



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

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Parish Newsletter

Sunday 6th January 2019



EPIPHANY 2019

The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on January 6. This feast commemorates the visit of the wise men to worship the baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. This was prophesied in the Book of Micah. According to the Gospel narratives, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them. These gifts were very meaningful. Gold was a precious and expensive gift, and showed how important Jesus was. Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped. Myrrh was used to keep things fresh, and it was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold his suffering and death.

Following on from my piece last week about what sort of welcome would the Holy Family receive today? If the three kings travelled some distance to Clondalkin to find Jesus would they find him here and if so where? As we begin this new year where traditionally people commence their resolutions which are often broken within the first six days never mind six weeks how shall each of us resolve to witness our faith to family, friend and stranger.

An ancient tradition is the proclamation at Epiphany where the priest or Deacon announces the moveable feast days of the year and in some cases singing the proclamation. To spare you that burden you will find the written proclamation inside the newsletter.

Finally, to thank one and all for their constant support by prayer, time, talent and financially to the Parish throughout 2018 and I wish you and yours a very peaceful & blessed New Year. **Fr. Damian**

As we start into this New Year, take a moment to look back we pray for all who were with us this time last year and are now gone to their eternal reward.

We remember all who are sick, lonely or housebound.

We remember the displaced or forgotten.

We remember all who bless us, share our journey and help us in our daily struggles & anxieties.



"May the Christ Child light your days, and warm your heart and home. May good and faithful friends be found wherever you may roam. May peace and gladness bless your little corner of the world and may the Christmas season & the Year ahead bring the best to you and yours." *Amen*

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

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CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Kay Lee
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Monday 7th January- Miraculous Medal

Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 8th January - CCPC Intercessory

Prayer for Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes. This Tuesday Intercessory Group meeting in Pastoral Centre **7.30pm to 8.30pm**. All welcome.

Wednesday 9th January - Charismatic Prayer Group

Our Lady Queen of Peace. This Wednesday, in Parish Pastoral Centre **8.00pm Prayer Meeting**. All welcome.

Thursday 10th January - Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Morning: In the Church **10.45-11.45am**

Evening: In the Church **7.00 to 8.00pm** All welcome.

This
Week



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

THE EPIPHANY

The word 'epiphany' means 'appearance' or 'manifestation' was used in traditional Greek religion to indicate the appearance or manifestation of a god or goddess in human form, along with the suggestion that the person or persons who had experienced the epiphany would be delivered from danger and/or their enemies defeated.

The Christian feast of Epiphany first appears in Egypt commemorating the Baptism of Jesus but besides this, it later gathers round it other themes, such as Jesus' birth, the miracle of Cana and the coming of the Wise Men. In the West, it is the coming of the Wise Men that became the dominant theme of this day, while in the East it is Jesus' baptism in the Jordan which remains to the fore of the celebration.



the house. Growing up in Galway the day was celebrated with relish by the mothers of the Village. The parlour was rebooked and out of bounds from children and men. As night fell the gathering began—no bell ringing or prior phone call—just walk in with the greeting prayer as Gaeilge. My dad did the serving and the topping up of many tea cups. We the children took full advantage of being boisterous and being kids letting off steam without much correction from dad. Eventually we were allowed to join the fun and partake of the delicious left overs and show off our party pieces to an appreciative audience. Innocent, funny and I am now glad to hear the custom is being revived countrywide! Teresa



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In ancient times before calendars were common, most people did not know the dates for the upcoming Liturgical year. On Epiphany Sunday, the upcoming dates were "proclaimed". After the singing of the Gospel, a Deacon or cantor, in keeping with an ancient practice of Holy Church, announces from the ambo the moveable feasts of the current year according to this formula: Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy I announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour. On the Sixth day of March will fall Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the Twenty-first day of April, we will celebrate with Joy Easter Day, the feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the Second day of June will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the Ninth day of June, the feast of Pentecost. On the Twenty-third day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On the First day of December, the First Sunday of Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Newsletter team wishes all our readers and contributors a Happy New Year and hopes that everyone will be blessed with the precious gifts of good health, contentment and peace throughout 2019

Village Church

Sunday 6th January

6.30pm Vigil Kathleen McDonald

10.30am Ciaran O'Connell, James Crahan, Tom O'Neill, Bridget Leydon, James, Kathleen & Gretta Gallagher

12noon Frankie Brown (B'day Rem), Rosaleen Gill (3rd An)

Tuesday 8th Jan 10am Nicholas Dylan

Sunday 13th January

6.30pm Vigil Annie McBride (20th An)

12noon Gay & Nora Keogh (An), Luke Barry



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This original pantomime, written by two of our very own, is set amongst the pages of a fairy-tale book. "Happily Every After" tells the story of all the characters you know and love from your favourite stories, trying to organize a ball to celebrate the book's 200th birthday.

