



# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church*

**Clonburris**  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

**Sunday 29th October 2017**



## Today we ask you to join us in celebrating **Make a Difference (MAD) Sunday**

Today we extend an open invitation to everyone – *seriously everyone, anywhere, any age, any background, and any religion* - to take part and Make A Difference. This beautifully simple initiative, that comes from our own Youth Initiative Group, hopes to encourage **ALL** people make a conscious effort to do one simple thing to help another & share it to help, inspire, give hope & encourage others!

Today we are encouraging young and not so young, groups or individuals, families, parents & children, clubs & societies, families & friends, politicians & teachers,... to look out for others and make a small difference in their home, community, school, parish, etc.. To consciously do at least one simple act of kindness (*or maybe 1 thing each day this week*) and then share it with us. (#MADSunday)

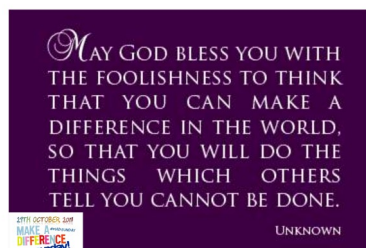
### WHY?

- For us, because it is what the Gospel Message is about...
- Essentially just because we can! – Let's be honest, it feels good to just do something good for another
- For a second just dare to dream what our home, community, city, island, and world would be like if we all did something...

### AND

- It's great, inspirational at times and encouraging to share a bit of good news with others.

Make a conscious effort to do one simple thing to help another & share it (#MADSunday) to help, inspire, give hope & encourage others!



Today, this week, come together as a group, as a family, as a class, to plan & do something or do something on your own. Big or small – it's up to you! And invite others to do the same. Be creative, get involved, do something and share it with us/everyone!!

Don't underestimate the inspiration you are and the difference you make!!

For resources & ideas have a look at <http://www.clondalkinparish.com/?p=2431>



## 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

## Submissions for Newsletter:

[Parishnewsletter1@gmail.com](mailto:Parishnewsletter1@gmail.com),  
Office, Sacristy, by Tuesday  
not later than 4.30pm

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## CHURCH DUTY

**Altar Linen:** Mary O'Neill  
**Flowers:** Nuala Kendellan (for Nov))  
**Church Cleaning:** Betty Byrne & Rebecca Duggan



**Monday 30th October** - Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

**Tuesday 31st October** - CCPC Intercessory Prayer for 9 Clondalkin Parishes. Intercessory Group praying in the Parish Pastoral Centre (downstairs) from **7.30pm to 8.30pm**. All welcome.

**Wednesday 1st November** - Charismatic Prayer Group *Our Lady Queen of Peace*. Prayer Meeting in the Parish Pastoral Centre (adjoining Church) at **8.00pm**. Come and join us - visitors especially welcome.

**Thursday 2nd November—All Souls Day**  
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Morning:** in the Church 10.45 to 11.45am

**Evening:** in the Church. Hour of Prayer conducted by **Fr Padraig** 8.00 to 9.00pm. All welcome.



*In Loving Memory*

**Henrietta McManus**

We offer our sincere condolences to her family



We are now officially into winter time - the clocks went back one hour this morning, the Parish Church will close at **5pm** each evening from Monday (*Tomorrow*)



The generosity of parishioners never ceases to amaze me. Recently we received acknowledgements from various groups for collections over the past few months. The Trocaire collection for Lent and Summer was €2,929.20, Crosscare collection was just shy of four thousand and our support of the school in Ethiopia amounted to €701. The average weekly collection for the family offering from envelopes and standing orders for the months of September and October is €1,314. Thank you, Fr. Damian



**Madison Mahony, Hazelwood Lane**  
**Elaine Quinn Thompson, Watery Lane**  
**Sophie Scallan, Woodford Park Road**  
**Abigail Scallan, Woodford Park Road**  
**Luke James Scully, Woodford Park**  
**Samuel Thomas Hanlon, Commons Road**  
**Cooper Capocci, Patrick's Road**  
*Congratulations and Welcome!*



Mass times for  
**Wednesday 1st Nov, Feast of All Saints**  
 Holy day of obligation

**Village Church:**

**7.30pm Vigil, 7.30am, 10.00am**

**Clonburris: 11.00am, 6.30pm**

**Knockmitten: 11.00am, only**



Are seeking applications for young people, who have a physical disability or illness aged 11–30  
 A learning disability aged 11–30  
 A serious illness up to the age of 11 accompanied by parent or guardian, who would like to travel to Lourdes with them at Easter.

