



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  Knockmitten

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 3rd February 2019



We are just one month into 2019 and Christmas celebrations, New Year's seem to be a far distant memory. It's amazing how quickly life and routine takes over. Unrest, Brexit, strikes, tragedies ... and the weather warnings dominate and suffocate the news. We can so easily get swept along in a wave of routine, negativity and mundane. But today's readings, which unfortunately will be heard by a minority in our community, give an awesome reassurance, hope and message that, if we truly listened and believed it, is transformative and much needed! **We are loved.** Not a fashionable thing to say these days! But YOU are loved and you matter. Not a plastic, fleeting love that passes on a whim of emotion but a love that is unconditional and unending. Even when you do not love yourself, your world, your community or even your Church – God loves you and never leaves you alone no matter how dark, alone or despondent things seem. Our faith gives us the truth that we are worthy and worth it! In the first reading from Jeremiah we hear that we were created and loved into existence – “*Before I formed you in the womb knew you, and were born consecrated you...*” St Paul in the second reading gives his beautiful hymn to love as the greatest of all virtues, a scripture passage that is often used at weddings. “*So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*” Faith and hope together are the human but God-given response to love. And faith and hope enable us to live within and to express the love in which we are created and held. Through faith and hope we open the way for love to bring us into the fullness of our individuality, of our humanity – to be the best ME I can be! Through faith and hope, love creates us, and in this love, through faith and hope, we become co-creators with God. True love is not passive, selfish or self-centred but should lead us to share this message, *BE* this message of good news to our community. The Gospel reminds us of the reality that this is not an easy thing to do ... “*Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his own hometown.*” Are we ready to truly accept that we are loved? And if so are we willing to be witnesses to this message so badly needed in our community? It starts with me! The real question is whether I will choose to align my life with this love. Will I turn my life towards Love? Will I respond when Love invites? Will my relationship with the God who loves first become the foundation of all I do and am? Love hopes in the other, has faith in the other's goodness. Faith is both the response to love and the means by which our capacity to receive love expands; faith flowers into hope. Hope flows from faith in God, enabling us to express love creatively, drawing what seems lifeless into being. But without love, faith and hope have no being. Everything rests on this: **that God is love, and love has neither beginning nor end.** This week may we begin to dare to believe that we are truly loved.

Frank Brown, Parish Pastoral Worker

LOVE IS Patient and kind,
NOT jealous, boastful, proud, rude, self-seeking, irritable, or resentful.
LOVE does not delight in evil BUT
rejoices with Truth. LOVE
protects, always trusts, always hopes,
ALWAYS perseveres. LOVE NEVER fails. 1Cor 13:4-8

Masses

Clondalkin Village

Sundays: (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm
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 6.30pm (Vigil),
7.30am and 10.00am

Confessions Sat 10.30 - 11am &
5.45pm-6.15pm

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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CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Teresa Coyne
Church Cleaners: Kitty Egan, Angela McCreevey
& Veronica Bayly
Flowers: Elizabeth Mary (February)

Monday 4th February - Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 5th February - CCPC Intercessory Prayer for Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes.

This Tuesday Intercessory Group meeting in Pastoral Centre 7.30pm to 8.30pm. All welcome.

Wednesday 6th February - Charismatic Prayer Group Our Lady Queen of Peace. This Wednesday, in Parish Pastoral Centre. 8pm Prayer Meeting. All welcome.

Thursday 7th February - Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Morning: In the Church 10.45-11.45am

Evening: In the Sisters' Oratory 7.00 to 8.00pm

Hour of Prayer from 8.00-9.00pm in the Church.

This Week



Lectio Divina, a time to contemplate Scripture, led by Sr. Anne, takes place each Tuesday in the Parish Centre after 10am Mass and Rosary.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019

Date: 12th to 17th May (5 nights)
Price: €745 pps (single room €160 extra)
Deposit: €100 per person—non refundable
A deduction of €50 off the cost if deposit is paid as soon as possible

Spiritual Director: Fr/Shan O Cuiv

As we were late getting started this year, we have managed to extend the date when deposit is paid for a short time
Contact Joe (087 6820 338) or Margaret (086 3069 198)



SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

The closing date for enrolments for the school year 2019/2020 is **Monday 4th February**.

Contact the schools for Enrolment Forms.

