



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris ✚ **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 9th December 2018



WAKE UP TIME

We are now in the second week of Advent. Normally there are four weeks in Advent, but this year, there are only three full weeks and two days in the fourth week. So it is Wake Up time! Advent is a time for waiting, preparing and repairing.

John the Baptist is our model in all this. He enters the scene in today's Gospel, calling for people to prepare for the coming of the Saviour. "The Word of God came to John in the wilderness." Notice how it by-passed the great people of the time, the Emperor Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, the Governor, Herod, the Tetrarch and his brother Tetrarchs, and even the high priests Annas and Caiaphas.

John borrows roadwork imagery from the prophet Isaiah, who speaks of flattening mountains, filling in valleys, straightening crooked ways and smoothing rough roads in order to make a passage for the King. He speaks of heavy roadworks ahead; u-bends to be straightened and detours to be navigated. What he is referring to is the landscape of the human heart with its own mountainous regions of anger, deep valleys of grief, crooked ways of deceit, twisted turns of injustice and cul-de-sacs of inhumanity.

Our task during these remaining weeks of Advent is to prepare our own hearts for the coming of the Christ

Amidst the noise and confusion of shopping and spending, let us take a quiet moment, so that God may catch us. In his poem *Having Confessed*, Patrick Kavanagh says God cannot catch us, unless we stay in the unconscious room of our hearts. So let us take quiet time and like John, let the Word of God come to us. Let us not forget the real focus of Advent, the hidden presence of Jesus in his mother's womb.

Sr. Anne



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

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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

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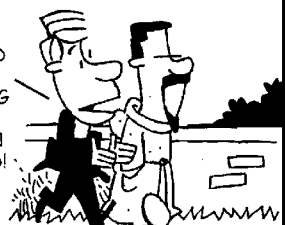
Knockmitten: Mon-Fri Mass times

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Office, Sacristy, by Tuesday
not later than 4.30pm

YOU KNOW, IT
TOOK A LOT OF
GUTS FOR A GUY
TO SAY HE HEARD
FROM GOD AND
START PREACHING
THE KIND OF
MESSAGES JOHN
THE BAPTIST DID!



HE ATE LOCUSTS
AND WILD
HONEY IN AN
AGE BEFORE
BREATH MINTS --
DO YOU THINK
HE CARED WHAT
ANYONE
THOUGHT?



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Altar Linen: Marie Harrington
Church Cleaners: Betty Byrne and Rebecca Duggan
Flowers: No flowers for Advent



CHURCH DUTY

Monday 10th December - Miraculous Medal

Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 11th December - CCPC Intercessory

Prayer for Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes. This Tuesday Intercessory Group joining Adoration Group in **Deansrath Church 7.30pm to 8.30pm**. All welcome.

Wednesday 12th December- Charismatic Prayer Group

Our Lady Queen of Peace. This Wednesday, Rosary **7.30pm**

Mysteries of Light in Pastoral Centre. **8.00pm** Prayer

Meeting. Visitors especially welcome.

Thursday 13th December - Adoration
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

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

Evening: In the Church at **7.00pm Christmas**

Carols (Gaelscoil Cluain Dolcáin). All welcome.



CHRISTMAS NOVENA

(Traditionally recited 15 times a day from the Feast of St. Andrew 30th November up to Christmas reminding us what Christmas is really about)

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment

when the Son of God was born

to the most pure Virgin at midnight

in Bethlehem in the piercing cold.

Lord, as we think and pray about

your coming among us as man,

help us to grasp its meaning

in a way that is personal and profound.

Christ among us, our hope and glory!



The local branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold their annual **Christmas appeal** after all Masses this weekend.
Please give generously



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We remember their families and friends at this time

The pupils of St. Joseph's Boys School and Scoil Íde will be in attendance at the 10.00am Mass on **Friday 14th December**.



There will be a Church Gate collection after all the Masses next weekend (15th & 16th December) to raise funds for the 17 students from Coláiste Chillian who will travel to Uganda in April 2019 to volunteer with local schools and the community.

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



Village Church

Sunday 9th December

6.30pm Vigil Peg & Daniel Lynch, Peter Nixon (An), Teresa Gilsenan (An), Enie Fitzgerald (An) & dec'd members of Fitzgerald family, Christy Maguire (8th An), Mary, Jim & Sylvia Thornbury (An)

9am May Redmond (MM)

10.30am James (Jnr) & Alice Norton, Michael Ryder (An) & Anne Ryder and family, Teresa & Thomas Foley & dec'd family members

12noon Patricia & James McGill (An), Tommy Swayne (1st An), Marion Corless (10th An), Phyllis Hurrell (6th An), Bridie Murphy (25th An), Jack Murphy (34th An), Eugene McNamara (2nd An), Tom, Kathleen, Mary & Noel McNamara, Maura Spollen & dec'd family members

5.30pm John, Noreen & John (Jnr) Devereux (An), Martin Gerard Stokes (17th An)

Mon 10th Dec 10am Donal Hudson (1st An)

Tues 11th Dec 10am Matthew Farrelly (An)

Wed 12th Dec

7.30am Molly & Christopher Hannon (An)

10am Edward & Mary Kessack (An)

Thurs 13th Dec 7.30am Padraig Faughnan (3rd An)

10am Lisa Sexton (An)

Sat 15th Dec 10am Chris Stapleton (Christmas Rem)

