



Clondalkin Village Parish

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Sunday, 31st July 2016

Parish Newsletter

THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES



"Lord teach us to pray" this is what we read of in last Sunday's Gospel where the closest friends of the Lord ask Him how to pray. This indicates that they were not satisfied with their own efforts. People still ask this question today - books on how to pray and meditate are still being sold as there is a great yearning for prayer and praying well.

Last week I was on Clare Island in Co. Mayo and it was a very nice trip in a beautiful part of Ireland. The island church is about 1 mile from the harbour beside an old Cistercian Monastery. I spent an hour in the Church and the time flew. I could easily have stayed another hour but I had to go back to the harbour to catch the ferry to the mainland. In that simple island church prayer came easy to me. Felt close to God, everything was relaxed, harmonious and still.

St. Ignatius of Loyola the great mystic who founded the Jesuit Order called this the consolation of prayer. He also told us about its opposite - the desolation of prayer. Prayer comes easy at a time of consolation as it did for me on Clare Island but there will come a time when prayer is very difficult and St. Ignatius warned us to expect it. God is distant on even absent and we are restless and distracted. St. John of the Cross the other great mystic and contemporary of St. Ignatius called it the "dark night of the soul". Both Ignatius and John of the Cross calls regarded the period of desolation as being very valuable and necessary because it makes us grow. If prayer were always consoling we would get what St. John of the Cross calls a spiritual sweet tooth, we would never grow up spiritually.

All the great saints experienced great consolation in prayer - some of them went into ecstasy and lost themselves in the presence of God. But they all went into periods of desolation too - they had dark nights of the soul.

When we encounter a period of desolation let us first remember that trying to pray is praying, indeed our trying is all the more valuable to God when things are difficult. This is a time for short prayers like the Our Father which Jesus teaches to his disciples in Sunday's Gospel. It is short, easy to remember and is in fact the perfect prayer taught to us by God Himself. If we have the courage to persevere in prayer during our times of desolation then consolation will come as I experienced in a little country church on Clare Island last week. You don't have to go to Clare Island to experience this, if you have the humility to bloom where you are planted you can experience it anywhere, be it Clondalkin, Dublin City, New York or Timbuktu.

**"Father in Heaven, may Your name be Holy,
May your Kingdom come and your Will be done"**

Fr. Padraig

Masses

Clondalkin Village

Sundays: (Vigil) Sat 7.30pm,
Sunday 9am (Gaeilge)
10.30am, 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 11am (For July & August)

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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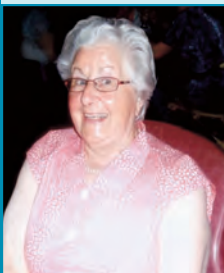
"SENIOR CITIZENS" CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

We were the future generation once a quote attributed and often used by David Cameron and those attending the celebrations on Wednesday 20th July in Quinlan's can adopt the quote "Forever young". Mary Brennan and her team of volunteers who organised the event, 30 years ago were certainly the future generation! Thanks to all who made the celebration a success; people and families who brought the guests, the musicians, staff of Quinlan's and everyone who in anyway made the occasion a happy one and afforded the Senior Citizens the opportunity to chat, meet up with people they had not seen for a while. It was an enjoyable meal in a comfortable, pleasant and welcoming venue.

A special welcome was afforded to Eleanor, well into her 90's and was a member of Martha's Guild (Fr. Damian's title) who for years cleaned the church.

THANK YOU!

On behalf of all parishioners we thank the organisers for their generosity and care for the older people in our parish!



Clondalkin Village:

Wednesday 3rd August

7.30am Tommy Curran

Sunday 7th August

7.30pm (vigil) Ellen McDonah
Victor O'Gorman, 15th an
10.30am Marie and John Dunne
Teresa Hogan
12 noon Tessie Healy
5.30pm Elizabeth (Lil) Graham
Francie Boland

Clonburris:

Saturday 30th July

6.30pm Patricia Fenlon A.
Brian Cruise 3rd A.



HOUR OF PRAYER

The next Hour of Prayer takes place on
Thursday, 4th August 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



Newly Baptized!
Congratulations and welcome to -

Noah Patrick Tighe, Blackcastle Lodge, Flower Hill, Navan
Alex Gordon Sweeney, Thornfield Sq
Jamie Raymond McDonnell, Cherrywood Villas
Fia Joan Susannah McNamara, Castle Park
Katie Ella Stringer, Foxborough, Avenue



Last week's Newsletter invited visitors to Clondalkin and are Bridge players to the Bridge Clubs in St. Joseph's School Hall on **Mondays and Thursdays @ 7pm**. We failed to include that Bridge is also available on **Wednesdays at 10am** in

the Maldron Hotel and again on Sundays at 7pm and visitors are also welcome.

The organisers tell us that partners not needed!

