome.

Charity Bridge Night - next Tuesday, 30th January in Newlands Golf Club in aid of Children's Trust. Admission €10 per person plus extra for raffle. All monies raised go to taking sick children and children with special needs to Lourdes for Easter.



Friday next - **Candlemas** - February 2nd - celebrates the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the Purification of the Virgin Mary. In Ireland, Candlemas lapsed during the time of the Penal Laws but was revived afterwards.

People donated candles to their local church or took their own to be blessed. These would then be used on special occasions such as station Masses or when the holy sacraments were administered to the sick.

We still keep the tradition alive. All are encouraged to have a blessed candle in the home to be used when the Blessed Sacrament is brought to the home of the sick and house-bound and indeed are a source of encouragement for anyone in need.

Candles are on sale in the Parish Shop. They are then blessed at all Masses.



Events in Clondalkin Library that may be of interest:

Children 8+ Thursday 1st February - Harry Potter potions with Mags at 3pm
Harry Potter Activities at 4pm - ages 7 upwards
Adults: interested in coming a published author. Learn the first steps with Dave Rudden - Tuesday 6th February at 6.30pm.

Further information: clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.com or just call in.



The monthly collection resumes next weekend. Members of the local St. Vincent de Paul will collect after all Masses in Knockmitten. All monies donated go to those in need in our Parish

Village Church

Sunday 28th January

6.30pm Vigil Margaret Palmer (1st An), Brian Doonan (2nd An), Paddy Kelly (50th An) and Molly Kelly, Paddy Lyssaght (Belgard Rd.)

10.30am Frankie Brown (An). Donagh Lynch (9th An)

12noon Carole Doyle (An), Andrew Bell (18th An), Dec'd members of the Hughes family.

5.30pm Mrs Brigid Hoban (An)

Thursday 1st February

7.30am Ann O'Brien (1st) & James O'Brien (21st An)

10.00am Mary & Thomas Martin (An)

7.30pm Mass for Feast of St. Brigid

Saturday 3rd February

10.00am Martin O'Donnell (An)

Sunday 4th February

10.30am John Lynch, Kathleen Mucha (10th An),

Marie Ford, Kathleen & Robert Hagerty (An),

Mary-Kate & Frank McMahon (An)

12noon Rory McDonnell (15th An)

5.30pm Toby McGrath (An)

Clonburris

Saturday 27th January @ 6.30pm

Winnie Mulhare (An), John Keady (MM)

Sunday 28th January @ 11.00am

Harriet Coe (An), George Brown (An), John Keady (MM)

PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Enrolments are taking place for the school year 2018/19 in our Parish Primary Schools.

The closing date is Monday 5th February 2018.

Contact: Scoil Áine, New Road: Tel: (01) 459 1645

Scoil íde, New Road: Tel: (01) 459 2766

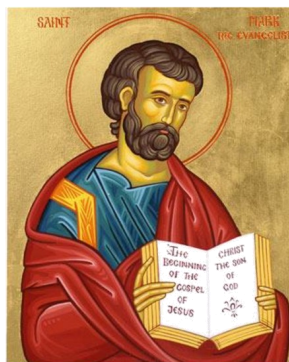
Scoil Mhuire, Convent Road: Tel: (01) 459 2986

On Friday 2nd February, the pupils of Scoil Áine will be present at the First Friday 10am Mass in the Village Church.



You are invited to join us for

Reflections on the Gospel of Mark



When:

**Tuesday
30th Jan 2018**

Time:

7pm

Venue:

Church of the Transfiguration, Bawnogue

Cuppa afterwards

Come along and spread the Invite!!

Speaker - **Sean Goan**



Discount of €50 expires on Tuesday 30th January.

If you are thinking of taking part in the **Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes** 12th to 17th May please pay deposit of €100 and avail of the discount. Booking forms available in Parish Shop and office.

