### Dear Friends,

This weekend marks a special occasion for our parish. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, taking inspiration from Pope Francis has asked Clondalkin to lead the way in a new initiative, entitled "Living the Joy of the Gospel-Building our Community of Faith". At all Masses, you have been hearing about how this will have a direct impact on our parish by supporting three key pillars of the Catholic Church – local parish life; increased trained lay involvement in faith development, and ongoing support for priests in active ministry.

I am fully committed to "Living the Joy of the Gospel". May I invite you to share in my commitment and join me in making it a wonderful success. To play our part and to undertake projects in our parish, we have established a goal of €360,000 to be raised in pledges by the end of July. I know this is an ambitious challenge but I have been overwhelmed by the generosity to date, with over €100.000 pledged already. Please sign up to come to one of the information events held by Fr Damian to find out more details about this historic initiative on Wednesday at 7.30pm or Sunday 11.20am & 12. – to make sure there is enough space for all please indicate which event you would like to attend on the sign in sheets which can be found at the back of Mass.

In conjunction to this it is hoped that a member of our volunteer team will contact you by phone to respectfully ask you to consider supporting. They will be calling you on my behalf. I would ask you to please consider what they have to say and to respond generously,

if you can. If you do not receive a call there will be volunteers and information packs including pledge forms available at Mass next weekend.

I am deeply appreciative of your support to date and grateful for your consideration of my request. Please pray for the success of "Living the Joy of the Gospel" in our parish. With my blessings and prayers, Fr. Damian

#### THE CANTICLE OF THE CREATURES

Most High, all powerful, good Lord, Yours are the praises, the glory, the honour, and all blessing.

To You alone, Most High, do they belong, and no man is worthy to mention Your name. Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures, especially through my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day; and you give light through him.

And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendour!

Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness. Praise be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven you formed them clear and precious and beautiful. Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,

and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather through which You give sustenance to Your creatures. Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water, which is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom you light the night and he is beautiful

and playful and robust and strong. Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Mother Earth,

who sustains us and governs us and who produces

varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs. Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love, and bear infirmity and tribulation. Blessed are those who endure in peace for by You, Most High, they shall be crowned. Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no living man can escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin. Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy willl, for the second death shall do them no

harm. Praise and bless my Lord, and give Him thanks and serve Him with great humility. AMEN

#### CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Notices and submissions for the Newsletter must be received before 10.30am on **WEDNESDAY** morning to be considered for inclusion into that week's edition. Envelopes marked "**PARISH NEWSLETTER**" should be left into the Sacristy or Parish Office.

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## **MONTEFIASCONE, CALLING**

We received this email from Fr. Stephen Kennedy a parishioner who was ordained recently.

"Buongiorno dall'Italia!

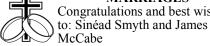
On Saturday 27th of June, in Montefiascone, Italy, by the grace of God I received the Sacrament of Holy Orders, and was ordained a priest. I was very happy to have my family, Fr Damian, Fr Seamus, Claire O Connell, and Carmel Waters by my side, as God gave me the greatest gift I have ever received – the priesthood. Born in Dublin in 1983, I lived in Clondalkin until I entered seminary. I attended

Moyle Park College to Mass in the certain point, I calling me to serve that I could make present on the altar, name in Confession. and every Sunday I went village Church. At a realized that God was Him in His Church, so His Body and Blood and absolve sins in His In 2007, I entered the

Institute of the Incarnate Word seminary near Rome, and I have been there ever since. I will be celebrating my First Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception on 16th July at 7.30pm, and all in the parish are invited to come. Clondalkin is my home, so I have an obligation to pray for the parishioners, and their intentions. This I pledge to do, and I ask for your prayers also as I begin my ministry. I look forward to seeing you all soon! God bless, Fr. Stephen Kennedy IVE."

On behalf of the Parish I congratulate Fr. Stephen on his Ordination and echo his invitation to join him as he offers Mass for us on the 16th. There will be light refreshments in Round Tower GAA club after the Mass. It is rare that a parish would have an opportunity to host a 'first Mass' two years in a row. You may be aware that Fr. Séamus is assistant vocations director for the Diocese and national Chaplain to Saint Joseph's Young Priests Society. Please keep the work of the Society and vocation awareness in your prayers. Fr. Damian

## MARRIAGES



Congratulations and best wishes

Jane Cassidy and David Chapman who received the Sacrament of Marriage during the week

#### **PRESENTATION SISTERS'** ASSOCIATES

The Annual Collection for the Presentation Sisters' Mission in the Philippines and Slovakia will take place the weekend of 18th/ 19th July.