Location: Moyle Park College, Clondalkin

Dates: Saturday 12th January at 2.30pm and 7.00pm

Sunday 13th January at 2.30pm

Friday 18th January at 7.00pm

Saturday 19th January at 2.30pm and 7.00pm

Sunday 20th January at 2.30pm

Tickets: Adult €8, Child €5, Family €25
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Today is Nollaig na mBan, Women's Christmas.

It's an old tradition that women take a break on this day. There are not too many written accounts documenting this custom. The date is also referred to as Nollaig Bheag (*Little Christmas*). It was the woman's answer to Nollaig Mór or Christmas day, when women worked hard serving and preparing food. This was a time when all of the preparations for Christmas both domestic and financial fell to the woman of

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Apologies: the Newsletters over the Christmas period had to be with the printers earlier than usual. Items received later will be included as soon as we are back to normal!

MAD (Make A Difference) Family New Year Resolutions for 2019



Get Outside More

90% of our best childhood memories take place outdoors. Make a commitment this year to get outside more with your children. That can mean hiking, bike-riding or camping. But it can also mean simply exploring your back yard together. Notice and see the beauty in nature.

Practice Gratitude as a Family

It's a fact that the more grateful your children are, the happier they'll be their whole life through – and to me that's something worth shouting from the rooftops. Please and Thank you are the magic words! Don't let a day go by without saying thank you for at least 1 thing!

Go on More Adventures

Think about how you want to spend your downtime. Weekends, evenings and holidays can be opportunities for adventure, but we often lose them in front of the TV because we fail to plan... make a bucket list of the fun you want to have as a family – then get those ideas on the calendar.

Keep a Record of Your Life Together

Give your children family pictures. Create family memories and leave a pictorial family history. Keep a journal so that your kids can really know you... Maintain a library. The books you keep will give your children an idea of what you read, what was important to you and what you found influential. Children can see where you have dog-eared a corner or underlined a sentence.

Read Together

Studies have shown a steep decline in children's interest in reading around 9 years of age. You know what else not-so-coincidentally occurs around that time? Parents stop reading to their children. Make a concerted effort this year to read to, with, and around your children. And don't forget the importance of modelling with your teenagers. Consciously turn off the screens on a regular basis and pick up a book while in plain site of your offspring, encouraging them to do the same.

Start a Family Game Night

Having a regular family game night is a great tradition to strengthen the family unit. Not only does it ensure time for connecting with each other, it also gets your children in the habit of communicating with you – something that will pay-off big time when they're older. Plus, with the right game, it can be really fun!

Give Warm Greetings and Farewells to Each Other

It's easy to fall into the bad habit of barely looking up from games, homework, books or devices when family members come and go. Make a group resolution to "give warm greetings and farewells." This habit is surprisingly easy to acquire – it doesn't take any extra time, energy or money – and it makes a real difference to the atmosphere of home.

Be Silly Together & Celebrate Together

Make time to have fun with each other. Celebrate achievements and milestones. There's a time when the goal of having FUN is more important than anything else. Don't underestimate the bonding effect of smiles & laughter.

Eat & Make Healthier Food Together

No New Year's Resolutions round up would be complete without a mention of eating better. Give them the joy of cooking for themselves and the family, and widening their palate! As parents we all want to instil in our children healthy eating habits that they can take with them into adulthood.

Challenge Each Other to Think & Act More Creatively & Selflessly

Help kill the creativity and empathy crisis plaguing our youth by encouraging them to flex their creative and compassion muscles this year. Encourage them to see the difference they can make and the inspiration they can be in their world by doing little acts of kindness! Don't let a day go by without doing at least one good thing to help another!

Pray Together

Encourage your children's faith by modelling your own. Encourage them to use words and sentiments from their own culture. Talk about your faith. Faith is the greatest gift that we can give to our children because we are showing them that we are sure that they are always loved, loveable and capable of sharing that love! No matter how dark or bad things get or how alone they feel they are always loved! What a gift!

May 2019 be filled with joy & blessings for you & your family!!



Pilgrimage to St. Brigid's Well 2nd February



Snow in Convent Ground 6th March

St. Patrick's day Parade



Austrian Visitors during the Pope's visit

The year in review in pictures. Many thanks to Tommy Keogh and Eddie for photos.



New Year's Resolutions 2019

2019



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!

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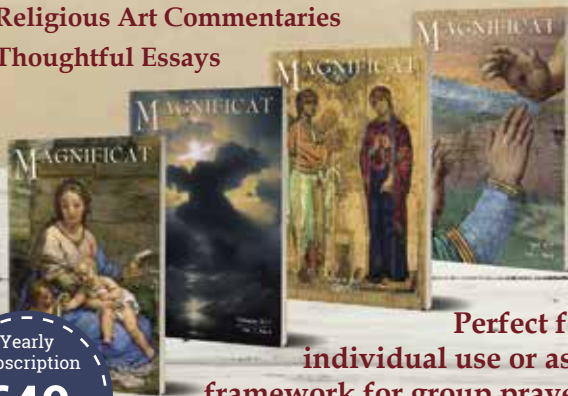
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