Organizing Committee



“All Shook up” name and nature—the musical staged by Colaiste Bride, Moyle Park and Colaiste Cillian last week brought back memories of music and dance we loved in times many moons ago. The vitality, self confidence and talent of these young people were a joy to witness and be part of. Congratulations and many thanks for a wonderful night's escape from reality!

Photos by Michelle Dooley



Tommy Keogh, a regular and generous contributor to our Newsletter is shortlisted in the “LAMA AWARDS” All Ireland finalists in the Volunteer of the Year section. Tommy has many years of volunteering, with Clondalkin Tidy Towns, Round Tower GAA Club & several other local community groups. Also, the Round Tower Heritage Centre has reached the final in the best Heritage Project / Initiative. The Awards Ceremony will take place in the Hogan Suite at Croke Park on Sat , 3rd February.

Tommy, we hope you will get the award you are truly deserving of. We wish you well and thank you for the many photos you have sent us so generously for the Newsletter.

B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Few people are able to cope alone with the pain of loss. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge – not weakness. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship.

Coping effectively with bereavement is a skill we can all learn.

A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you.

Next Coping Programme will commence on Wednesday 7th February 2018 for 7 Wednesday evenings, at 7.15pm in White Friars Community Centre, Aungier St. ,Dublin 2 (No need to book)

For further information phone 086 0877379 or

email bedublin@gmail.com www.beginningexperience.ie

Clondalkin History Society Lecture

Three Churches One Site Clondalkin

Illustrated talk by Theresa O'Leary.

Monday 29th Jan 2018.

Venue: Aras Chronain, Watery Lane, Starting at 8pm.

Admission is €5 (non-members)

All are welcome - Josephine Byrne



Monday Club 22 January 2018

Today we had a good crowd in the club. Welcome to Teresa from Offaly who is on a visit to her daughter. Teresa has come a few times before. We also had Christina Malone (pastoral worker in our parish) who told about customs in her native Germany at Christmas time. The one she spoke about at Mass recently is about children (star singers) dressing up in costumes, go around visiting houses in the parish singing and bringing a gift. This is representative of the three kings, Casper, Melchior and Balthasar visiting Jesus in the crib at Bethlehem.



A few weeks ago Christina had little plaques which had (20*C+M+B+18) which represents 2018 (this year) and the first letters of the names of the three kings. These plaques are placed on a wall or at the doorway to the house.



Christina brought a bundle of the plaques to our parish to be distributed at Masses here, but after her talk about them at the 10.30 Mass they were all taken and there was none left for the other masses. It would be wonderful if we could in some small way introduce something similar to this in our own parish.

Jesus was born for all of us and the three kings came from afar to pay homage and bear gifts to Jesus. It does not matter where we are from in the world Jesus is friend to us all only if we can let him into our hearts, soul and mind. Thank you Christina for taking the time to come even though you were pressed for time on this occasion.

Some of us got to the show “All Shook Up” which was staged in Colaiste Brid last week. This show was put on by the students of Colaiste Brid, Moyle Park College and Colaiste Killian. Work started for this production last September. Congratulations to all the students who performed on stage, choir, musicians, front of house, and everybody who was involved in any way. The acting was superb and whole show was equally as good in every way as any professional show in the Gaiety or Bord Gais.

Who would want to go there after that? Great Show!!!!

I got rushes today for the making of St Brigid's Crosses next week. I am hoping Frank Hegarty will be available to come to teach us in case some of us have forgotten.

I thank Michael Joyce of Rathcoole for going out in this cold weather to cut them for me. Thank You Michael. I appreciate it very much as now I don't have to go the Roscommon for them this year.

Until next week take care

Kathleen R.

Praying with the mystics!

