



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris ✚ **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 4th December 2016



Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD'S hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the wilderness prepare the way of

the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

*Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. **Isaiah 40:1-5***

In early adulthood I began to find Christmas a great let-down. People talk about the magic of Christmas. At that time in my life, the magic seemed to have disappeared. Christmas began to seem like just any other day, only one with a lot of additional obligations and emotional demands. Ironically, my sense of holiday malaise began to ease when I accepted that Christmas is, in one respect, just like any other day. That is, I can recognize the coming of Christ into my life and into my heart at any moment, on any and every day. Christ's coming wasn't limited to that one single day when "the magic" had to happen. In fact I came to realize that this wasn't about magic at all, but about reality. The true meaning of Christmas is grounded in the profound revelation that God so loves us that he chose to dwell among us both in Bethlehem and today right in our families. I came to see how, in Isaiah's words, "*the glory of the Lord shall be revealed*" whenever I am willing to prepare the way of the Lord into my life. For me, making a straight path in the wasteland usually has to do with quieting my mind and opening my heart. The gift for the second week of Advent is that God speaks a reassuring word of comfort in the midst of our discontent and longing. In this quiet season - a season we tend to fill up with a lot of noise and frantic activity - make time daily to listen for the comforting words of God in your life. Probably the quickest way to begin hearing those words is to create a daily gratitude list. Set aside five minutes each morning or evening and take a few deep breaths. When you are settled, start jotting down whatever comes to your mind that you are grateful for. With a heart full of gratitude, everything else in our lives will change. We will begin to see, even in the demands of our Christmas preparations, the real purpose of those efforts - celebrating the Lord's arrival in our life and the lives of those we love.

Theme: God Speaks Words of Comfort - The prophet Isaiah spoke God's words to the Jewish people in the midst of their exile in Babylon between 597 and 537 B.C. Their lives were shattered, the Temple had been destroyed and the memory of it was fading among their children. In the midst of a discouraging time came words of comfort. God speaks words of comfort to us today. We can only hear them if we are open to listening. They are not the words of false comfort that everything will somehow turn out for the best. They are words that come to us in the midst of our pain and confusion. They will lead us to an even greater sense of God's presence in our lives and in our families. Be aware of the God who holds and comforts you daily.

Frank, PPW

These gifts are given freely to be OPENED - ENJOYED & SHARED



Four Gifts for you
this Advent

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,
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 10am, 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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not later than 4.30pm

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NOW EAGER TO SERVE! Boys and girls of Clonburris who have finished training to become Altar Servers were inaugurated during the week by Fr. Shan. We wish them, their parents and family well and look forward to seeing them as they carry out their duties in the future. Photos by Tommy Keogh



Feast of the Immaculate Conception 8th Dec Holy Day of Obligation

In teaching that Mary was conceived immaculate, the Catholic Church teaches that from the very moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from all stain of original sin. This simply means that from the beginning, she was in a state of grace, sharing in God's own life, and that she was free from the sinful inclinations which have beset human nature after the fall.

On Thursday next we will celebrate the Feast Day.

Masses in the Village: Vigil 7.30pm, 7.30am, 10 am and 1pm. The children from the local primary schools will be attending the 1pm Mass

Clonburris Church: Masses at 11am and 6.30pm

Knockmitten: Masses at 11am and 6.30pm



The answer to Stephen's riddle is: *newspaper*—what is black and white and read all over? I include Stephen's prayer and invite all of us kids to join with Stephen in saying the prayer every day until Christmas. I will certainly try!

Hí Cíara, - Can you please put this prayer to St. Laurence in Newsletter. Prayer to St. Laurence Deacon and Martyr.

"O generous patron of the Church's poor. St. Laurence, pray to the one God, Father, Son and Holy spirit that all the poor of the church in need in every corner of the world may feel the effect of the love of their brothers and sisters who seek to help them. Deliver the church from the greed and envy of the powerful and protect her rights and the property so that she may serve the needy in freedom, giving them good things for soul and body. May we come some day with all those who we helped on earth to the bright mansions of heaven where we will enjoy the riches of God's house and the company of the Saviour who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen." **Stephen**

Stephen THANK YOU. Do you know a prayer or poem you think other people would like to hear about. Let us know!

