



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**



Parish Newsletter

Sunday 3rd September 2017

Today's Gospel, **Matthew 16:21-28** is "the rest of the story".

It is a continuation from last week's Gospel, in which Peter acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God. Now Jesus is telling his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem to complete his God-given mission to save the world by dying on the Cross. This is the first prophecy of his death. Jesus knows the outcome of being fully committed to a life of love and forgiveness. Naturally this comes as a massive shock to the disciples. Last week we heard that Peter was the rock, the foundation on which Jesus was going to build His church. Only 9 verses later Jesus rebukes him - "Get behind me Satan!" Seems a bit harsh but Jesus is fully committed to the will of His Father. Don't think for a minute that the Father wanted Him or willed Him to die. God didn't wish Jesus to suffer but to live, minister and live out a life centred, driven and committed to inclusion, peace, forgiveness and LOVE. Peter, who just a few minutes earlier got the keys to the Kingdom from Jesus, fails to see the larger picture of Jesus' sacrifice even while it is being explained to him. Unfortunately, such is our human condition. Jesus knew that to live steadfast and true to making the Kingdom of God a reality was to have the Cross as an inevitable outcome.



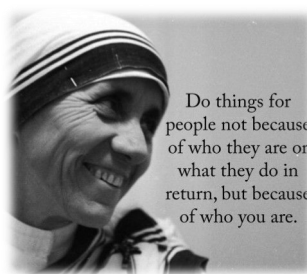
The challenge is then put to us - "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow me." - These words were scandalous and shocking when they were first spoken, but today we tend to just nod in vague agreement whenever we hear them. These words have simply grown too familiar, and we've probably heard every sort of reflection and preaching on it that we feel we've heard it all. But if we truly believe, we cannot be passive, remain motionless or unmoved. As we said last week, our faith is what defines us and our response is what identifies us. Are we a community willing to take up our cross and follow Jesus or do we revel in it? Get stuck in it? Or is it our stumbling block? Take comfort from Peter, who even though he made huge mistakes, even though he got it so very wrong at times, he kept going and Jesus trusted in him, cared for him and loved him so much! St Mother Teresa, who's feast day is on the 5th of Sept, probably puts it best - "Spread love wherever you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."



This week know that God does not want you to suffer, does not want you to give up... but is there carrying, caring and supporting you in whatever life throws at you. Trust your cross to Him! **Let go and let God!** When we put our problems in God's hands, He puts His peace in our Hearts. But if we stop there we are only doing half of what is asked of us - be that support for others!

We pray that our community of faith be recognised as a community who care for each other, who selflessly help others carry their cross - particularly those who most vulnerable and most in need! **Amen**

Frank Brown, Parish Pastoral Worker



Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are.

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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Photos by Tommy Keogh taken from Brú Chronáin during Festival Week. Tommy has sent us other photos which we will include over the next few weeks. Fridays RTE News at 6 put Clondalkin firmly on the tourist map with its report from Brú Chronáin, Round Tower Visitors Centre.

Monday Club 28 August 2017



Coffee & Chat

We had a wonderful attendance today in the Club even though we were not officially back until next week the 4th September. It was great to see such an attendance for our special guest Fr. Bala.

Fr. Bala, from India, has been ministering in our parish for the past number of years during the summer months. He returns to take up duties in a new parish where he has recently been assigned to. Kay Lee visited his last parish where she saw the tremendous work Fr Bala did in very poor circumstances.

The new parish he has now is much larger than the one he left and will be starting off again with less than basic conditions where people suffer greatly. In some of the villages there is not even water.

Thanks to all who wished him well and gave donations for him. It is very much appreciated. Fr Bala leaves on Saturday so we wish you well for the future, Father, and we will keep you in our prayers. Safe travelling and God be with you always until we meet again.

