



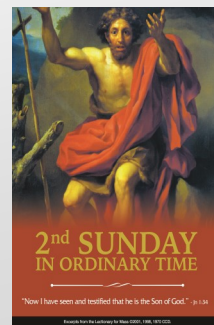
Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 7th January 2018



A Searching God

*He came in search of John.
He came in search of baptism.
He came in search of blessing.
He came in search of the Spirit.
He came in search of God's favour.
He came in search of God's love.*

The first active step that Jesus takes as he begins his ministry is to search. He journeys from Nazareth to the River Jordan to find John, in order to be baptised. While John feels he is 'not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals', Jesus still seeks him out. He needs this moment of baptism and blessing to begin his ministry. This is his moment of divine calling and endorsement from the Father: 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

We know what it is like to search. We yearn for meaning, for love, and our hearts are always searching for God. Today's first reading from Isaiah speaks of this great thirst: 'Oh come to the water all you who are thirsty'; 'Seek the Lord while he is still to be found'. We must seek constantly to bring ourselves into the presence of God, who will give us his blessing and strength for the road ahead.

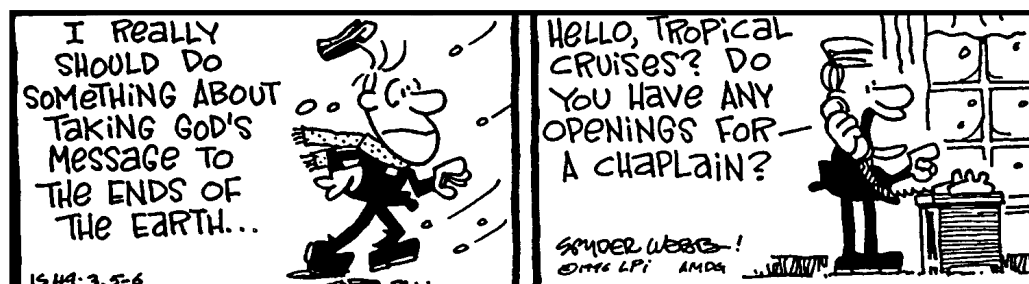
'You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless, until they can find rest in you.'

St Augustine



Triona Doherty

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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 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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not later than 4.30pm

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CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Vera Pidgeon

Cleaning: Betty Byrne and Rebecca Duggan

Flowers: All hands on deck! Taking down Crib and all decorations and storing them away on Wednesday after 10am Mass

Thank You

Monday 8th January

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 9th November

CCPC Intercessory Prayer for 9 Clondalkin Parishes.

This Tuesday evening in the Parish Pastoral Centre 7.30 to 8.30pm (downstairs).

All welcome.

Wednesday 10th November

Charismatic Prayer Group Our Lady Queen of Peace

Rosary - Mysteries of Light—7.30pm prior to Prayer Meeting at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre (adjoining the Church).

Come and join us—visitors especially welcome!

Thursday 11th January

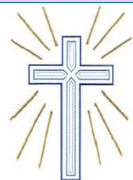
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Morning: in the Church 10.45 to 11.45am

Evening: 7pm to 8pm.

Please note: Adoration closes at 8pm during the winter months

Please do come and spend time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome!



Rest In Peace

Maureen Cooney, formerly Knockmeenagh
Rosanna Farrelly, St. Patrick's
Elizabeth Cullen, Moyle Crescent
Kieran Tully, Lucan Lodge

Recently deceased and we offer our sincere condolences to their families at this time.

LOURDES 2018



Deciding to travel on the Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes? Book before the 1st February to avail of the €50 discount.

The Pilgrimage takes place from 12th to 17th May 2018.

Spiritual Director is again Fr. Shan O'Cuiv and we will be staying in the Hotel Astrid. All in fare is €680.

Booking forms are available from the Parish Shop, Office and Sacristy.

Lourdes Organising Committee



"Villagers Club"

We would like to wish all our members a very "Happy New Year" and to remind them we will be meeting again on Tuesday 9th January in Quinlans 10.30am—12 pm

New members welcome!
Next outing: to musical "All Shook Up" in Coláiste Bride. Please give names for tickets

at next meeting.

Geraldine Lanigan

The Parish Shop is offering the remaining Christmas Stock 50% off original price while stock lasts. Please do call in and avail of the opportunity to get nice cribs and other Christmas item at affordable prices



Mary Farrell

Village Church

Sunday 7th January

6.30pm Vigil:

Jim Stynes, An

9.00am

Yvonne McArdle, an

10.30am

Ciaran O'Connell, an

James Crahan, an

Tom O'Neill, an

Bridget Leydon, an

Joe Ledwidge, mm

Betsy Reddy, b/day rem

Gerry Fallon and deceased members

Fallon Family

Bill and Evelyn Brennan, an

Ludkins Family, an

Betsy Reddy, b/day rem

Rosaleen Gill, 2nd an

12 noon

Monday 8th January

10.00am

Special Intention

Tuesday 9th January

10.00am

Florence Moloney, an

Wednesday 10th January

10.00am

Sr. Mary Holohan, 4th an

Thursday 11th January

10.00am

Doran Family—Gerry, Fran,

Jim, Lily and Damian

Sunday 14th January

6.30pm (Vigil)

Annie McBride, 19th an

Imelda Carr

10.30am

Michael Cullen, 1st an

Vincent and Bobby Norton, an

Gay and Nora Keogh

Tommy Swaine, mm

Luke Barry, an

Joe and Josie O'Connor, an

Katrina Dalton

5.30pm

Clonburris

Saturday 6th January

11am

Michael Murphy A.

Deceased members of Murphy Family

Nancy Heffernan A.

