



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 31st December 2017



I never make new year resolutions as I invariably break them within a couple of weeks but this year I'm attempting to make real the words of Pope Francis highlighted on our banner for the World Meeting of Families. How much better our homes would be if we used the words please, thank you and I'm sorry more often. Firstly, let me thank all of you for your on-going support of the Parish

during the past year. Visitors to our Parish remark how fortunate we are that the Village Church is open from early morning to late afternoon or in the summer to early evening. Secondly, our three churches are not museums but places of worship where daily prayer and Mass is punctuated with the celebration of the Sacraments and the rituals of our Church. In January every year the diocese requests that we submit statistics for the number of baptisms funerals etc. But behind the statistics are real people, real families and real lived faith that we celebrate every day. The World Meeting of Families takes place here in Dublin from the 22nd to 26th August. It will, please God be an opportunity to renew our faith as we try to live it out in an ever changing and challenging environment. You should have received a miniature version of the specially commissioned Icon for your home which contains the prayer for the World Meeting of Families. Please do keep this in a prominent place and pray the prayer often and regularly. Pope Francis plans to visit Ireland for some of the WMOF and we ask the Lord to bless him with good health so that he will be able to travel.

LAST LIGHTS NEW YEAR'S EVE

My predecessor of happy memory, Fr. John Wall who incidentally retired during the year and is now living in Ballyroan Parish sends his regards to all. Fr Wall introduced the last lights ceremony in 1999 to mark the end of the millennium and bless the new year. We continue this tradition and cordially invite you to join us at 4pm in a moment of reflection and prayer.

Thank you all who support the parish spiritually, financially, through your time, talent and skills. To my brother priests Shan, Des, and Padraig, Pastoral workers Christina and Frank all our ministry personnel thanks for all you do for the Lord and the Parish. Our parish Pastoral council continues to guide and direct our parish and Anne our Secretary, Martin and Stephen who mind the plant and grounds, to Margaret, Sean and Gerry in the Sacristy a word of thanks and appreciation. Finally to you the loyal parishioners thank you for putting up with me and sorry if I at times said or did something to offend you please God, we can continue to make our parish one of welcome where we don't just preach but live out the Gospel.

Fr. Damian



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

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Flowers:

Church Cleaning: Veronica Bayly, Bernardine Wynne, Tracy Whelan, Josephine Hearty

Thank You

Monday 1st January - Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 2nd January - CCPC Intercessory Prayer for 9 Clondalkin Parishes. This Tuesday evening in Parish Pastoral Centre (downstairs). 7.30 to 8.30pm. All welcome.

Wednesday 3rd January - Charismatic Prayer Group *Our Lady Queen of Peace*. All welcome especially any newcomers or visitors to our area.

Thursday 4th January

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Morning: 10.45 to 11.45am in the Church.

Evening: 7.00 to 8.00pm in the Church. All welcome.



Important Notice

A REMINDER
From Sunday 7th January 2018
the vigil Mass on Saturday will
be celebrated at 6.30pm.

The weekday daily Mass will be at 10.00am only up
to Friday 5th January.
The 7.30am Mass will resume on Monday 8th
January.

There will be a Commissioning of the new
Baptismal Team after the **12 noon Mass on
Sunday 7th January.**

Also on the 7th Jan here will be a Blessing of
babies who have been baptised in the past year at **3pm in
Clondalkin Village Church.**

There will be tea/coffee afterwards in the Pastoral Ctr.



Village Church



Sun 31st December

7.30pm (Vigil) Fran Mulholland (1st An),
Patrick & Mary Kinane, Derval Connell (2nd An),
Marie Hegarty (1st An)

10.30am Percy Reeves, Vera Phelan (MM)
Mary & Noel McNamara, Kathleen McNamara,
Eugene McNamara (1st An)

12noon Tony O'Neill (An), Martin McLoughlin Jnr (An)

Mon 1st January

10.00am Catherine & Luis Delgadno (An)

Tues 2nd January

10.00am Christopher, Lillian & Brendan Behan

Wed 3rd January

10.00am Joseph McCarthy (An)

Thurs 4th January

10.00am Sarah & Thomas Delaney (Rem)

Fri 5th January - 10.00am November List of the Dead

7.30pm (Vigil) November List of the Dead

Sat 6th January - Feast of the Epiphany

10.00am Mary & Joseph Coughlan (An)

Sun 7th January

10.30am Ciaran O'Connell (An), Tom O'Neill (An)

James Crahan (An), Bridget Leydon (An)

12noon Gerry Fallon & dec'd members of the

Fallon family



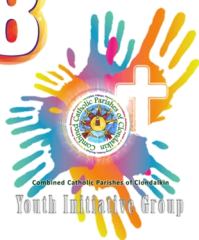
From January we invite parents/guardians who come
forward for the **Sacrament of Baptism** to attend a
Baptism meeting and a Welcoming Ceremony before
they celebrate baptism.