Thomas Merton 1915-1968 was one of the most influential Catholic authors of the 20th century. A Trappist monk of the Abbey of Our Lady of Gethsemani, in Kentucky, Merton was an acclaimed spiritual writer, poet, author and social activist. Here he describes a moment of awaking which he experienced. 'In Louisville, at the corner of Fourth and Walnut, in the centre of the shopping district, I was suddenly overwhelmed with

the realization that I loved all these people, that they were mine and I theirs, that we could not be alien to one another even though we were total strangers.

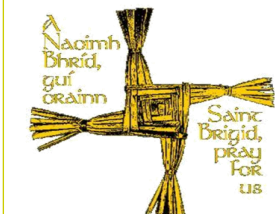
It was like waking from a dream of separateness, of spurious self-isolation in a special world, the world of renunciation and supposed holiness. The whole illusion of a separate holy existence is a dream. Not that I question the reality of my vocation, or of my monastic life: but the conception of "separation from the world" that we have in the monastery too easily presents itself as a complete illusion We are in the same world as everybody else, the world of the bomb, the world of race hatred, the world of technology, the world of mass media, big business, revolution, and all the rest

This sense of liberation from an illusory difference was such a relief and such a joy to me that I almost laughed out loud.

To think that for sixteen or seventeen years I have been taking seriously this pure illusion that is implicit in so much of our monastic thinking I have the immense joy of being man, a member of a race in which God Himself became incarnate. As if the sorrows and stupidities of the human condition could overwhelm me, now I realize what we all are. And if only everybody could realize this! But it cannot be explained. There is no way of telling people that they are all walking around shining like the sun.

Blessings,

Annetta Maguire



Prayer at St Brigid's Holy Well, Clondalkin

Thursday 1st Feb 2018

You are invited to come & walk with us to the Holy Well for a short prayer

Meeting in the car park of Clondalkin Village Parish Church

After the 10am Mass

prayer leaflet and a little bit of history about the Well in Clondalkin that can be viewed or downloaded from our website from - <http://www.clondalkinparish.com/?p=2625>

The **1st of Feb** is St Brigid's day and we are very fortunate to have **St Brigid's Holy Well** in the Clondalkin area. So, on the day, with the help of some of the students from Colaiste Bride we are having a short pilgrimage to the Well from the front car park of Clondalkin Village Church **after the 10am Mass** where we'll host a short prayer service with a blessing of the water from the Holy Well led by Fr. Damian. You are more than welcome to join us!

If you can't join with us we have made a few resources for St Brigid's day as well as the



FEAST OF ST. BLAISE - 3rd FEBRUARY

St. Blaise was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia who suffered martyrdom under Licinius about AD 316 even though Christianity was legalized under Constantine in 313. On his way to prison St. Blaise encountered a woman whose pig was being seized by a wolf; He commanded the wolf to release the pig, and it was freed unhurt. The woman whose pig had been saved brought St. Blaise candles so that his cell would have light and he could read the sacred Scriptures. By the 6th century, St. Blaise's intercession was invoked for diseases of the throat in the East and as early as the 8th century in Europe.

On **Saturday, throats will be blessed at the 10am Mass** - timely and appropriate due to the many sneezes and coughs that are around this time of year!

Readings for the Week of January 28, 2018

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9, [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Observances for the Week of January 28, 2018

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

The start of Catholic Schools Week

Wednesday: St. John Bosco, Priest

Thursday: St Brigid

Friday: The Presentation of the Lord; Candlemas;

Saturday: St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr;

St. Ansgar, Bishop

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life

Prayer to St John Bosco

Saint John Bosco,
Friend of the young,
Teacher in the ways of God,
Your dedication to
empowering the needy
inspires us still.
Help me to work for
a better world,
where the young are given
the chance to flourish,
where the poor's dream for
justice can come true,
and where God's
compassion is shown
to be real.

Intercede for me
as I bring my needs
to you and to
Our heavenly
Mother,
the Help of
Christians.



St John Bosco,
Pray for us!