Scoil Áine, New Road Tel: (01) 459 1645
Scoil Íde, New Road Tel: (01) 459 2766
Scoil Mhuire, Convent Rd Tel: (01) 459 2986



ALAN WALKER, Huntington Beach, California and formerly Clondalkin Village,

ANTHONY (TONY) MAHER, Michael Collins Park

We remember their families & friends in our prayers at this time.



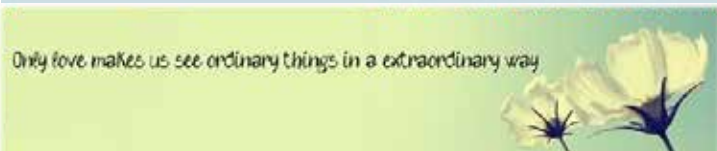
Philip Mc Ardle Monaghan Charismatic Prayer Group invites you to the Annual Spring conference this year in the Hillgrove Hotel Monaghan beginning Friday Feb 8th at 6.30pm to Sunday Feb 10th 2019 ending at 2pm. Speakers Eddie Stone and Fr Peter Okpetu.

All Welcome further details contact www.mcpng.net or 087 2251124.



We welcome back the boys of St. Joseph's School with their teachers, choir and band, who will join the 10'clock Mass goes for Mass on Friday 8th February.

Their music and enthusiasm 'always gladden the heart'.



Only love makes us see ordinary things in an extraordinary way

Village Church

Sunday 3rd February

6.30pm Vigil John Quinlan (An),
9.00am Lily Quinn (An), Martin O'Donnell (An), Máire Daly (An)
10.30am Rory McDonnell, Maura Dagg (1st An), Marie Ford (An), Bab & Kathy Hagerty (An), Monica Lernihán & Michael Lynch, Frank McMahon (An) Jim & Barbara McDonagh (An), Ann O'Brien (2nd An) and Jimmy O'Brien (22nd An)
12noon Nora Cusack (1st An)

Tuesday 5th February

10.00am Michael Lacey (An)

Wednesday 6th February

10.00am Kathleen Mucha (11th An)

Sunday 10th February

6.30pm (Vigil) John Lynch (An)

9.00am Michael Lanney (An)

12noon Patricia Whelan (1st An), Geraldine & Conor McElhinney (RIP)

Clonburris

Saturday 2nd February @ 6.30pm

Winnie Mulhare (10th An)

Sunday 3rd February @ 11.00am

Dick & Sheila O'Brien (An)

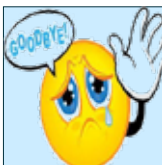


Br. Kevin Crowley of the Capuchin Day Care Centre acknowledges with sincere thanks €1,678.05 and €262, donated by Clondalkin Parishioner before Christmas

Sincere thanks to all who supported St Vincent de Paul during last year and the special Christmas appeal in 2018. Your generosity is appreciated, especially by the people who need it so badly.

Monica McGill, Conference of St Vincent de Paul, Church of the Immaculate Conception, Clondalkin.

Please Note: the Monthly collections will resume next weekend after all Masses and please continue to support families in need in our community



A Note for your Diary

Farewell Mass in Srulleen for Fr. Pearse on **Saturday 23rd February at 6.30pm** as he leaves to take up his new appointment in London. We are very sad to see him leave Clondalkin and appreciate the great work he has done here. Na Gaelgoirí are especially grateful to him for his dedication to celebrating the 9am Sunday Mass 'as Gaelige' for us each month. Go raibh míle maith agat and beir bua agus beannachtaí leat, a Athair dhílis!

We, in the Village Church echo the sentiments of Srulleen. We wish him well and best wishes in his new appointment.



The Pioneer Total Abstinence Society will meet on **Friday 8th February** in the Pastoral Centre at 10.45am.

New members welcome



We welcome home our pilgrims who travelled to WYD 2019 in Panama! "The Church is looking forward to this springtime of young people. We have confidence in you, we expect a lot from you, because we are fully convinced that...the changes and transformations that humanity & the Church require are in your hands,"



Monday 28 January 2019

We had a great lively crowd in the club this morning despite the cold morning. Welcome Fran & Pauline who haven't been for a long while. After the tea and coffee Frank Browne, pastoral worker came in to tell us of the blessing for grandparents day at the 10am Mass on Wednesday it being Grandparents Day. He also handed out a limited number of prayer cards in preparation for the occasion. I think there will

be more available at Mass. He also mentioned there will be a procession to St Brigid's Well on Friday being St Brigid's Day. We had correspondence from South Dublin County Council regarding the General Data Protection Regulations. In line with these new privacy rights they have to make contact to check if we wish to stay on the contact list informing us of various events taking place throughout the year e.g. Bealtaine Festival, Social Inclusion Week etc. It was agreed that we should stay on the list.

