

Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris ✚ **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 2nd October 2016

**GOOD WORKS
BLOSSOM INTO
MIRACLES
OF GRACE**

ACTION AND CONTEMPLATION

The most obvious manifestation of Christianity is that it is very much a religion of action. This is in contrast with the Eastern religions which are more passive.

The symbol of Christianity is the cross and it signifies going out and moving far and wide. Its horizontal bars embrace all people and its vertical bars point to both heaven and earth. The early Christians were a people of momentum. Jesus himself was very busy. We note the breathless pace of the Gospel narrators particularly that of Mark where the words "immediately" and "at once" are used so often. Mary Magdalen ran from the tomb on Easter Sunday to tell the news of Jesus Resurrection. Peter and John ran to the tomb to see for themselves. What is very obvious in St. Paul's missionary journeys is that he moves and moves far and wide. But there is a paradox – our faith also embraces stillness, contemplation, prayer and meditation. It is not a case of "either or" but both and it's done in its right sequence and priority.

Christians prioritize love of God - they prioritize prayer. Love of God in prayer comes first before love of neighbour in action. First we come to the Lord in quiet reflection then we go to the world in energetic action. How much time we spend in prayer depends on our state in life and our responsibilities towards others. It may be 10 minutes, 20 minutes, half an hour or an hour. Priests and religious are recommended to spend an hour a day in prayer and to attend daily Mass. Lay people have a different vocation but if we pray well the Holy Spirit will inspire us as to how much time we give to prayer and if we can give half hour or an hour a day at different times the Lord will be pleased with that.

Even though prayer is prioritized by people of faith in practical terms most our time is given to busy activity – moving out to the world be it the home, with family, in the workplace with colleagues or in the community. Jesus himself took time for pray. He came first to God his Father in prayer and then He went out to the world to his needy neighbours in busy activity.

I have often spoken of the need to avoid extremes and one of the things that has gone astray in the contemporary world is the prudent balance between contemplation and action. You get some people who over emphasise meditation to the point of passivity and unproductive naval gazing. Then the other extreme which is much more common in today's world – frantic over activity. The balance between them is delicate and needs to be in its right priority. Pray first and then act. God first and then the world and our needy neighbour.

Fr. Padraig

*What we plant in the
soil of contemplation,
we shall reap in the
harvest of action*

– Meister Eckhart

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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Senior Citizens on their trip to Sligo. *They had a wonderful three days away.*

Senior Citizens are very involved in our Parish and anyone who would like to join please leave name and phone no. in the Sacristy and we will pass the information on to the relevant people. No need to feel lonely and alone as the evenings draw in!

Photos by Jean Brocklebank



COLAISTE BRIDE OPEN EVENING Tuesday Oct 4th 2016 for prospective students & their parents 5.00pm - 7.30pm

- * Excellent Leaving and Junior Certificate results
- * Excellent teaching & learning environment
- * School of Distinction - College for Every Student
- * All girls, catholic Presentation school
- * Strong links with parents, past pupils, the community, local industry
- * International recognition as a school of best practice
- * State of the art facilities
- * Wide range of extra-curricular activities
- * Proud record as a top fundraising school for charity
- * Leading school for ICT in Ireland

The local branch of the Pro Life Campaign will be hosting a Coffee Morning on Tuesday 11th October in the Pastoral Centre, Clondalkin Village at 10.30am. Parishioners are invited to attend to hear more about the current situation as regards the protection of the unborn and their mothers and get involved. Tea, Coffee and refreshments will be served.



All are welcome and please consider bringing a friend. For more information, contact (086) 313 2872 or (01) 662 9275.

Clondalkin Mental Health Groups Presents

RAISING OUR VOICES

a night of Music and Entertainment on

**Monday 17th October in
the Green Isle Hotel at 7.30pm**

Included in the list of performers is Special Guest
Katie O'Sullivan

Tickets are €10 each, family rates apply.
Tickets and further information from 014570009 &
0868249786

The organisers ask for your support!

Ministers of the Environment!!- people who look after the Church Flowers, garden, creative people and anyone who would like to get involved!!

Meeting on Wed next **5th October** in the Pastoral Centre **after 10am Mass** to discuss decoration of the Church for **Harvest Mercy Mass, November Memorial Garden, Tree of Hope and Christmas decorations.** All welcome!



I have followed your series of "Gems of Mercy" with interest in your Newsletter and thought, *what a wonderful way to celebrate Year of Mercy.* This is my contribution:

I am a native of Clondalkin but now living down the country and a few years ago visited with my own family, my family in Clondalkin for Christmas. We attended Mass on Christmas morning and as usual on Christmas morning there was that air of joy, togetherness and the happiness of meeting friends. My son who was then about 6 years, *(he is now 13)* joined with great gusto with the choir and the congregation in a rendition of Silent Night. As it finished he asked of his dad and I if he was "good". A lady in the seat behind leaned forward and told him **"GOOD, you were better than good and you were even better than EXCELLENT"!!**



Belatedly and thankful that I now have been given this opportunity to thank that lady, I hope she now realises the additional joy she gave to that little boy and the confidence he now has in joining in with any activity. I learnt from her have taken a leaf from her book - don't underestimate and do appreciate any effort people make out of their kindness and generosity. **N.S**

Keep your Gems of Mercy coming!! Local stories & examples. Up to 250 words in length or a picture that needs no words!!