Applications and further information available online at [www.irishpilgrimagestrust.ie](http://www.irishpilgrimagestrust.ie) or through their office in Galway, phone 091 796622. All volunteers pay their own way and fundraise throughout the year. **Grainne Brennan**

## Village Church

**Sunday 29th Oct**

**7.30pm (Vigil)** Sr. M. Teresina Nixon,  
 Peter Nixon and John Wisely (An)  
 Ronald McNulty (5th An)  
 Michael Broderick (15th An)

**10.30am** Bobbie & Vincent Norton (An)  
 Deceased members of Clondalkin Bridge Clubs.  
 Sr Frances Mulvey & Dec'd family members

**12noon** Kathleen & Christy Pollard (An)  
**5.30pm** Michael Buckley

**Tues 31st October**

**7.30am** Margaret Ward (An) and dec'd members of the Mullaney family  
**10.00am** Ron Lowen (3rd An)

**Thurs 2nd November**

**10.00am** Joseph Moloney (B'day Rem)

**Friday 3rd November**

**7.30am & 10.00am**

Names of those on November List

**Sat 4th November**

**10.00am** Blessing of ashes of Maria Nolan RIP

**Sunday 5th November**

**7.30pm (Vigil)** Tommy Condron (MM)

Kathleen Egan (An)  
 Kathleen Farrell, Jimmy Byrne (An)  
 Padraig Doyle (MM)  
**10.30am** Names of those on November List  
**12noon** Padraig O Broin (An)  
**5.30pm**

## Clonburris

**Saturday 28th October**

**6.30pm:** Terry Byrne (An),  
 Christine Partlan (An)

**Sunday 29th October**

**11.00am:** Noel Williams (An) &  
 Deceased members of Williams family,  
 George Place (An) &  
 deceased members of Place family,  
 David Scannell (An)

**Clondalkin Parish Grouping**  
 invites you to take some  
**Time for Yourself**



**A Week of Guided Prayer**  
**26 November–2 December 2017**

**How do you take part?**

As places are limited, you will need to register for this in advance.

Please complete, and return a registration (available from the back of the Church) to the parish office or church sacristy **on or before Tuesday 14 November 2017.**

As places are limited they will be allocated on a first come first served basis but we will endeavour to accommodate all who look to take part.

**For more info go to:**

[www.clondalkinparish.com/?p=2486](http://www.clondalkinparish.com/?p=2486)





## Today's Scripture - "TEACHER. WHICH COMMANDMENT IN THE LAW IS THE GREATEST?"

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."



### Take a little time to reflect

The greatest and first commandment is challenging. Do I really believe in God and love God? God's love shines on me like the sun shines on earth. Nothing I do could make God love me more. In this continual relationship with the mystery of God's love, I know my doubts. I can only say **"Lord I believe, help my unbelief."**

The second commandment is easier to grasp and harder to follow: *Love your neighbour as yourself*. We are called, compelled even, to share this love with others. God is visible in my neighbour. How does my faith call me to show my love for others - be they those close to me or not. What is my attitude towards every stranger around the world who is my sister and brother. I pray for them. What are my actions on behalf of "my neighbour?"



### My Church, My Parish

is made up of people like **ME**.

**I** help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if **I** am.

Its pews will be filled, if **I** help fill them.

It will do great work, if **I** work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes,

if **I** am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship

and fellowship, if **I** invite & bring them.

It will be a Parish of loyalty & love, of mercy & compassion, of fearlessness & faith, and a Parish with an inspiring spirit, if **I**, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with God's help, **I** dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that **I** want

**MY Church & MY Parish** to be.

**Amen**

DO ONE GOOD THING TODAY  
TO HELP ANOTHER  
COMMIT ONE SIMPLE  
ACT OF KINDNESS

**Month of November** - A time of darkness, a time when all in nature seems to die or fall asleep, a time of death. It is a time as you know when as Catholics we remember in a special way our loved ones. The Word of God gives us hope that death is not the end. At a funeral we might not hear these words due to pain, loss grief, tears.