Your support would be very much appreciated

Mary Dardis

## FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks your planned giving contributions:

Last week (to 5th July)  $\in 2, 152$ This week (to 12th July) 2, 280 From and including Clonburris, Knockmitten and the Village Churchsupporting the upkeep of the three churches and supporting the various projects in hand

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

**Tuesday 14th July** 10.00am Carmel Holton, b/day rem Thursday 16th July Fr. Martin Ryan, 1st an 7.30am 10.00am Maud Hurley, b/day rem Sunday 19th July 7.30pm (vigil) Willie, Larry and Pat Nixon 9.00am Noel Lombard 10.30am **Bridget Fitzsimons** Eileen McCormack Tom and Maisie Delaney 12 noon 5.30pm Peg (Margaret) Nolan, b/dav rem Eamonn Currivan And we remember with fondness Fr. Ryan, our former and well loved parish

priest whose 1st anniversary of his death we mark this week

## **CLONDALKIN ACTIVE** RETIREMENT

We had the wonderful Celine doing line dancing on Tuesday last and it was great to see all the men getting involved, so keep up the good work gentlemen. Next Wednesday 15th July we are having a party in The Laurels, time 4 to 8 Price €10, dinner and music from the wonderful Finbar Coady. I do have some tickets left, so please contact me as soon as possible ...086 3274323. All the new members are very welcome to Clondalkin Active Retirement. We will be closing on Tuesday 28th July for holidays and will re-open on Tuesday 1st September. We are hav-

ing a party in Corkagh Park from about 12 noon on Tuesday 28th July which will be a lovely afternoon. We are trying to put a day trip together for August, so people wont be too lonely. I will keep you all informed.

#### CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER **FOR 9 PARISHES**

Clare

This Tuesday evening 14th July Intercessory Group praying in Parish Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm to 8.30pm Come along if you can to join us in praving for the needs of our whole group of parishes

# NOTICES

Monday 13th July Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosarv **Tuesday 14th July** Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 11am. New members are welcome Wednesday 15th July Catholic Charismatic Prayer Meeting in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm to 9.15pm –visitors welcome Meditation 8pm to 9pm in Rowlagh Parish Church **Thursday 16th July** 

Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed in the church at 3pm

### **CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions** Saturday 11th July @ 6.30pm

Charlie O'Connor A. Deceased members of O'Connor Family Susan and Kathleen Byrne abd the deceased members of Byrne Family Patrick and Susan MurphyA.

## Sunday 12thJuly @ 11am

Joe Byrne A. Paul Kellv A. Eamon Woulfe 3rd A, Rosemary Mc Kenna B.Rem.

## **CHURCH DUTY**

Altar Linen: Angela Minihan Cleaning: Kitty Egan, Veronica Bayly, Angela McCreevy, Kathleen Fitzpatrick and May Stynes **Flowers:** Elizabeth Mary 17th July to 30th July

It is Elizabeth Mary's first time on duty. We thank her for volunteering and wish her joy while working with flowers (Weddings Thursday and Friday)

## **ADORATION**

This Thursday, 16th July there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Morning: In the Church after 10am Mass until 11.45am Evening: Fr. Stephen Kennedy celebrates Mass at 7.30pm

#### **ANNUAL MASS AT SBRIGID'S** WELL

As people at the other side of the country prepare to climb Croagh Patrick on the last Sunday in July, we in Clondalkin will have already done our pilgrimage but to St. Brigid's Well

Mass will be on Saturday 25th at 7amWeather permitting hosted by Sruleen Parish.

**YOUTH 200 SUMMER FESTIVAL** 

Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday, 13th—Sunday 16th August 2015. For young people aged 16—35 an opportunity not to be missed to experience the catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The Festival is donation only. Free buses available from all around Ireland. For more information and to book online, see www.youth2000.ie or phone 016753690

### **MONDAY CLUB**

There was a great attendance at the Club last Monday, 6th July. It was found that the break was too long, so the club will be open again on Monday 10th August.

"Thanks" Elsie for the lovely Victoria sponge and Kathleen M. for the surprise chocolate cake. It was great to see vou there—vou are usually working had testing our brains with vour quizzes.

Welcome to Bernadette Cleary and Maura Ledwidge to the club and thanks to Alan, Joan and Josie for their help.

Until August 10th take care Kathleen R

"CARE OF THE EARTH" Hearing of Pope Francis' Encyclical on the "Care of the Earth" I am reminded of the Canticle of St. Francis and have included it in this Newsletter.

"I exhort everyone to see the world through the eves of God the Creator: the earth is an environment to be safeguarded, a garden to be cultivated."

"The relationship of mankind with nature must not be conducted with greed, manipulation and exploitation, but it must conserve the divine harmony that exists between creatures and Creation within the logic of respect and care, so it can be put to the service of our brothers, also of future generations" Pope Francis