

Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 29th January 2017



This week sees the celebration of Catholic Schools Week and the theme

this year is -

Learning with Pope Francis to Care for Our Common Home.

Our common home is not just the community or

the country we live in, but our entire world. Our world is a gift from God and we are called to act as both stewards and protectors during our time here. We have a responsibility to care for our world and make it a better place for the next generation. There is a focus this week on the Pope's 2nd encyclical letter '*Laudato Si'*', published on 24 May 2015. Its title means '*Praise be to you*' and it has the subtitle, *On Care for Our Common Home*. The letter discusses the harm humankind has caused on earth and calls inclusively on 'every person living on this planet' to make necessary changes in our lives to protect our planet. It deals with many environmental issues including pollution, climate change, drought, loss of biodiversity and the decline in the quality of human life. We are asked to work together to create a better world for future generations and to take care of, respect and value our common home.

There are different themes for each of the days:

Monday: Seeing the beauty of our common home

Tuesday: Caring for our common home

Wednesday: Grandparents: Watching over our common home

Thursday: Protecting our common home

Friday: Sharing our common home

Pope Francis, on climate change:

"Safeguard Creation. Because if we destroy Creation, Creation will destroy us!"



We also celebrate the feast days of some inspirational and significant saints this week: **Don Bosco** - 31st Jan, **St Brigid** - 1st Feb & **St Blaise** on the 3rd Feb.

(Have a look at our website for more details and some fun resources - even some recipes - for each of these Saints- www.clondalkinparish.com/?p=2078)

So this week take a bit of time to think of the beauty of the world that God created for us. Our world is a gift from God. From the shining sun to the twinkling stars, the deep blue seas and the snowy mountain tops, God made it all. From the colourful flowers to the beautiful animals, God made it all. Make a conscious effort to stop and notice the beauty of God's world all around us. When we take time to see the beauty of our world we can learn how important it is and take a moment to thank God for the beauty of creation. Is there one little thing you can do this week, one little change you can make to your lifestyle to make a difference?

Lord, help us to always see the beauty of our common home and help us to be good stewards and carers of this beauty.

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,
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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Scoil Mhuire, Scoil Aine and Scoil Ide are currently taking enrolments for Junior Infants. The closing date is **Monday 6th February 2017**



Clondalkin Village, Deansrath, Srulleen, Knockmitten, Clonburris, Bawnogue, Neilstown, Rowlagh-Quarryvale, Parish of the Travelling People

After the success and response to our CCPC Local Prayer Book



You're invited!

To Submit & Send in prayers to help us make a

NEW LOCAL CHILDREN'S PRAYER BOOK

We hope to put together collection of the favourite, fun, inspiring, traditional and comforting prayers especially for children used by the younger parishioners from our local area!!

If you or your children would like to send us in your favourite children's prayers leave them into the parish office or email:

ccpcprayerbook@gmail.com

By Friday 10th February

Morning Prayers, Night Prayers, Prayers for parents, for special occasions, etc!! We hope to have the book published and available for the beginning of Lent this year (1st March 2017)

Just to remind you to continue sending in your favourite children's prayers!! You can leave them in your local parish office or email: ccpcprayerbook@gmail.com before the cut off date of **Fri 10th Feb.** We hope to have the book published & available for the beginning of

Lent this year

(1st March 2017) -

So please send in your prayers and spread the word!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

EXERCISE DEMENTIA PREVENTION STUDY

A new study involving Trinity College Dublin seeks volunteers over 50 with mild memory problems to search for possible links between exercise and dementia prevention.

If you are interested and would like to receive more information, please contact a member of the research team.

Email: Neuroexercise@tcd.ie Phone: 085-2239249



The answer to the riddle last week is: *A Glove. Easy!!* I learned to make St. Brigid's Cross this week. My teacher brought in rushes. My first attempt was really terrible but with her encouragement all the children in my class went home with a Cross. As we were making the crosses she told us this story as to how the cross came about: *There was an old pagan Chieftain who lay dying in Kildare and his servants summoned Brigid to his bedside in the hope she may calm his restless spirit. Brigid sat by his bed, consoling and calming him and she picked up the rushes from the floor and began weaving them into cross pattern. Whilst she weaved, she explained the meaning of the cross to the sick man and her calming words brought peace to his soul, and the old Chieftain requested he be baptized as a Christian just before he died.* I would like to be as brave as St. Brigid and not run away if I saw someone in trouble. **To find out more about the Cross & St Brigid have a look at our website - there are some fun things to do as well !!** www.clondalkinparish.com/?p=2078 Also do send in your favourite prayer for our own Prayer Book! **Ciara**