**The welcoming Ceremony will be on two Sundays a
month during the 12 noon Mass.** In Clondalkin we celebrate
Baptism after the Sunday Mass and is seldom witnessed by
parishioners. Over the last few months four new members have
been trained and joined the Baptism Team. The Team will meet
parents at the Preparation and Welcoming meeting and be present
on the day of Baptism. On Sunday 7th January we are inviting
parents whose babies were baptized in 2017 to come to a Blessing Ceremony
in Clondalkin Village at 3pm to celebrate the joy this new life has brought
them. Please bring the Baptism Candle and feel free to join us afterwards for
tea/coffee in the Pastoral Centre. For more info contact **Christina Malone PPW**



New Year's Resolutions

2018



HAVE hope
TRY new things
BE active
SEE the good
SAY "I Love You," more
CHALLENGE yourself
CHOOSE to be happy
EAT better
ENJOY today
FORGIVE more readily
READ more often
BECOME your best you

pray

Resolve to do one thing each

day that will lead you to know your
loving God who is with you always!



Today we are celebrating the **Feast of the Holy Family**. As you
know in August 2018 we will have a fantastic international event
taking place in Dublin – the World Meeting of the Families. This
is going to be celebrated from 21-26 August 2018 and offers
families from all over the world the opportunity to celebrate our
faith. Dublin had been chosen by Pope Francis to host this
gathering guided by the theme *"The Gospel of the Family: Joy for
the World"*. Held every three years, this major international event
brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect
upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of
our lives, of society and of the Church. As we prepare for this wonderful
gathering I pray in a special way for all the families in our parish that have
been struggling in 2017, that might not feel welcome in our community, that
might have lost hope. May the Spirit of the God, who is love, open our hearts
to the needs of families in need as we pray:

God, our Father, We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, One family, in
the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind,
gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need.

Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving
care, Especially those for whom we now pray:

[We pause and remember family members and others by name].

Increase our faith, Strengthen our hope, Keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord,

Amen

*Mary, mother and guide, pray for us St Joseph, father and protector, pray for
us. Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us. Saints Louis and Zélie Martin,
pray for us.*

Christina Malone PPW





David, Alanna and Grace have trained and are now commissioned to serve as Altar Servers and they join **Grainne and Cathal** who have been serving Mass for the last 18 months. Should you be interested in becoming an altar server please contact: Christina Malone 0857162152



The way we have prepared children for **First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Reconciliation** has changed over the years. While the schools are doing a fantastic job through Religious Education sometimes parents are struggling to make sense of it all. Most of the preparation has been done in school and recognising the dedicated work taken on by the teachers, the parish will now, more and more, get involved with the preparation. We, the Parish of Clondalkin, are offering families opportunities to become involved with the journey over the next few months. Christina will invite children to come to the church once a month to explore the building, learn the liturgical year and get to know children from the other parish schools. We also invite parents to meet once a month to explore the liturgical seasons as well as look at the bigger picture of what *"faith got to do with my daily life"*. We hope parents will connect with their own faith, ask questions and learn that there is more to the preparation than the day of the First Holy Communion.

The Parish Team is exploring the Diocesan policy which ask the Ceremony to be celebrated on a Sunday during the normal Mass instead of a Saturday as now prevails. **Further info from Christina Malone on 0857162152**

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A Prayer for the New Year

Lord, Whether we're leaving behind a year of joy and blessing or trials and difficulties, we pause to give thanks. We thank You that You are always with us every single day of every single year. Please remind us of Your presence in the year ahead, even when life is busy. We are so thankful that we serve a God who makes things new and gives us the grace of fresh starts and new beginnings. Be glorified in our lives this year. In Jesus' name, Amen.



"Only through the eyes and hearts of awe and wonder - no need for words, indeed they would be a distraction" were my sentiments when I

attended the performance of "Beithilin Beo" depicting the story of Christmas with haunting Eastern music as a soothing backdrop. Bales of hay was our seating and goats roaming freely as the actors played out what had happened on the night that Heaven and Earth were united. How often is heard the comment that Christmas is only for children and I agree that there is truth in the comment. Christmas is for children, children at heart, whatever the age - people who reflect on the wonder of that Holy Night and still look on with wonder, awe and expectation.

Photos by Tommy Keogh -

Teresa

Tomorrow, is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one.

Tired of the evenings void of Bridge?

Then come to our Charity fun night in aid of the Scouts, Clondalkin, in the Scout's Den on Thursday 4th January at 7.30pm. No partner required. A night void of mince pies, turkey and other festive foods, but lots of fun, prizes etc is promised!

Denise, Stephen and Nuala