Today we tried making St Brigid's Crosses in preparation for St Brigid's Day on Friday 1st February.

Frank Hegarty has been coming to teach this art for years, but unfortunately Frank was not available today. Frank was not too well so we wish you a speedy recovery. I take this opportunity to say "Thank You" for teaching over the past years. Please God next year you will come again.

Despite the lack of an expert tutor like Frank, Sr Stacia stepped in and demonstrated how to make the crosses. She then went around to give guidance and help to anyone who needed it. I saw a good number of you managed to make them, while others struggled. Thanks to Frank who got the history of the crosses and instructions printed for us and distributed to us all which was a tremendous help.

Thanks too to my brother Jimmy Foley who lives in the Whinney Hills of Leitrim who went out last week and cut a bag full of rushes for us. If anyone wants rushes I have some left. Thank You to everyone who took part, to Collette, Joan, Stephen Martin and Sr Stacia for all your help and to Kathleen Finan for her banana cake.

Until next week take care.

Kathleen R



The blessing of St. Blaise

Catholics around the world celebrate many of the same God-inspired devotional acts, practices and rituals handed down through the centuries by Holy Mother Church.

Such a devotion is the optional memorial celebrating St. Blaise and the blessing of throats every Feb. 3

There are few facts known about St. Blaise except that he was a fourth-century bishop in the city of Sebaste, Western Armenia, and died as a martyr. A physician, he was regarded as a righteous man and, at an early age, elected bishop by the citizens of Sebaste.

Among the many stories told about the saint, the one for which he is most known, occurred when a mother pleaded for Blaise to cure her son who was dying from a fish bone lodged in his throat. Blaise prayed over the boy, and the child was healed.

The Blessing of Throats will take place tomorrow at 10am Mass.

It was agreed that even though the Feast of St. Blaise is today that it was more feasible to have the blessing Monday morning



At the close of Catholic School week I came across this letter by Abraham Lincoln, 1809—1865, written to Headmaster of the school his son was attending:

"He will have to learn, I know, that all men are not just and are not true. But teach him if you can the wonder of books, but also give

him quiet time to ponder the eternal mystery of birds in the sky, bees in the sun and flowers on a green hillside. In school teach him it is far more honourable to fail than to cheat. Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if everyone tells him he is wrong. Teach him to be gentle with gentle people and tough with the tough. Try to give my son the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone is getting on the bandwagon.

Teach him to listen to all men, but teach him also to filter all he hears on a screen of truth and take the good that comes through.

Teach him if you can, to laugh when he is sad and teach him that there is no shame in tears and teach him to scoff at cynics and to be ware of too much sweetness.

Teach him to sell his brawn and brains to the highest bidders, but never put a price on his heart and soul.

Teach him to close his ears to a howling mob and stand and fight if thinks he is right.

Teach him gently, but do not cuddle him, because only the test of fire makes fine steel. Let him have the courage to be impatient—let him have the patience to be brave. Teach him always to have sublime faith in himself because then he will have faith in humankind.

This is a big order but see what you can do. He is such a fine little fellow, my son"

I wonder if this has relevance for today! What do you think?

Teresa



Sunday 17th February at 12 noon

You are invited to a

"Special Mass Celebrating Couples and the Sacrament of Marriage" in Clondalkin Village Church. We will have a blessing of rings during the mass so please spread the invite. Please let the Parish Office know if you are celebrating a significant anniversary or recently got engaged!

**10 Things God
wants you to
remember
ALWAYS**

I will give you rest
I will strengthen you
I will answer you
I believe in you
I am for you
I will bless you
I will be with you
I will not fail you
I will provide for you
I love you



A small boy riding a bus home after a school mass was very proud of the card he had received. It had a picture and a caption that read, *Have Faith in God*. Then to his dismay the card slipped from his hand and fluttered out the window. "Stop the bus!" he cried. "I've lost my faith in God!" The driver pulled the bus to a stop, and, as the lad climbed out and went to retrieve his card, one of the adult passengers smiled and made a comment about the innocence of youth. A more perceptive adult observed, "All of us would be better off if we were that concerned about our faith."



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