Today we get a chance to hear these powerful words. Banquet of rich food, destroy death forever. He has saved us. Lord is my light and help. Hope is not deceptive, because the Love of God has been poured into our hearts. Christ died for us and we were reconciled to God through his death. Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened.

As we remember and pray for our loved ones who have died - let us pray that our faith in the risen Lord will give us the confidence that we will see them again.

- **Prayer Service** to remember your loved ones on **Wednesday, 15th Nov 2017 @7.30pm** in the Village Church.
- **Remembrance Mass** for all parishioners who have past away in the past year - **Monday 20th Nov 2017 @7.30pm** in the Village Church.



### This Week at a Glance

**Tuesday:** Halloween

**Wednesday:** All Saints

**Thursday:** All Souls

**Friday:** St. Martin de Porres, Religious

**Saturday:** St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

**Next Sunday:** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight Saving Time ends

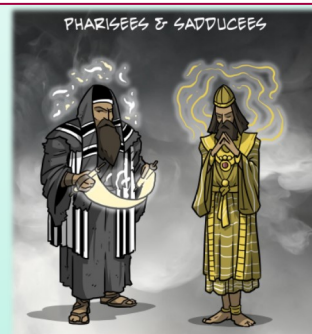


### WHO ARE THE SADDUCEES? WHO ARE THE PHARISEES?

The Sadducees had a "let's not rock the boat" mentality which caused them to live a life of compromise. They tended to be wealthy, upper class and held powerful positions. In General they seemed to be more concerned with politics than religion. Because they were accommodating to Rome. Because of their positioning they did not relate well to the common man, nor did the common man hold them in high opinion. Religiously, the Sadducees were more conservative in one main area of doctrine. The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection, angels or the spiritual realm because they did not believe in the Scriptures and so were ignorant of the power of God. The God they believed in was a god of their own liking for their own benefit so they wouldn't have to answer to the true God, or so they believed. For them Jesus was a teacher.

In contrast to the Sadducees, the Pharisees were mostly middle-class businessmen, and therefore were in contact with the common people. The Pharisees were held in much higher esteem by the common people than the Sadducees. Religiously, they accepted the written Word as inspired by God. At the time of Christ's earthly ministry, this would have been what is now our Old Testament. But they also gave equal authority to oral tradition and attempted to defend this position by saying it went all the way back to Moses.

The Pharisees gave oral tradition equal authority to the written Word of God, while the Sadducees considered only the written Word to be from God. Because the Sadducees were more concerned with politics than religion, they were unconcerned with Jesus until they became afraid He might bring unwanted Roman attention. It was at this point that the Sadducees and Pharisees united and conspired to put Christ to death. Though the Pharisees were rivals of the Sadducees, they managed to set aside their differences on one occasion—the trial of Christ. It was at this point that the Sadducees and Pharisees united to put Christ to death.







Residents of Clondalkin celebrating the results of their hard work in the Round Towers GAA Club last weekend

*photos by Tommy Keogh*

**1st.** St Patrick's Estate,  
**2nd** Floraville **3rd** Cappaghmore Estate ,  
**Highly Commendable:** were Monastery Rise, and Michael Collins Estate . **Well done everyone!**

To enable them in their fundraising there are postcards for sale in the Parish Shop at €1.50 each.



### *Happy Birthday!*

Clondalkin St Joseph's Pipe Band celebrating its 80th Anniversary in the Red Cow Hotel in Concert with the Band of An Garda Síochána and Mayor of South Dublin County Paul Gogarty. (Submitted by Tommy Keogh). It may of interest to note that Stephen's grandfather was one of the founding members of the band. Stephen is our caretaker who with Martin also caretaker, are always on standby to help in the church.



