

Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**



Parish Newsletter

Sunday 7th May 2017

Together we are called to be
disciples of Jesus Christ
and together we are his Church!

This weekend we are celebrating **Vocation Sunday**, also known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**. Over the past number of years the numbers of vocations entering the seminary has dropped for various reason. Joining the priesthood, becoming the Shepherd for parishioners, like Jesus knew it, is just one way of living out your vocation. Jesus' image of a shepherd is from of the Old Testament. In the nomadic world of the ancient Middle East a shepherd used to stay with his sheep day and night and it was his responsibility to find pasture and water. The sheep followed the familiar voice of their shepherd. Nowadays some of us might be slightly offended being compared with sheep as these animals are known as not being the most intelligent creatures amongst God's creation. Today's culture would have us focus on being more the Shepherd than the sheep – preferring to make our own decisions, determine our own direction, by our own values. The problem with this seems to be that we then focus only on ourselves, our own needs and forget the 'Other'.

Vocation Sunday is more than the call to priesthood – Vocation Sunday is for all of us who are baptised into the Catholic Church – for you and me. We all have received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Baptism and all of us are encouraged to make the most out of these to build up the kingdom of God. We are called, not to be blind followers, but to bring our gifts, talents and creativity (ourselves) to make this Kingdom a reality here, today!

Each of us is called to share the Good News about Jesus, the Good Shepherd and his promise of fullness of life. **What is your Vocation?**

If you are married or single, if you are a religious or a priest, if you are a man or a woman, if you are actively involved in the Church or ...? Together we are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ and together we are his Church. Our diversity is our joy, our difference is our creativity! So let us build together the Kingdom of God, a kingdom with love at its centre, right now. This week think of one way you can use your gifts and talents in your local parish, and take the step to be involved.

Here's one suggestion for parents whose children were baptised in 2016. We invite you and welcome you and your children to the 12 noon mass. Starting today and every last Sunday of the month we will bless all families and begin of our new children "Play & Pray" adventure.

Hope to see you there,

Christina, Parish Pastoral Worker



My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

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

Holy Days 11am and 6.30pm

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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GRADUATION CEREMONY

A very enjoyable and uplifting Awards Ceremony was held on Tuesday 25th April to honour 45 volunteers who graduated having completed a 13-week training course as Volunteer Tour Guides of Clann Chronáin for the new Round Tower Visitor Centre due to open very soon.

Our thanks to Roisin Burke of Abarta Heritage, our tutor, and to Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Gus O'Connell, for doing the honours at the graduation evening in Aras Chronáin.



MONDAY CLUB - Monday 1st May

There was an unexpected good attendance in the club despite it being the May Bank Holiday. We had the usual tea/coffee, cake and biscuits and a little special treat of sweets enjoyed by all. We did not have any organized activity, but we had a good chat and we discussed a few possible outings for the summer months. There were plenty of ideas put forward, so with the months ahead we will put some or all of them into action where possible. I gave out some application forms for the forthcoming Bealtaine Festival Competition. There was some good positive feedback, so if possible could those who intend entering please bring your entries and forms to the club on Monday 15 May when I will leave them in the County Council Offices. The closing date is Friday 19 May. I will need to get them there before then. I will need to account for all entries and make sure you have your name and Monday Club on each item together with the application form. Thanks to Collette and Josie for all their help on Monday and to all who made the club so enjoyable.

On Monday Harry Keogh and the girls from Coláiste Bríd are coming when they will have some surprises up their sleeves for us. Until then, take care.

Kathleen R



Just for us!

I got a present of the "Children's Prayer Book". It is good! Make sure you get a copy!! I have been reading through it and I like the **PRAYER FOR MYSELF**

"God wants me to be myself for He created me this way. And since God made me who I am Myself I'm quite content to stay."

Does that mean I can still be giddy and make others laugh? "Of course it does" my gran would say, "God likes to see us happy, but not to hurt anyone in the process!"

To make you happy and make you think can you do this frustrating quiz? **ARRANGE 5 ODD NUMBERS IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE ADD UP TO 14!!** Enjoy, Ciara



Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on **Mon 8th May from 19.30 to**

21.00 in the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght. **This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death or whether the death was**

recent or not. Clodagh Dingle,

Parental & Sibling Bereavement Support - Tel: (01) 4045378 c.dingle@anamcara.ie



A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS

To Marcella Grey & Christine Jordan (Neilstown, Rowlagh/Quarryvale parishes) and to Paweł Kaszyński (Bawnogue parish) for completing the diocesan **Foundational**

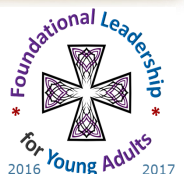
Leadership Program and who graduated, sponsored by the CCPC, with a number of others from the Dublin Diocese last Saturday.

Congrats also to Natalie Doherty (Srúleen parish) who received her FLP Facilitator award. A fantastic achievement and effort by them all.