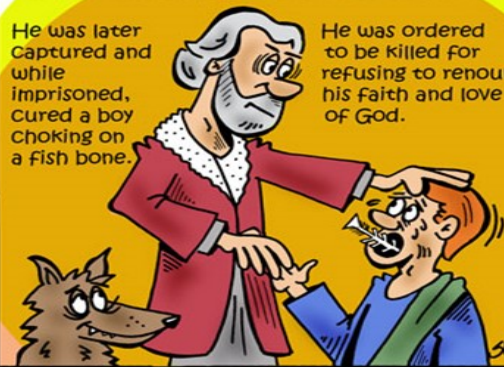
SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

Raised as a Christian in a rich family, he became a bishop. In a vision, God appeared to him and told him to flee. To avoid persecution, he lived in the hills with sick animals and cared for them.

He was later
Captured and
while
imprisoned,
Cured a boy
Choking on
a fish bone.

He was ordered
to be killed for
refusing to renounce
his faith and love
of God.



St. Blaise

OBLATE PARISH OF MARY IMMACULATE
TYRCONNELL ROAD, INCHICORE
OUR LADY OF LOURDES NOVENA



2nd—11th February 2018

Fr Brian de Búrca OMI

Novena

Monday-Friday Mass: 10a.m. & Novena Service: 7p.m.

Saturday Masses: 11a.m. & 7p.m.

Sunday Masses: 8a.m., 11a.m. & 7p.m.

Saturday 10th: Mass & Anointing of the Sick 11a.m.

Sunday 11th: Torchlight Procession following the 7p.m. Mass

Candles on Sale: Parish Office & Mission Office

All are welcome

Buses: 68, 69, 13 bus stop outside the Church

Luas: Black Horse Luas stop

Laudate Festival 2018

Over 40 Primary Schools are gearing up for the 2nd Laudate Festival of Liturgical Music which will take place during Catholic Schools Week.

The Festival will be held in 3 venues this year:

- **Mon 29 Jan** – St. Colmcille's Church, Knocklyon – 7 pm
- **Tue 30 Jan** – Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Rd – 7pm
- **Wed 31 January** – Guardian Angels Church, Newtownpark Ave – 7 pm

The programme makes a musical link between school and parish so that the children in our schools and the parish communities may sing to God in prayer together.

All are welcome along for a evening of music & reflection. **Hope to see you there!**



**Do you have a spare room
in your home and
want to help?**

Host a Family/Pilgrim



HOST A PILGRIM / FAMILY!

Thousands of people will be travelling from very distant places to participate in World Meeting of Families 2018. Many would be unable to come if they also had to cover the cost of accommodation. Do you have a spare room? Would you be willing to host a person, a couple or a family next August? Help us welcome visiting families to Ireland and have a home-from-home experience.

www.worldmeeting2018.ie/hostafamily

**Take on the
TRÓCAIRE ROMERO
FAMILY AWARD**



'Aspire not to have more, but to be more'

Who is this award for?

This award will provide you and your family with an avenue to learn about the lives of other families around the world where Trócaire works. You will learn about their daily lives, the issues that they face and share in their hopes and dreams for the future. It compliments the 'Amoris' preparation programme for the World Meeting of Families. Each participating family will receive a certificate and a solidarity gift from a country where Trócaire works. They will also be invited to an awards ceremony that coincides with the celebrations at the World Meeting of Families gathering in Dublin next August 2018, as well as being entered into a draw to win an eco-friendly 'Green Family trip' to the Slieve Aughty Centre, Co. Galway.

**The Closing date for entries is Thursday 31st May 2018
(Feast of Corpus Christi)**

What is a Family?

"There is no stereotype of the ideal family, but rather a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems." (Pope Francis)

How do we enter?

Log on to www.trocaire.org/romeroaward

Step 1: Email romeroaward@trocaire.org to register your interest

Step 2: Receive your 'Family Journal' via post from Trócaire.

Step 3: Submit your family workbook via post to Trócaire, Church Team, Trócaire, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Step 4: Receive a certificate and solidarity gift for your family.