Mary Leonard & Phyllis Rumgay with Aongus McNally on their recent outing with the Monday Club. Photo sent in by Mary Leonard. (Please do keep you submissions , photos, topics of interest and suitable for the Newsletter coming in.)  
 Teresa

The Miscarriage Association of Ireland  
 will hold its  
 Annual Service of  
 Remembrance on **Sunday 12th  
 November** at 3.00pm in  
 St. Teresa's Church, Donore Avenue,  
 off South Circular Road, Dublin 2.



All parents, siblings, grandparents and anyone affected by the loss of a baby are very welcome to attend, regardless of whether the loss was recent or long ago.

*Little lives born too soon, you chose us to be yours, though you stayed for the briefest of moments, forever ours you will be*



## ADULT CRAFT CLASS WITH JOAN IN CLONDALKIN LIBRARY

We are starting a Craft Class at Clondalkin Library which we hope to have as a monthly event if it proves popular. The first class is on **Friday 3rd November at 12.30pm** and Joan will be making Origami Stars with the class. The class lasts one and a half hours and all materials are provided.

**Booking is essential as places are limited.**

To book for the November class, please telephone (01) 459 3315.



## Monday Club 23 October 2017

Last week due to the bad weather there was no club in the interest of safety due to the storm.

This week we moved to the Maldron Hotel for the information morning given by Prof. Des O'Neill.

It was organized by "Older Voices for Change" which is a local advocacy group made up of older people from the areas of Dublin Mid West. The aim of the group is to identify issues affecting older people in the community and advocate for change bringing these issues to the attention of policy makers and service providers in society. This group has been in existence since 2011 and is supported by South Dublin County Partnership.

It got underway with Prof. O'Neill speaking on all the issues relating to ageing. Ageing is a state of mind and it is the way we approach it depends on how well we are. The bottom line is keep active, eat well, exercise, at least 30mins brisk walk per day where possible, have social outlets – it can combat isolation and loneliness. We are a valuable asset to society. We share our experiences, our gifts of e.g. music, crafts, childminding, babysitting, caring plus many more. He spoke about dementia, how to access the various services which can be accessed by referral from GPs. He also touched on nursing homes, fair deal scheme. GP & PHN are very up to date on developments in this area, drugs which taken as we age, avoiding where possible. In the case of acute illness do not go to private hospitals as they are not fully equipped.

Prof O'Neill had 10-15 minutes question and answer session following his talk. He has written a very informative book "Ageing & Caring" available in Eason's Bookshop.

Following on from Prof O'Neill there was Dr Rory Nee who is a consultant geriatrician/physician in St James' Hospital. He spoke about the different processes in hospital of who you will see for example if admitted to A&E from triage to discharge, all the services available in St James's Hospital. The Mercers Institute based in James's is the largest of this kind in Europe and provides all sorts of tests. There is also LAMP (local assist mapping project) which can check what services are within your own area.

There are plans for the future to making Ireland the best in the world to age. Some of the aims are to provide a better community services to the elderly in their own homes. Again the GP is the first point of referral. Despite the delay in starting it was a really worthwhile morning full of useful information. Thank you to all concerned.

We finished off the morning with soup, sandwiches and tea/coffee.

Next Monday (Halloween) 30th October we will be back in the club when we welcome back the girls and boys of LOCALISE with all their tricks and treats up their sleeves. Look forward next week and see you all then. Take care.

Kathleen R



**Peace of Mind...** If you or someone you know is struggling with; stress, tension, anxiety, mood disorders, anger, fear, sleeplessness, helplessness or hopelessness you are not alone. If so we have a way out for you. **Recovery Self-help Ireland** is a support group for anyone who wants to re-gain peace of mind and reduce suffering. The members demonstrate a method by which they deal with the trivialities of everyday life without feeling overwhelmed by them. It gives you tools which empower you to overcome these problems. Why not come along to our next meeting & try the method out. You can bring a friend.

**Every Monday at 8pm (including Bank Hols) in The Community Room, Rowlagh Church, Side Entrance**

The Irish Hospice Foundation will provide a free info



evening about grief and the range of supports available to bereaved people on **Thursday 2nd Nov** from 5.30pm to 8.00pm in the Alexander Hotel, 41-47 Fenian Street (off Merrion Square), Dublin 2. During the evening, Laura Kennedy will address the gathering and speak on the theme "Living with Loss".