The Feast of St Blaise is Fri, Feb 3rd. Not much is known about St Blaise except that he is the patron saint of sore throats and wild animals. More is known about devotion to him rather than his life itself. Two candles are blessed, crossed over and pressed against either side of one's throat as a blessing is said. **Throats will be blessed at all Masses.**

"May Blaise protect you from the common cold and sore throat, hacking cough and snuffy nose. May Mother Mary's candles light your road and at the end of the day bring sweet repose & may God, who tells the stories of His love through the saints, who love us too, bless you" - an old Irish Blessing

Monday Club 23 January 2017

We had a very interesting morning when Sr Anne from the Presentation Convent very kindly came into the club to tell us of the history of the Presentation Sisters in our parish. It began in 1810 by Mrs. Caldbeck who had a school for girls at the gate lodge to Moyle Park. On Mrs. Caldbeck's death in 1840 she left a sum of £2,000 to curate Fr Moore to establish a convent for teaching nuns. The land (20 acres) was purchased for this in 1844. Today we have this beautiful Gothic Style convent and church. On 7 Dec 1857 three Sisters travelled from Carlow to Clondalkin via Lucan and were they were welcomed by Fr Moore and parishioners. By the generosity of their neighbours the nuns were given furniture etc. which make the convent habitable for them as there was no furniture there when they arrived—they also got a cow!! On the 8 December there was Solemn High Mass and Blessing and 212 children were enrolled in school. A week later there was interest in joining the nuns by some local women and the rest is history. The nuns were very highly educated and skilled people and made a huge difference to the local people. Many would have been very poor people and the nuns were very industrious and engaged some local women in home industry.



Thank God we still have the nuns with us to the present day. The Sisters have played a huge role in the education of our young people and still doing so to the present day. They are engaged in teaching throughout the world and as we can see the world has come to them for education here in Clondalkin. Thank You Sr Anne for your detailed account of the history of the convent. May God provide more young women to dedicate themselves to the service of God in this very special way. During this week I hope to get rushes to make St Brigid's Crosses in preparation for St Brigid's Day on 1st February. Frank Hegarty hopefully will be available us to teach us.

The Monday Club offer our condolences to our good friend Elsie Naughton who died recently. May she rest in peace. Until next week, take care.

Kathleen R



Clondalkin Montessori Junior School

Srulleen Parish Centre, St John's Drive,

Clondalkin, (previously at 58 Laurel Park, Clondalkin)

OPEN DAY - Saturday, 4th February 10am - 12.30 pm

Now enrolling for September 2017, (for children 2½ - 6 years)

All Welcome



Friends of Newcastle Burial Ground

Inaugural General Meeting

Mon 6th Feb @ 8pm

Old Schoolhouse, Newcastle Church Grounds

All Welcome



Thursday next, 2nd February we celebrate the **Feast of the Presentation of our Lord Jesus.** 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. In Clondalkin we carry on the tradition. Candles are available from the Parish Shop at €1 each. Please place them in the baskets provided marking your candle with your name- *all materials provided.* The candles are presented for blessing during Mass and they then can be collected from the Parish Shop. There is something very encouraging and consoling to have a blessed candle lit in times of grief and indeed in times you want to say "Thanks" to God.



CHURCH DUTY



Altar Linen: Mary Jenkins

Church Cleaning: Betty Byrne and Rebecca Duggan

Flowers: Kathleen Cosgrove for February

Monday 30th January- Miraculous Medal

Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 31st January-Lectio Divina under the guidance of Sr. Anne after 10am Mass in the Pastoral Centre.

CCPC Intercessory Prayer for 9 Clondalkin Parishes - 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre (downstairs).

Wednesday 1st February-Charismatic Prayer Group, Our Lady Queen of Peace meeting in Parish Pastoral Centre at 8pm.

Thursday 2nd February-Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament. Morning: 10.45 to 11.45am in the Sisters' Oratory.

Evening: In the Church-Holy Hour 8.-9pm. All welcome.