We had an email for South County Council who are running a course on **"Health and Wellbeing for Life"** running for 10 weeks starting on Thursday 21 September in Aras Chronain at 2pm to 4.30pm. This is a very helpful course dealing with important topics such as diet, exercise, dealing with entitlements, HSE, Social Welfare etc. **THIS COURSE IS FREE.**

Just a reminder about Mary Brennan's **Afternoon Tea Dance** on **Wed 6th September** in Quinlans. Tickets are now available.

CLONDALKIN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK on Saturday 16th September 2017. Fare €40. Bus leaving Church Car Park at 8.15am. Booking with Kathleen R at 086 404 1255 or Teresa Coyne at 459 3993

We will be back weekly from next week the 4th September and Coffee Morning for the Hospice the following week on 11th. Until then take care. Kathleen R

A visit to Brú Chronáin!

There is an eerily peace having tea/coffee in the garden of Brú Chronáin midst organic flora, cabbages and onions in the shadow of a 7th Century Round Tower.

The visitors Centre and indeed Clondalkin has received great publicity for all the right reasons.

We should and are very proud of our Christian roots - we can almost imagine the monks chanting psalms and prayers in praise of the Creator of our beautiful universe.

Please do call in and visit the museum and just wander about. The evening I visited there were many visitors who had heard about the Centre and indeed were impressed. Sometimes it takes strangers to help us appreciate what we have under our noses!



The Villagers Senior Club

will meet again after our Summer break in Quinlan's every Tuesday from **5th September** from 10.30am to 12.00pm. All members and new members welcome. Join us for a cuppa and a chat. First outing will be held on 13th

September. Hope to see you there.

Geraldine.



Saturday 16th September 2017



Fare €40

Includes Bus, morning tea/coffee & evening meal on return

8:15am

Bus leaving the carpark of Clondalkin Village Church (Church of the Immaculate Conception & St Killian)

To book a place or for more info contact:

Kathleen R on 086 4041255 or Teresa Coyne on 01 4593993

Places are limited so please book early!!

The Pilgrimage, once an annual event, had lapsed for a few years but we are pleased it once again is being restored.

We will leave the Church grounds at **8.15am on Sat 16th Sept.** We will have a break in Athlone for tea/coffee & scone, returning there for an evening dinner. All in cost is **€40** payable in advance & Fr. Padraig is travelling with us as our Spiritual Director. Booking with Kathleen Ryder at 0864041255 or Teresa Coyne 4593993 or 0851434019.

We hope we to have a full coach of 54 people.



CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Vera Pidgeon
Flowers: Noreen King for September
Church Cleaning: Betty Byrne and Rebecca Duggan

Thank You!

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

Tuesday 5th Sept - CCPC Intercessory Prayer for 9 Clondalkin Parishes. This Tuesday Group joining in Adoration in **Deansrath Church** 7.30 to 8.30pm.

All welcome.

Wednesday 6th Sept - Charismatic Prayer Group-Our Lady Queen of Peace. Prayer Meeting at 8.00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre (downstairs). All welcome especially any newcomers or visitors to our area.

Thursday 7th Sept - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Morning: In the Church 10.45 to 11.45am

Evening: In the Church. Hour of Prayer 8.00 to 9.00pm.

All welcome.



Jack Gareth Lehane, Old Nangor Road
Ella Riley Coby, Main Street, Clondalkin
Macy Pauline Kirwan, Woodford Court

Matthew Stephen Kenny, Monastery Gate Green

Mia Eve Kilgannon, Woodford Drive

Hollie Rozeiro Whelan, Dunawley Grove

Hallie Kiernan, Clonburris Parish

Congratulations and Welcome!

TRIP TO KNOCK - Sun 24th Sept

Organized by the Legion of Mary
Bus to Knock departing from Tesco,
Clondalkin. Fare is **€22**
(tea/coffee and scone included).

Contact Nora on (01) 459 1068 or 087 621 0957
or Jane on 089 953 6305 (after 7pm).