Ewe Thina - We Walk God's Way

Join other young adults (20's & 30's) once a month for reflective hikes around Dublin Area. The next hike is **today Sunday 28th January** on the Bray to Greystones Coastal Trail. We will meet at Bray Dart station at 1pm. Email: st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie / more info: www.facebook.com/wewalkgodsway

Awake My Soul Retreat Ards Friary, Co. Donegal from Fri 16th – Sun 18th Feb 2018. Directed by Br. Richard Hendrick Ofm Cap. Young adults take time out to reflect, explore faith, experience prayer and build fellowship over the course of a weekend. st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie www.facebook.com/awakemysoulretreats

YOUTH AND THE SELFIE GENERATION - A FEW THOUGHTS

A main theme of our Catholic Social Teaching is the inherent value, worth and dignity of each of God's human beings. Human dignity is something that can't be taken away. We believe that each and every person has value, are worthy of great respect and must be free from slavery, manipulation and exploitation.

"How can it be that it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure, but it is news when the stock market loses two points? This is a case of exclusion." - **Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium**



Human dignity can be undermined daily in subtle ways. It's often said that Young people are growing up in selfie culture. To fit in, they are expected to post a selfie before, during and after every activity. They then watch closely for the resulting likes, thumbs-up and other ratings to tally. It's a great way to share experiences and memories. The downside? It can turn into a self-image measurement. It affects how they view themselves. Recent studies show that...

- 35 percent are worried about people tagging them in unattractive photos.
- 27 percent feel stressed about how they look in posted photos.
- 22 percent felt bad about themselves if their photos were ignored.

Here are a few examples of the selfie culture our youth are growing up in:

Instagram - The number of followers, likes and emojis young people can collect gets competitive, with users often begging for them. Instagram "beauty pageants" and other photo-comparison activities crop up, with losers earning a big red X on their pics.

#tbh - When Instagram users type "#tbh," they're indicating either that they want others to honestly appraise their selfies or they're expressing their true feelings about someone else's looks. Examples: "#tbh am I pretty?" or "#tbh I think you're really pretty." Although #tbh is usually positive, it can get negative in specific and hurtful ways, and even when it stays positive, it reinforces the idea that appearance is what matters most.

Snapchat - Numerical scores display the total number of sent and received chats. You can view your friends' scores to keep tabs on who's racking up the most views.

YouTube - "*Am I pretty or ugly?*" - Our Youth - mostly girls - post videos of themselves asking if other users think they're pretty or ugly. These videos are typically public, allowing anyone - from peers at school to random strangers - to post a comment.



Social media tools can be very influential in a young person's view of themselves. While it can bolster self-esteem, it can also hurt it. It is critical that we help the selfie generation navigate through this struggle.

Help our young people discover the foundation of their self-image. We must teach our young people that their self-image is based not on how others see them on social media, but on how God sees them. When we help them see that who they are in Christ is more important than what they look like, it will give them sustaining confidence, even when they get a thumbs down on social media.

Help them see the true picture. They often compare themselves to the media images of celebrities and models. But they may not understand that these images are often retouched and enhanced. Yes, the people may be attractive, but it is not real life and not a standard by which they should compare themselves.

Our Young people face the challenges of growing up in a selfie generation, give them a true picture of who they are in Christ. We are each created in the image and likeness of God. Regardless of any factors or reasons we can think of, individuals have an inherent and immeasurable worth and dignity; each human life is considered sacred.

God loved each of us into existence!