Monday Club - 27 November 2016 Welcome to you all and welcome to Tommy, Dermot, Leo & Eibhlin and Kay. Today we had a showing of a DVD courtesy of Kay Lee. The DVD was compiled by a cousin of Kay's about her visit in January to Fr Bala's parish in India. The DVD is about the work of Fr Bala where he is parish priest of eleven parishes in his diocese. As I mentioned in last week's newsletter Fr Bala spent time in our parish here in Clondalkin. The DVD shows some of the work that has been achieved through the monies donated. The DVD depicts the harshness of life in these remote villages where the fight for survival is a constant struggle; let it be in housing, education, medical or welfare. I think all of us who saw it can't but help in counting how lucky we are in how well off we are here in this country despite the unfortunate circumstances some of our own have found themselves in. Most of those people live in shacks or mud huts, some with hardly a roof on. Basic facilities like toilet or bathrooms don't exist in most cases, but at the same time it's amazing how clean and well turned out those people are. Kay, you are doing a wonderful job in befriending Fr Bala, giving him much needed support in his various projects and bringing to us here an awareness of the everyday struggles of life, something many of us take for granted. We in the Monday Club have agreed to give a donation of Kay to forward on to Fr Bala to help. If anyone would like to add to it, however small, it can be given to me or left for attention of the Monday Club. Every cent makes a difference to their lives. Clondalkin Senior Citizens Christmas Party on Wednesday 7 December in Quinlans from 4 till 8 pm. Tickets €12 includes full Christmas Dinner, spot prizes and entertainment. Tickets available from me in the club, Noreen King after 10am Thank you to all for making it such a wonderful morning. Take care till next week, **Kathleen R**

There is a Mexican saying that a person dies three times. First physically, second when buried and third, the last time their name is spoken. Well thankfully the faithful departed are never forgotten in our Parish and this was very much in evidence last Monday when Mass was celebrated by Fr. Damian and Fr. Padraig in memory of all who died in our parish during the year. A candle was lit and placed at the Memory Garden for every one of the eighty plus whose funerals were held here in the Church.

Roseanna Caulfield on the harp and Jo Brennan, singer, provided the music, compliments of Brian McElroy, Funeral Director. *Thanks to the many people involved!*



Christmas Parish Remembrance Cards are now available for sale. The Christmas cards have proved very popular down the years. All Masses celebrated in our Church on Christmas day are offered for the recipients of these cards. Also available for sale are Mass cards and cards for all occasions. There are many items suitable for Christmas. Please feel free to drop in after all Masses today and browse at your ease!

6th Dec



OUR TAINTED NATURE'S SOLITARY BOAST
MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

2nd in the series of 4
Advent inputs continues
on **Tuesday 6th Dec** from
7.30pm upstairs in the
Pastoral Centre. Join us
for a Film, cuppa &
discussion

In this episode, Father Barron masterfully correlates the Catholic Faith's testimony to the revelation of God in Christ with the vivid practices of reverence offered to his Mother.

Mary is explained as an on-going presence, an active presence in the life of the Church.

Bishop Barron journeys to the humble remains of Mary's house in Nazareth, to the ruins of the ancient city of Ephesus and to the great Marian shrines of Lourdes and Guadalupe to explain the Church's teachings about Mary as the Mother of God, the Immaculate Conception and the dogma of the Assumption.

CHURCH DUTY



Altar Linen: Kay Lee

Church Cleaning: Kitty Egan, Angela McCreevey, Veronica Bayly, Kathleen Fritzpatrik and May Stynes

Flowers: No flowers for Advent - just maintenance of Advent Wreath

Monday 5th December

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass & Rosary

Tuesday 6th December

Lectio Divina under the direction of Sr. Anne in Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass & Rosary.

CCPC Intercessory Prayer for Clondalkin Parish Cluster.

Please Note: **NO MEETING IN PARISH CENTRE.** Group will meet along with Adoration Group in Deansrath Church each 1st Tuesday of month from 7.30-8.30pm. All welcome.