Sunday 7th January

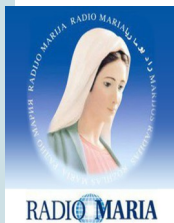
11am.

Margaret Walsh A.



Today, as we celebrate and recall the baptism of Jesus, we invite all babies who were baptised during 2017 to a special Blessing of babies. We invite all the families, including grandpar-

ents, god-parents, aunties, uncles, brothers, sisters, cousins, etc. at 3pm today here in the Church and for tea/coffee and light refreshments

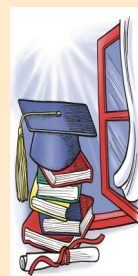


Excerpt from a letter received on behalf of Radio Maria:

"my name is Eamon Hennessy, phone 085/8174799 and I am doing some promotional work for Ireland's only Catholic radio Station i.e. Radio maria and click on and listen live. Spiritual Director is Fr. Eamonn McCarthy

Clondalkin Adult Morning Education - our

next enrolments take place Monday 8th to Friday 12th January 2018 from 10am to 12 noon, also on Monday 8th ONLY from 7-8pm at Monastery Road. Classes start on Monday 22nd January. New classes will include Hairdressing, History (Irish History), Yoga, Mindfulness and an evening Spanish class for beginners. Further details on Church notice boards and Library Monastery Road, or contact 01-4640450 or 0867703445



Mary Seery, CAME (Sec)

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Hi everybody!

Clondalkin Active Retirement will reopen next Tuesday, 9th January at 10.15am in the Round Towers Club.

Looking forward to seeing you all!

On behalf of us all we wish you a "Very Happy New Year"

Clare Morgan



Our new Baptism team will be commissioned today. We thank them for giving generously of their time and wish them joy and best wishes as they take up their

duty in service to Parish life



As a new Parish initiative in preparing children for 1st Holy Communion—Faith, Fun, Friendship, under

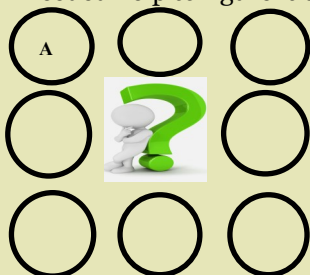
the guidance of Christina, Parish Worker, the children will visit the Church on Thursday at 2.30pm.

Parents please Note: meeting of parents whose children will receive their First Holy Communion during the year, at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre



Back in school again!! Christmas was lovely but it goes by too fast. I haven't made any New Year

Resolutions and I don't think I will bother. I will only break them but I will try to be better!! To start off the New Year I found this head wrecker of a quiz. I needed help to figure it out. What can you make of it?



Starting at circle A and using the number 13 to 20, place one number in each circle so that each of the four sides will add to 50.

Have fun and of course you will need help. Will tell you the answer next week.

Now that we begin a whole new year let us start by sending in your quizzes, riddles, stories etc. and give me a challenge—address on the front of the newsletter, to the Parish office or Sacristy.

Ciara



The choice is ours!

You may have heard this story 'An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life. "A battle is going on inside all of us," he said to the boy. "It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil – anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego. The other is good – joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. This same fight is going on inside you – and inside every other person, too." The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?" The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed".'

In a way, it is as simple as that. Each one of us faces hundreds of choices every day. But they all add up to something. They make us the person we are. We can stay stuck where we are, repeating the same old patterns, or we can leave it all behind and choose a new path.

A reflection as we walk into a New Beginning, A New Year!

Teresa

The Monday Club resumes to tomorrow 8th January after 10am Mass and Rosary in the Pastoral Centre. Anyone wishing to drop in for a cuppa and chat is more than welcome.

I take this opportunity in congratulating the Men's Shed members and the Ministers of the Liturgical Environment—the church even beautiful in its own right - looked splendid for Christmas. The Crib, candles on the windows and the abundant flower arrangements were a fitting tribute to the Birthday of Jesus. It made the Monday Club members proud to have contributed admittedly in a small way financially to the venture. Take care!



Kathleen R.



A Prayer for Family

Lord, you were born into

A family

A good family

A poor family

A holy family

And it was in this family that You came to know who You are and who the Father is.

Lord we too come from

Families:

Good families,

Poor families,

Holy families,

And like You they have made us who we are and continue to strengthen us with their love and support. Bless them Lord for their goodness to us and for all the many sacrifices they have made so that we could be here

And so, Lord, you have called us to join another family:

A good family

A poor family

A Holy family

And we believe that it is this family that we must now strive to live your love with our brothers and sisters.

Help us, Lord, in our struggle. Bless us and make our family:

A good family

A poor family

A Holy family

Amen

(Kind permission from Fr. Mike Ruddy from his book "Seamless Robe")



Saying "Ouch" many times while making the Christmas wreath I wondered what had holly to do with Christmas

"One of the many symbols of the Christmas season is holly. The Druids in particular thought holly was a sacred plant and could protect against evil spirits. For this reason they would often wear holly in their hair, occasionally as a wreath upon the head.

With Christianity the plant took on a new meaning. The red berries were thought to represent the blood of Christ and the prickly leaves symbolized the crown of thorns. According to a legend, "the palm leaves of the crowds in Jerusalem turned into spring holly twigs when the 'Hosanna' to the Christ changed into 'Crucify him!'"

In different parts of Europe holly became known as "Christ Thorn" on account of this symbolism.

The fruit of the holly ripens in winter and so the plant, while connected symbolically to Christ's passion, became associated with Christmas. It is a great reminder during this Christmas season that while Christ came into the world as a little child, he came so as to save us from our sins and ultimately make the perfect sacrifice of himself."

If I had known the meaning and the tradition of Holly I might have used the "ouches" less often!

Teresa



Ciara