Sun 16th Dec 6.30pm Vigil Elizabeth & Nicholas West and dec'd members of the West family, Phyllis McGrath (An), Mary & Patrick Hendley, Patricia Kelly (25th An), Kathleen & Danny O'Neill (An), Sammy McDonald (3rd An), Paddy Delaney (3rd An)

10.30am James & Kathleen Gallagher & Greta Gallagher (Rem), John Bernard Egan (An), Kevin Walsh (An), John, Lucy & Olive Corcoran, Kathleen McCormack, John & Mary Scully (An)

12noon Padraig Faughnan (3rd An), Eilish Hynes (An), Tommy & Hettie Tobin (An), Eugene Garrigan (1st An), Donal Moffat (14th An), Sr. Catherine Fowley (An)

5.30pm Charles Kelly & Bridget Kelly (An)

Clonburris

Sat 8th Dec @ 6.30pm

Eileen Denton (An), Mary Tully, William Tully

Sun 9th Dec @ 11am

May Jones (B'day Rem), Margaret Donoghue (An), Mary Deegan (An), Martin & Mary Walsh (An), Catherine Markey (B'day Rem)

A Carol Service will be held in the Village Church on **Thursday 13th December** at **7.00pm** featuring students from Gaelscoil Cluain Dolcáin.



Mass for the African community will be celebrated on **Sunday 16th December** at 1.00pm in the Village Church.
All are welcome



We're looking for children that would like to be involved in our Nativity Play on **Mon 24th** at 4:30pm in the Village Church. (Mary, Joseph, Angels,



Shepherds, etc.) Interested?? Come along to a meeting on **Thursday 13th Dec** at approx. 2:40pm (after school) in the Church. See you there!! For more info contact Christina 0857162152

Nativity Play



Congrats to Tommy Keogh who was chosen last Saturday night in the Red Cow Hotel as the 2018 Volunteer of the Year from a total of 34 nominees submitted by other Community Groups in the

county, for his long service to Round Tower GAA Club and to the several other Clondalkin Community Groups. Jim Gavin received the Special Recognition Award for his outstanding service & achievements for the Dublin GAA, both as a player and manager. Other Clondalkin winners on the night were: - Friends of the Camac winners of Sustainability Initiative Award (Photo above right) & Clondalkin Handcraft & Horticultural Show, winners of Ireland's Culture and Heritage Award. (Thanks Tommy for the photos)



Last Friday, 30th Nov, we had a moving liturgy remembering all our deceased & in a special way all who were buried from our Church over the last year. Thanks to all who attended or helped prepare this in any way and we continue to remember our loved ones, their families and friends in our prayers.



Recently Married ... Congratulations!
EMMA MCENERY AND AARON FLEMING

Thank You

During the past two weekends we, the pilgrims travelling to Panama, raised nearly €1400 through the cake sale and the bucket collection. Thank you for all the support and love shown by people who have helped us raising the

money. As promised we are leaving a book of petition and prayers in the church. Please feel free to write down your prayers and petitions in this book. As we are bringing your prayers with us to Panama, keep us in your Prayers too as we are preparing for the upcoming pilgrimage.

Dress For Advent - It's common for people to wear secular Christmas colours (red and green) throughout the month of December, so why not Advent colours? Purple and pink! Real men do, too, wear pink these days!!



Monday Club - 3 December 2018

We had a good crowd in the club this morning.

We had two surprise birthday people in Kathleen F and Noel who were celebrating birthdays. We wish them both a very happy birthday and health and happiness in the year ahead. Last week it was decided recycle old Christmas cards for Christmas and make a new one for yourself or someone you would like to give a card to. I brought a bagful to select from which we did. Next week we will assemble the pieces and hopefully we should each have a nice card which should look a bit different from the original. Please don't forget to bring your pieces along on Monday to finish the card. I will have all the cards, envelopes etc. to complete the cards.

Thank you Martin, Collette and Joan for all your help and you all for participating in the project.

Until next week take care.



Kathleen R

Today we are launching & asking you to get involved in our

Christmas Doorstep Challenge

Imagine how many Christmases could be brightened by a simple kind gesture.

The rules:

1. Pick someone who has had a tough time or would simply benefit from some festive goodwill. *If doesn't have to be someone you know well!*
2. Choose a gift for them - big or small.
3. Write them an anonymous note, some kind words about why you were thinking of them.
4. Leave it all at their doorstep.
5. Knock on the door and leggit! - make sure they don't see you!
6. Feel happy knowing that you have spread some Christmas cheer with no expectations of anything in return.



Let's share and see if this catches on and we can spread a bit of Christmas magic. Miracles really do happen!

#Christmas #Doorstepchallenge
Share your Christmas Doorstep Challenge photos with us
On Facebook @TheCCPCDublin



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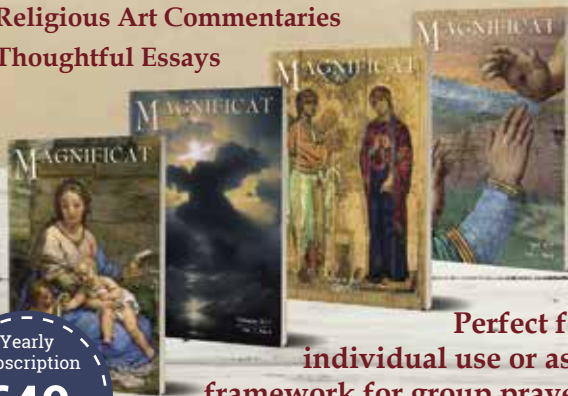
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