Wednesday 7th December

Meeting of parents in preparation for Baptism at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre, upstairs

Charismatic Prayer Group - Our Lady Queen of Peace. Prayer Meeting at 8.00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre. All welcome.

Thursday 8th December

Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 12noon and new members always welcome.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Morning: in the Church 10.45-11.45am.

Evening in the Church-Hour of Prayer 8.00-9.00pm. All welcome.

Friday 9th December

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

Pioneer Association meeting in Pastoral Centre at 10.45am.

Saturday 10th December

1st Saturday, Fatima Devotions after 10am Mass and Rosary



Congratulations and Welcome to



Conor James Alexander Talbot, Old Nangor Road

Poppy Margaret Seery, St. John's Lawn

Desmond Armstrong, Grangeview Way

Matthew James Henry, Castle Park

Ella Marie Molloy, Newlands Park

Daniel Patrick Monks, Monastery Road



to the Committee, Members and Friends of Newlands Bridge Club for the very generous donation of €2,660. Your ongoing support is very much

appreciated and will make a huge difference to the lives of the families we visit here in our own community.

Peter Gaynor, President, St. Vincent de Paul



Lord to touch and strengthen us. All are welcome. Fr. Padraig

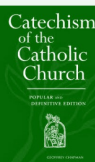


10th December- 11am to 4pm Sacred Heart School Srulleen -

Fundraising effort by the Parents Association
Decorations, Art, Gifts, Hampers, Reindeer Food, Coffee Shop. Drop off food collection for

Clondalkin Helping Homeless - Many thanks and also thanks for supporting our recent fundraising Neven Maguire Food Festival which was a great success.

Melissa Mc Guireon on behalf of Parents Assoc.



Village Church

Monday 5th December

10.00am Hilda Duff (An)

Thursday 8th December

Feast of the Assumption

7.30pm Vigil Peg Lynch (An)
John Lynch (Birthday Rem)

10.00am Blessing for Expectant Parents
Evelyn Jones (Birthday Rem)

Friday 9th December

10.00am Mary, James and Sylvia Thornbury

Sunday 11th December

7.30pm Vigil Peter and Annie Nixon (An)
Marion Corless (An)
Phyllis McGrath (2nd An)
9.00am Molly & Christopher Hannon (An)
10.30am James (Jnr) and Alice Norton (An)
Mary Ashe (5th An)
12noon Matthew Farrelly (1st An), John Fleming (3rd An), Maura Spellen (An) & deceased family members, Patricia Kelly (An)
Phyllis Hennessy and James O'Rourke
Phyllis Hurrell (4th An)
5.30pm

Clonburris

Saturday 3rd December

6.30pm (Vigil) Pauline Smith (Month's Mind)

Sunday 4th December

11.00am Marie Morris, Stephen Morris and Stephen Morris Jnr
Laurence O'Brien (An)
Tony O'Brien (An)
Ellie Williams (An)
Julie Gough (Birthday Rem)
Eileen Denton (An)
Regina Hanlon (An)

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Our Lady Queen of the Apostles National School (Clonburris) is presently accepting enrolments for September 2017.

Closing date is 31/01/2017.

Application forms from Clonburris school.

Tel: 01 4573636.

Places will be allocated in February.



Lourdes 2017

Our annual Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes next year takes place from 12th to 17th May.

Fare: €680 per person sharing (single room supplement €150). Deposit: €100.

Fr. Shán O Cuív will again be our Spiritual Director and our Pilgrimage will be looked after by Marian Pilgrimages. Booking Forms are now available in the Sacristy, Parish Office and Parish Shop.

Padraig Doyle, Group Organiser.



Aonach na Céirde - Craft Fair

today 12pm to 5pm. Looking for that 'special' something, an unique gift that is not available anywhere else? The Annual Craft Fair in Aras Chronain always offers a great range of handmade crafted gifts.

Please call in today and meet local artists and support local effort.



Study of the 10 Commandments continue on **Wed next in the Convent at 7.30pm.** "Dear God help us to purify our worship of you the One True God, cleanse our minds of superstition and of worship of the false gods that we might preach to those without faith the truth of your LOVE"