The FLP is a course offered by the Archdiocese of Dublin. It offers young adults training, experience and the possibility of becoming leaders for their local parishes.

If you are interested and would like to find out more go to -

www.dublindiocese.ie/foundational-leadership-programme-for-young-adults/



CHURCH DUTY



Altar Linen: Angela Minihan
Church Cleaning: Betty Byrne, Rebecca Duggan
Flowers: Elizabeth Mary (May)

Monday 8th May- Miraculous Medal Novena
after Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 9th May- Lectio Divina under the guidance of Sr. Anne after 10am Mass in the Pastoral Centre.

CCPC Intercessory Prayer for 9 Clondalkin Parishes in the Parish Pastoral Centre (downstairs) from 7.30 to 8.30pm. All welcome.

Wednesday 10th May- Charismatic Prayer Group, Our Lady Queen of Peace, in Parish Pastoral Centre. 7.30pm Rosary *Mysteries of Light* followed by Prayer Meeting at 8.00pm. All welcome especially visitors to our area.

Thursday 11th May- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Morning: In the Sisters' Oratory 10.45 to 11.45am.
Evening: In the Church 8.00 to 9.00pm-Hour of Prayer.



Village Church

Sunday 7th May

7.30pm Vigil

Joan Martin (B'day Rem)
John Fleming (B'day Rem)
Camilla Martin (An)
Annie Fitzsimons (An)

10.30am

Sam, Sally and Roisin McCauley (An)

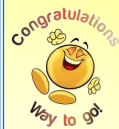
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William Caney (1st An), Tilly Barr (4th An)
Christopher, Lillian & Brendan Behan (An)
Jane Kendellen (An), Marian Hendley (An)
Paddy & Cian Green, Nora & Noel Verso (An)

Clonburris

Saturday 6th May - 6.30pm

Paddy Deans (An)
Ann & Christy Whelan (An)



The pupils from the boys' school will be making their First Holy Communion on **Saturday 13th May**. We wish them a memorable day and hope the sun shines for them and their families!

Please Note: Morning Mass on Saturday will be at 9.30am to facilitate preparations in the Church.



James Archbold, Old Nangor Road
John Murphy, St. Brigid's Road

Our sincere sympathies to their families & friends at this sad time.

PLEASE NOTE:

New Rosters for Ministers of the Eucharist are now available.

Hour of Prayer

You are invited to this Hour of Prayer with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this **Thurs, 8 to 9pm** in the Church. The hour will be led by Fr. Padraig and there will be prayers for healing and individual blessing with Benediction at 9pm. All are welcome.



FYI

As today is Vocations Sunday the collection is for the Seminarians of the Diocese.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

ADULT CATECHISM STUDIES

Temptations in Prayer

The most common yet most hidden temptation is our lack of faith. The principal difficulty, trust in God, concerns the prayer of petition, for oneself or for others in intercession. The Christian monk and one of the most influential theologians from the 4th Century church, Evagrius Ponticus said "Do not be troubled if you do not immediately receive from God what you ask him, for he desires to do something even greater for you, while you cling to him in prayer".

Wednesday 10th May at 7.30pm- Presentation Convent (paragraphs 2759-2772) **Ronan**



Altar Servers

*Mass is more interesting if you get involved! So, why not become an **Altar Server**?*

If you have received your first Holy Communion and are interested in training to be an altar server for your local church please ring or text. We are looking forward to hear from you. Leave your details in the parish office or contact - **Christina Malone, PPW 085 71 62 152**

A man knows when he has found his vocation when he stops thinking about how to live and begins to live.

Thomas Merton

Lourdes 2017



Thirty three of our parishioners along with Spiritual Director Fr. Shán of Clonburris, will be travelling to Lourdes on the annual pilgrimage on the 12th May. We wish them well in their preparations, a safe journey & ask them to remember us as we'll pray for them.



Why is May, 'Mary's Month'?

Here's a brief explanation.

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day in May, mind you, but the entire month.

The custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks. In early Greece, May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity.

In Ancient Rome, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of blooms, or blossoms. They celebrated *ludi florals*, or the floral games, at the end of April and asked the intercession of Flora for all that blooms. In medieval times, similar customs abounded, all centring around the practice of expelling winter, as **May 1** was considered the start of new growth. During this period, the tradition of *Tricesimum*, or "Thirty-Day Devotion to Mary," came into being. Also called, "Lady Month," the event was held from August 15 - September 14 and is still observed in some areas.

The idea of a month dedicated specifically to Mary can be traced back to baroque times. Although it wasn't always held during May, Mary Month included thirty daily spiritual exercises honouring Mary. It was in this era that Mary's Month and May were combined, making May the Month of Mary with special devotions organised on each day throughout the month. This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice until today! **Mary, our Mother, Pray for us!**



On **13th May** this year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first apparition of our Blessed Lady to Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco in Fatima.