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

Friday 3rd February-Pioneer Meeting in the Pastoral Centre at 10.45am. All are welcome.



Carmel Roche, Cherrywood Grove

Our prayers and sympathies are with Carmel's family and friends at this time.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

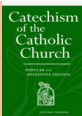
Friday 3rd March 2017

Meeting to be held on **Wednesday 1st February** at 12noon in the Parish Pastoral Centre. *Claire O Connell.*



HOOR OF PRAYER

The next Hour of Prayer takes place on **Thurs 2nd Feb** - 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 welcome**



The Seventh Commandment - "You Shall Not Steal"

Theft directly violates this Commandment and is the offence against the seventh precept which most people first recognise. Even if it does not contradict the provisions of the civil law, any form of unjustly taking or keeping the property of others is against this Commandment. The Catechism's definition of theft is much broader in its demands & implications. It goes beyond merely taking what is not ours. It has implications for social justice and encompasses the social doctrine of the Church inspired by the Holy Spirit. Reparation for injustices committed against the Commandment requires restitution. **Wed 1st Feb at 7.30pm** - Presentation Convent (*paragraphs 2419-2463*). *Ronan*



Wed 1st Feb Transition Year girls from Colaiste Bride accompanied by their Spiritual Director Michelle Dooley, will join us for 10am Mass to celebrate the **Feast of St. Brigid**. After Mass, weather permitting, and St. Brigid has not disappointed us yet, they will lead the **pilgrimage walk to St. Brigid's well** and then return to the Pastoral Centre where the girls will host the usual tea & biscuits. All are invited!

We are always looking for new people to help out with the our Newsletter, Website & Facebook page - We would love to hear from anyone with skills in any of these areas!! Please drop us an email!!



Village Church

Sunday 29th January

Vigil 7.30pm

9.00am

Brian Doonan (1st An)

Maura Daly (An)

Eddie Redmond (An)

10.30am

Marie Forde and Robert Hegarty (RIP)

Mary Kate and Frank McMahon (An)

Martin & Kevin McInerney (An)

Mae McInerney (Birthday Rem)

Lilly Ging (20th An)

12noon

Carole Doyle (16th An)

Winnie "Jane" Doherty (An) and

deceased family members.

Andrew Bell (An)

Fran Mulholland (MM)

5.30pm

Bridget Hoban (An)

Mon 30th Jan 10am

Jimmy O'Brien (An)

Tues 31st Jan 10am

Michael & Mattie Dwyer (An)

Wed 1st Feb 10am

Donagh Lynch (8th An)

Thurs 2nd Feb 10am

Teresa Corcoran (Br & An)

Sat 4th Feb 10am

Martin & Ellen O'Donnell (An)

Clonburris

Sunday 29th & 11.00am

George Brown (An)

Harriet Coe (An)

Joe Byrne (An)

Lourdes 2017

Our annual Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes next year takes place from **12th - 17th May**.

Fare: **€680** per person sharing (single room supplement €150). **Deposit: €100.**

Fr. Shán O Cuiv will again be our Spiritual

Director and our Pilgrimage will be looked after by Marian Pilgrimages. Booking Forms are now available in the Sacristy, Parish Office and Parish Shop

Padraig Doyle, Group Organiser.



Tomas James Milton, Moyle Park

Jack William Sheehan, Woodford Garth

Harrison Matthew Keenan, Monastery Gate Green

Emily Bowes, St. Killian's Park

Congratulations and Welcome!



CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

It was a wonderful morning with our new bingo machine, and what a good job Audrey and Eileen did. I would like to welcome our new members from St. John of Gods, you are so welcome, and what beautiful people you are. In the next few weeks we will have a lot of fun, my motto is, you come in a bit sad ...but you come out with a smile on your face. *Clare*



Charity Bridge Night to raise funds to bring children with special needs to Lourdes for Easter will be held in

Newlands Golf Club in Tues 31st Jan @ 7.30pm

All abilities in Bridge playing catered for and you don't need a partner. Adm is €10 per person and please do bring extra for the raffle.

All monies raised go directly towards the children's exp's. Your support and generosity as always are appreciated!

Ministers of the Liturgical Environment

please attend a meeting on **Mon 6th Feb** in the Pastoral Centre upstairs to plan decoration of the Church from now to Pentecost Sunday. Anyone wishing to be part of the team you are welcome to come and see!