**JIGSAW
CLONDALKIN**
Young people's
health in mind

Jigsaw is a free and confidential mental health support service for young people aged 12-25. We are working to change the way Ireland thinks about, responds to, and supports young people's mental health. Young people who are living, studying or working in Clondalkin, Palmerston, Lucan and Newcastle can attend Jigsaw Clondalkin. If you're feeling stressed, worried or down, or if you're concerned about a young person, it can be hard sometimes to know where to turn. Jigsaw Clondalkin is here to help. Jigsaw Clondalkin, Moorfield Avenue, Neilstown, Clondalkin, Dublin, Tel: 01 538 0087, Email clondalkin@jigsaw.ie www.jigsaw.ie/jigsaw_clondalkin/

Remember
our young
people sitting
their Mocks!!

Lord, I know you are with me and love me. Give me peace of mind as I prepare for this time of study. Help me to focus on my books and notes, keep me from all distractions so that I will make the best use of this time that is available to me. Give me insight that I might understand what I am studying, and help me to remember it when the time comes. Above all, I thank you for the ability to be able to study and for the many gifts and talents you have given me. Help me always to use them in such a way that they honour you and do justice to myself. **Amen**

Localise
caring in the community

Young People Making A Real Difference In Their Community

- We meet **Every Monday from 7-8 pm** at the Parish centre in the Clondalkin Church to plan community events. - Come along!!! We regularly meet up on Saturday mornings for a clean-up or event-planning session. We are always looking for volunteers from 12+ and are currently in need of new Adult Leaders as well.

Leave us a comment or contact clondalkingroup@localise.ie if you want to find out more or think there's something we can be involved with :)





"We sing a song to Brigid. Brigid brings the spring Awakens all the fields and the flowers and calls the birds to sing. All were welcome at her door. No one was turned away. She loved the poor, the sick and the sore. She helped them on their way. She laid her cloak on the ground and watched it grow and grow. In wells and streams and fields of green, St. Brigid's blessing flow" A song we learnt in honour of St. Brigid.



I like it!

Like feast days throughout the world food is involved in the celebration of St. Brigid's life. Here's a simple recipe for St. Brigid's Oatcakes that you may want to make with your family - they're simple and lovely!!

St. Brigid's Oatcakes (serves 4)

2 cups uncooked, old-fashioned rolled oats (*not instant*)
 1¼ cups buttermilk
 2 ½ cups sifted bread flour
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 ½ teaspoon baking powder
 1 teaspoon salt
 Vegetable oil spray



A day ahead, combine the oats and buttermilk in a small bowl. Blend thoroughly, cover and refrigerate overnight. The next day, preheat the oven to 350 degrees F/180 degrees C. Remove the oat mixture from the refrigerator. Combine the bread flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt in a large bowl. Slowly add the oat mixture and stir with a wooden spoon 20 to 30 times, or until you have a smooth dough. Grease a baking sheet with the oil spray. Turn the dough onto the baking sheet, and use your hands to form a round, cake-shaped loaf about 1-inch thick. Use a sharp knife or pizza cutter to cut the dough into 4 quarters. Move the quarters apart slightly, but keep them in the original round shape. Bake until the cakes are light golden brown and firm to the touch, 30 to 35 minutes. Cool slightly on a rack, and serve with butter and jam or preserves. Makes 1 loaf (in quarters).

My quiz for you this week:

Can you find your way to Jesus?

That is for the little ones and for older ones please try this one.

We say goodbye WINTER and welcome SPRING - How many 3 letter words can you get from

"WINTER"

Have fun!

Ciara



Today, 28 January marks the beginning of **Catholic Schools Week 2018**.

During this week, we celebrate the unique contribution that Catholic schools, both primary

and post-primary, make to the mission of the Church in our local faith communities and throughout the wider Church. This year's theme is Catholic Schools:

Families of Faith.

We are reminded that we belong to a family of faith. A family centred on the person of Jesus Christ, called to gather together to pray and care for one another. If you remember during this week say a little prayer for all our families, pupils and teachers!!

Loving God, we thank you for the wonderful gift of family, our family at home, in school, in the parish and the wider world. Help us to love and care for each member of all our families and to live in joy and faith in the beautiful world you have created for us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your son, and our lord. **Amen.**