25 of our parishioners will leave for the Annual Fatima Pilgrimage on Wed 7th Sept. We assure them of our prayers and ask them to remember us while there. We wish them a joyful trip and safe journey home and look forward to hearing of their experiences on their return.



Back to school!!

I really don't mind - but good bye lazy days, late nights & mornings. Kids did you know that there was a time when it was illegal to go to school. I wonder why! Can anyone tell us?

"School is different now" my grandparents say "Now it is fun to learn" and of course they are right. It is nice to meet up with old friends and making new ones and learning about so many interesting topics. I have a new brain teaser for you this week and I won't tell the answer - last week's answer was **KUALA** Ciara

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Can you place these words in the table opposite to finish the Crossword?

NOW—TWO—LIP—ONE
ACE - TIN—LAY - SKI
Have fun!!

Send in your answer to us - address in the front of the newsletter or to the Sacristy marked "Just for Kids"

Joke:

What is the most popular answer to teacher's question?
"I don't know"

Village Church

Sunday 3rd Sept - 7:30pm Vigil

Anne Guilfoyle (2nd An),
Noreen Ryan (MM)

9am Margaret Fleming

10:30am Patrick (PJ) Minogue (An),
John McCormack (MM)

12 Noon Kathleen O'Neil (BR), George Reilly (An),
Liz Walsh (An), Sr Rose Martin (2nd An)

5:30pm John Dunne (An)

Mon 4th Sept 7:30m Special Intention

10am Mary Dwyer (13th An)

Wed 6th Sept

10am Oliver Harte (B'day Rem)

Fri 8th Sept

7:30am Special Intention

Sunday 10th Sept- 7:30pm Vigil

Joe & Della Curry (An)

10:30am Kathleen Reeves (An),
David & Ellen Minogue (An),
Patrick McCabe (An), Ollie Harte (BR)

Clonburris

Sunday 3rd September

11am Rosaleen Williams (An)



This weekend, Fr. Bala will be returning to his parish in India. He will take with him our thanks for his willing participation in our parish activities during his time in Clondalkin and our prayers for God's blessing on him personally and in his Ministry. We look forward to welcoming Fr. Bala back to our parish on his next visit.

The Treasure of the Mass!

The following story was related by an elderly nun who heard it from the late Fr. Staislaus SSCC:



"One day many years ago in a little town in Luxembourg, a captain of the Forest Guard was in deep conversation with a butcher when an elderly woman entered the shop. The butcher asked the woman what she wanted. She had come to beg for a little meat but had no money. The captain was amused at the conversation which ensued between the two of them. "Only a little meat but how much are you going to give me?" "I'm sorry I have no money but I'll hear Mass for you".

Both the butcher and the captain were indifferent to religion and at once began to scoff at the woman's answer. "All right then" said the butcher "you go to Mass for me and when you come back I will give you as much meat as the Mass is worth" the woman left the shop and returned later. She approached the counter and the butcher seeing her said "All right then we'll see". He took a slip of paper and wrote on it "I HEARD MASS FOR YOU" and placed it on the scales and a tiny bone on the side but nothing happened. Next he placed a piece of meat instead of the bone but the paper proved heavier. Both men were beginning to feel ashamed of their mockery but continued the game. A large piece of meat was placed on the balance but still the paper held its own. The butcher exasperated examined the scales, but found they were alright. "What do you want, must I give you a whole leg of mutton?" At this he placed the leg of mutton on the balance but the paper over weighed the meat. A larger piece of meat was put on, but again the weight remained on the side of the paper. This so impressed the butcher that he was converted and promised the woman to give her daily amount of meat. As for the Captain he left the shop a changed man and an ardent lover of daily Mass.

Two of his sons became priests, one a Jesuit and the other a Father of the Sacred Heart. Fr. Stanislaus finished by saying "I am that Religious of the Sacred Heart and the Captain was my father".
(Courtesy of Don Devaney)