Bookings are not necessary.

For further information, please contact (01) 6793188 or email [iris.murray@hospicefoundation.ie](mailto:iris.murray@hospicefoundation.ie) / [www.bereaved.ie](http://www.bereaved.ie)

Have ideas of how we could improve or get submissions for our newsletter? **Join Our TEAM**  
If you would like to help out, contribute, distribute or you can spare a bit of time to help put it together...

Please leave your details in the parish office or contact Frank on [frank.brown@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:frank.brown@dublindiocese.ie) or 0861018173,

**We would love to hear from you!!**

**CLONDALKIN DRAMA GROUP INVITES YOU TO...**

**NOVEMBER 6TH 2017 9PM**

**QUINLAN'S BLACK LION PUB**

**A NIGHT AT THE RACES!**

€10 to buy JOCKEY/HORSE/OWNER per race!

€50 to name a race and have an AD in the programme!

EMAIL: [info@clondalkindramagroup.com](mailto:info@clondalkindramagroup.com)

**Do you play an instrument or sing?**

We're setting up a new adult group in the parish for those who are interested in coming together, having a bit of a jamming session and learning a few new songs & styles while having a bit of craic - **We're starting on Wednesday 1st Nov at 4:30 - 6pm** in the Pastoral Centre!! Come along, bring a bit of music and look forward to seeing you then.





# Amoris

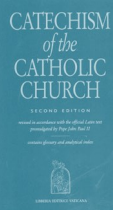
Let's talk Family! Let's be Family!

**St. Mary of the Servants, Blakestown, Dublin 15 will host six evening sessions on "Amoris - Let's Talk Family"**

**on 15th, 22nd, 29th November and 6th, 13th and 20th December from 7 to 7.45pm. Everyone is welcome and there will be a cup of tea after every session.**

**For more information,**

**email [blakestownparish@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:blakestownparish@dublindiocese.ie)**



With great joy I would like to tell you that the award of Knight of St. Gregory - a Papal award - was conferred on Máirín Ní Shúilleabhain at a ceremony in her parish church - Carraig na BhFear, Carrignavar - near Cork City Friday evening 26th October.

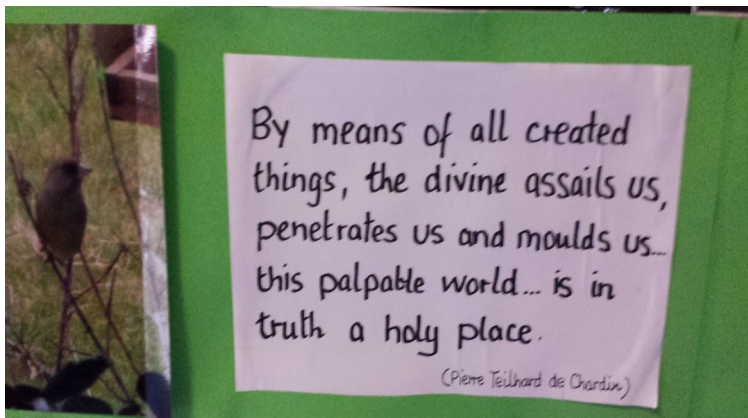
We consider the granting of this award a mark of recognition for the work Máirín has done to make

possible the study of the Catechism among adults throughout Ireland.

Máirín considers that the award is a sign of approval for this system of Adult Faith Development and is a credit to all of you who have participated in the study of the Catechism.

So it is an award for all of us - in a way!

Ronan



Submitted by Eddie Byrne



## An Irish Prayer

May God give you.....

*With every storm, a rainbow. With every tear a smile. With every care a promise and a blessing in each trial. With every problem life sends a faithful friend to share and with every sigh a sweet song, an answer to each prayer.*

It was, and probably is, a tradition to light a candle in memory of loved ones. It is a reminder that those gone before us have only gone to God and He is very near. Remembering all who are sick, lonely and feeling down as the days really shorten.

Maybe a visit to a neighbour would be our act of kindness!