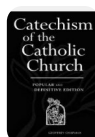
We would love to hear from you!!

Email: Parishnews1@gmail.com

You're Invited!

You are invited to our Annual Summer Competition Awards Night in Round Towers GAA Clubhouse on Friday 7th October at 8pm.

Admission is free and you are very welcome to join us on the night of celebrations. For those following our performances in the Super-Valu National Tidy Towns Competition I am happy to report our score this year has risen to 271. **Pat O'Sullivan, Secretary**



The moral law, which is the work of Divine Wisdom, is God's instructions which show us the rules that lead to Heaven and the evils that lead away from God. Laws are rules of conduct enacted by competent authority for the sake of the common good. The Catechism teaches that the natural moral law is present in each man's heart and its precepts expresses the dignity of man and determines the basis for his fundamental rights and duties. The moral law finds its fullness in Christ. **"For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified" (Rom 10:4).** Wed 5th October at 7.30pm, Presentation Convent, *Grace and Justification, (para 1987-2029)*



CONGRATULATIONS TO!

Andrea Kearns and Aaron Canning
who received the Sacrament of Marriage recently



Newly
Baptized

Rory Michael Tighe, Brookvale Downs,
Rathfarnham
Wyatte Patrick Anderson, Riversdale Rd
Jonathan Patrick Butchart Mitchell,
James Connolly Park
Hannah Louise Keenan, Brookvie Apts.,
Athlone
Florence Indie O'Leary, Michael Collins Park
Heidi Lily Fowler, Palmerstown Avenue, Palmerstown

Our Congratulations and Welcome!

CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Kay Lee

Flowers: Kathleen Cosgrove for October

Cleaning: Betty Byrne and Rebecca Duggan
(Weddings on Saturday)



Monday Club



The Monday Club started back with hosting the **Annual Coffee Morning** in aid of the Hospice. We had a brilliant crowd of supporters as well as our regular attendees at the club. We had plenty of goodies supplied by all those who baked and brought cakes, biscuits and buns. There was certainly a great variety to choose from freshly baked scones with cream and jam, buns, pavlova and cakes and of course plenty of tea/coffee. We had prizes galore too from bags, scarves, candles and toiletries.

In total we raised **€630** between donations and the raffle. Joan and I went to the Bank of Ireland and lodged the money for the hospice.

I thank everyone who donated prizes, baked, brought cakes and buns and helped in any way with this very important morning and to you who came and gave so generously and those who gave donations but could not attend. Thanks to Frs. Damian and Pdraig for announcements during Mass and to Frank, a seminarian who on placement in our parish, who came and joined us for the coffee morning and gave a helping hand too.

The Bank of Ireland is hosting a coffee morning on Wednesday morning as part of **Positive Ageing Week**. All are invited to attend. They are also providing tuition in digital activation (Joan says it is banking on line) which can be arranged with Mairead Butler.

Until next week take care Kathleen R

JUST FOR KIDS !

Answer to last weeks quiz:

The bear was white (Polar Bear!!)

The house was in the Arctic!!



We had no takers and again asked Ciara to come up with a quiz that is easy and many would take part.

There is a prize for the winner -

the first one drawn.

Please do not let Ciara down!!

Send our entries to the Sacristy, Office or the email address on front of Newsletter

Name the two main ingredients of pasta?!

"I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish God wouldn't trust me so much" **St. Mother Teresa** (sent in by Eddie)



Village Church

Monday 3rd October

10.00am David and Rita O'Sullivan

Thursday 6th October

10.00am Teresa Lynch

Sunday 9th October

7.30pm (vigil) Maura Heffernan, 5th anniversary

Betty Mooney

Maura Gardiner

Brian Carroll, 5th anniversary

Michael Joseph Leydon

10.30am

Bridget Norton

12 noon

Patrick (Paddy) Murphy

Clonburris

Saturday 1st October

6.30pm Phyllis and Donal Tuite A.

Michael Mc Dermot A.

Sunday 2nd October

11am Ned and Margaret Hughes A



Monday 3rd October

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary

Tuesday 4th October

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

Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 11am

CCPC Intercessory Group

Please note: NO MEETING. Group will join with

Adoration Group in **DEANSRATH Church** 7.30pm to 8.30pm and all are welcome

Wednesday 5th October

Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group meets in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm and all are welcome

Baptism Preparation Meeting in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm, upstairs

Thursday 6th October

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Morning: in the Church 10.45am to 11.45am

Evening: Holy Hour 8to 9pm and all are welcome

Friday 7th October

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



Eucharistic



Adoration

HOUR OF PRAYER

The next Hour of Prayer takes place on Thursday, **6th October** 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. Pdraig

Month's Mind:

Mass for **Mae McInerney**, formerly of Orchard Road, will take place in Srulleen church on Sunday October 2 at 10.30. Some of her old friends and neighbours may wish to attend!

Padraic McInerney