Altar Linen: Kay Lee

Cleaning: Rita Arnold

Flowers: Nuala Kendellan

Newsletter: Aine O'Leary

Now that Aine is well and truly into the thick of it we would love to teach another, are you interested?

Email the parish office - clondalkinchurch@eircom.net



CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

We are on holidays but looking forward to seeing everyone in **FOUR** weeks!





Who's that with Fr. Damian??

It's amazing who you'll bump into out and about in Clondalkin these days!!
(For a bit of fun be sure to download the **Popeselfie** app!!)



Before and up to the end of the Year of Mercy we are inviting you to send in stories or pictures from our local area for our Facebook, Website or Newsletter - These could be examples of Mercy from your reflections, an experience of Mercy in action you experienced or witnessed, your previous writings or your personal life experience.

Up to 250 words in length or a picture that needs no words!!

We would love to hear from you!!

Email: ccpc.clondalkin@gmail.com
or Parishnews1@gmail.com

OFF TO KRAKOW!



Good luck to the Young people who travelled off to World Youth Day in Krakow Monday Last!!

Great send off at the 12 noon mass last week. Safe journey home and looking forward to the stories!! Check out, **like & follow** our parish **Facebook** page for regular updates!!

"To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8)

"Blessed are the Merciful" is the theme for World Youth Day and as 300 pilgrims are there from our diocese you may like to link in with what is happening in Krakow.

Bring the Beatitudes to life during WYD, write your own Beatitudes during this week; your own vision for the world we live in.

"Blessed be..." or "Heroes be those..." What would Pope Francis' Beatitudes be? *Listen for clues from him during this week.*

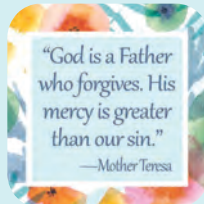


Photo from last year

SLI CHRONAIN MOCHUA

Grand Canal Walk 15k Siúlóid - Round Tower to Guiliartstown Bridge and back
Easy option 9 k from Adamstown /Lucan Bridge at 3.45 pm.

SUNDAY 7th AUGUST -

Register at Civil Offices, Clondalkin 2.15 - 2.45pm, Walk takes off at 3pm.
Registration fee is €5 and is in aid of St. John's Church Restoration Fund.

We are hoping to get Young People from our parish involved in the **John Paul II awards** from this September onwards!! It is a great experience and similar to the Gaisce awards encouraging involvement in both the Community and the Parish. **Pick up a leaflet** from the Church or Parish office and spread the word. Hopefully we'll have a large group to kick it off!!

If you have any questions contact Frank on frank.brown@dublindiocese.ie

The Pope John Paul II Award



Are you 16 - 18 years old?

2016 CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

The conference will be held in All Hallows College on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st August.

It's an ideal weekend for young Catholics to learn about, deepen and share their faith through a variety of relevant talks, workshops, liturgy, a social evening and time to meet and talk to other like minded young people. Inspirational speakers include author and convert from New Age Movement, Roger Buck, Sr. Consilio on Mary's role in healing addiction and UCD professor Ray Kinsella on the role of faith in modern Irish society as illustrated by Saint John Paul II.

Ages 18 - 40. Full board & meals; €70, meals and conference; €40. Single day rates also available. Please call **Aoife on 086-1646971, Declan on 085-8032848** or email deusetpatria@gmail.com

Book early to avoid disappointment

Patrick Dixon, Legion of Mary



This Week

In Village Church

Monday 1st August,
Bank Holiday,
Mass at 10am only
Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Tuesday 2nd August

Legion of Mary in the Convent at 11am and new members welcome

CCPC Intercessory Prayer for 9 Clondalkin parishes 7.30pm to 8.30pm in the Pastoral Centre

Wednesday 3rd August

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

Prayer Group at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre and all are welcome

Thursday 4th August

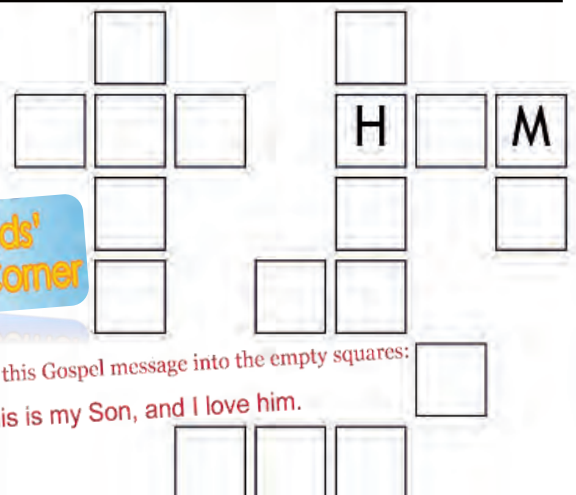
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church 10.45am to 11.45am

Friday 5th August

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

Saturday 6th August

First Saturday, Fatima Devotions after 10am Mass and Rosary



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