**The Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin Youth Initiative Group** is a relatively new group actively and proactively responding to the needs of young people in our parishes across the Clondalkin area. Made up of a mixture of young people, pastoral workers and adults from across our area, over the last year it has been responsible for initiatives and events such as The Exercise-a-thon, MAD Sunday, The Advent Doorstep Challenge, The Halloween & Lenten resources and many more - We are always looking for new people (especially young people) to come on board, get involved and share their ideas - For more info contact Frank - [frank.brown@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:frank.brown@dublindiocese.ie) or 086 1018173



## 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](mailto:clondalkingroup@localise.ie) if you want to find out more or think there's something we can be involved with :)



November, dedicated to all we have known and loved, has been and indeed is now, very much celebrated in our Parish.

## Altar list of the Dead Envelopes now available in the Church

Please enter the names of deceased family members and a donation if desired. Envelopes to be returned to the Church as soon as possible. Either to the Sacristy, Office, shop or placed in the secure safe at the entrance to the shop.

All Masses during November and on the 1st Friday of each month during the year are offered for all whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead

Envelopes will also be available if by any chance one was not delivered to you.

## Memorial Garden



Ministers of the Liturgical Environment will erect a Memorial Garden at the Sacred Heart Altar. It will feature "Tree of Life" where you can enter the name of the deceased you are praying for and hang it on the tree. You are also welcome to place a plant, flower of your choice in the garden.

## Annual Mass for all who died in the Parish during the year

The Mass will be celebrated on Monday 20th November. This Newsletter is the only means of letting people know. We depend on neighbours and friends of deceased to notify relatives and friends who do not live in Clondalkin. A member of the family presents a lighted candle during the Mass.

## How to gain indulgences for the Holy Souls

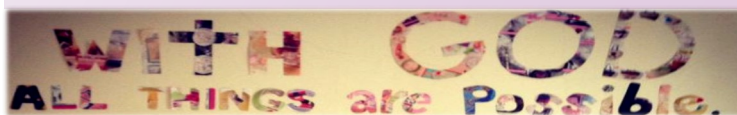
A Plenary Indulgence can be gained only one per day. The faithful must be in the state of grace and these three conditions must accompany the prescribed act:

You must receive the sacrament of confession, either eight days before or after the pious act is performed, receive Holy Communion on that day and recite prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father (*one Our Father and one Hail Mary is the minimum, but any other additional prayers may be added*).

You may also visit a graveyard and pray for the dead. All indulgences are applicable only to the Holy Souls.

## Why do we pray for the dead?

Catholics believe in purgatory. This means that some of us aren't ready for Heaven when we die so some time of purification is necessary before we are ready to face God's Glory. In part some of our prayers ask God to show mercy. Our prayers are also to praise God for His goodness and mercy and as Christ rose from the dead so will we rise with him at the end of time!







Did you know that Halloween was once the old Celtic Festival of “Samhan” marking the end of the Celtic year and the beginning of the new one. “Why the wearing of masks” I asked granddad. “Dead family and friends roamed the land and if you didn’t want to entertain them they wouldn’t recognize you with the mask”. A scary story but I don’t believe a word of it. Sorry!!

Alex Leonard never tires doing by quizzes and now he doesn’t help. Well done Alex!

We had fun with granddad in answering these questions on Halloween. I didn’t many correct so you try. You will have to find the answers but that is the fun:

1. Who called Halloween in Ireland “Samhain”, “All Hallowtide” or “The Feast of the Dead”? Was it the Scots, Celts or Welsh
2. What did the Irish carve to hold their lights on Halloween in Ireland? Was it Potatoes, Pumpkins or turnips?
3. When did the Church make November 1st a special day which is celebrated right after Halloween in Ireland? Was it 700, 750, 820, 880?

Ciara

## Halloween

### What do we Celebrate?

**What is HALLOWEEN?**

“ALL HALLOWS’ EVE” is where the name of halloween comes from. A hallowed person is another name for a saint. We call October 31 - All Hallow’s Eve because it is the eve of All Saints’ Day which is on November 1.

The mass that the Catholic Church celebrated on Nov. 1 was called “Allhallowmas”. This meant mass of all the hallowed (saintly people). It was commonly called “All Hallows’ Day”.

The night before Nov.1 became known as Allhallowe’en, which was short for “evening before All Hallows’ Day.” It was then shortened to what we now know as Halloween.

**Why do we celebrate All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day?**

**1 November**

November 1 is a special day called the feast of All Saints. It is the day the Church celebrates with all the people who have died and are now with God in heaven. Everyone who has lived and died in Jesus’ love is a saint. We do not know the names of all the saints. Some of these people were so much like Jesus that after they died, the Church said they were definitely in heaven.

**2 November**

November 2 is a special day called the feast of All Souls. It is celebrated in honor and remembrance of the souls of our dearly departed loved ones, and to pray for other souls that still need our prayers.

### How can we celebrate Halloween?

**1. Dress up like “Little Saints”**

Let’s do our best to remind everyone that this day is the eve of the feast of All Saints. We honour the saints by dressing up like them instead of dressing up as anything that glorifies bad, horror or rebellion from God. By our good example, people will be curious to learn more about “All Hallows’ Eve” and may even study the lives of the saints.

**3. Go to Mass**

On Nov.1 and Nov.2, the most important thing we can do is to attend the Holy Mass and offer it for all the Holy Saints, and our dearly departed loved ones. By doing this, we give honour to them.

**2. Visit the graves of our dearly departed**

On Nov.1 and Nov.2, let’s go to the cemeteries to pray at the graves of our dear departed. We can also adorn it with flowers and lighted candles.

**4. We say a prayer**

While we celebrate Halloween, we pray to and honour our saints and pray for our dearly departed. We can say the rosary or other prayers at home or upon visiting the grave of our departed loved ones.



## Halloween Sweets Prayer Challenge

Are you  
→ READY  
TO TAKE THE  
CHALLENGE?

For each sweet you get this Halloween say a little prayer!

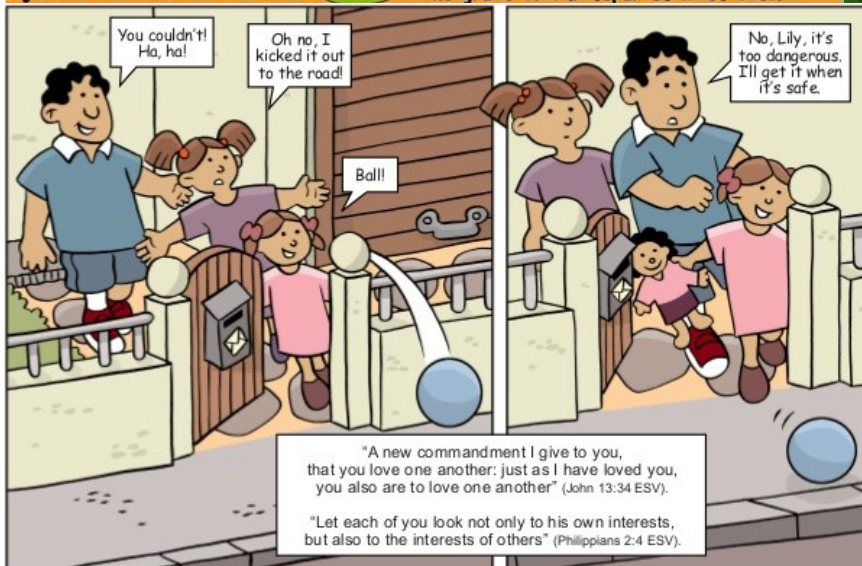
- For each Thank God for one gift or one good thing in your life
- For each Pray for a friend or neighbour who needs help
- For each Pray for someone you love
- For each Pray for our leaders or those in charge of something
- For each Pray for someone who is sick, ill or in hospital
- For each Pray for yourself, something that’s worrying you or something you need help with

Eat your Sweet after you have said your little prayer!!

Now Tell us how you got on and what you did!!

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Have  
A Safe and Spooktacular  
**Halloween**



## Sharing the Gospel

When you have a choice to make, think about what God wants. Make sure your choices are good and that they help other people. When you follow God’s example, you will be ready to love other people. With God’s help you can be gentle, forgiving and kind!



Do one good thing today to help someone!!

## Prayer

God, help me to love you and other people more and more every day!