PRACTICALITIES AND **ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIFE**

The practicalities and activities of daily life can affect the spiritual life. A mentality can creep in that practical action is all that is needed in building up the Kingdom of God. Spending time and money and effort on giving honour to God seems like a waste when there are so many practicalities to be attended to.

Judas was a very practical man. We are told that he had charge of the common fund. He questioned the wisdom of using expensive ointment to anoint the feet of Jesus. "Would it not be better to spend it on the poor"?

Judas saw in Jesus the potential for a national leader and when Jesus showed little interest in politics Judas schemed to force his hand in a confrontation with the authorities. This would be an opportunity for a stupendous miracle for Jesus to convince the high priests and the Romans that He was indeed the Messiah.

Judas was a practical man with very practical schemes about how to get things done.

In our contemporary world many people have this mentality. Why pray, build beautiful churches, have vestments, liturgies and sacred artefacts when they distract us from the practical work that is needed for the poor and the suffering.

But it is not a case of either/or but both and in their right priorities. First give honour to God to plant his kingdom in our souls and then go about the practicalities of bringing the kingdom to the world

Fr. Padraig

PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION MEETING

Next meeting Friday 10th April in the Pastoral Centre at 10.45am. All are welcome.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 12TH APRIL

Next Sunday, the First Sunday after Easter is now designated Divine Mercy Sunday. "In a special way it is the Sunday of thanksgiving for all the goodness God has shown us in the whole Easter Mystery" (Pope John Paul 11)

Church of Divine Mercy Balgaddy invite all to the Triduum in celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy:

Friday 10th April at 6.30pm, Saturday 11th April at 6.30pm and Sunday 12th April the Feast Day, celebrations begin at 2pm.

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

A very" big thank you" to Sergeant Stephen Leyden for visiting us on Tuesday last. Stephen gave a talk on home security, distraction burglary which was very interesting, you could hear a pin drop, I never heard you all so quite before.

On Friday 10th April, Clondalkin Active Retirement, Bright Side of Life Choir will be performing at the CIE Club, Inchicore with a lot of other choirs, including The Rams from Newcastle. A very big Charity Event in aid of Brother Kevin from The Capuchin Day Centre, who looks after and feeds the homeless, so please support this event which will be a brilliant night. Tickets $\in 5$, so please contact me on 086 3274323! Clare

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Notices and submissions for the Newsletter must be received before 10.30am on WEDNESDAY morning to be considered for inclusion into that week's edition. Envelopes marked "PARISH NEWSLETTER" should be left into the Sacristy or Parish Office.

PARISH TEAM **PARISH NEWS** Clondalkin Village, **Clonburris & Knockmitten** clondalkinchurch@eircom.net www.clondalkinparish.com Fr Damian Farnon. Sunday – 5th April 2015 Vol. 20 No 14 **HE IS RISEN**

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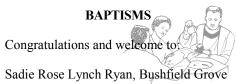
Why look amongst the dead for someone who is alive? These comforting words of chapter twenty four of the Gospel of Luke are a reminder that the feast day we celebrate today is for Christians the highlight of our liturgical year. The bare church building and our fasting is replaced by the joy and splendour of the flower filled church and the new Easter candle. The blessing of the congregations and the baptisms we celebrated today are a reminder of our own baptism and ongoing call to live out

During the week I received an update from Aid to the Church In Need on the plight of Christians in Iraq, Syria, the Middle East, Pakistan and many parts of Africa. Holy Week and Easter celebrations we take for granted are either a distant memory or carried out in secret due to persecution. Please remember them in your prayers

our baptismal promises.

A big "Dziêkujê" or thank you to our Polish Parishioners who this year sent a special invitation to all of us to join in their "Swieconka "or blessing of food. It was great to see a full church with so many young families and the increasing number of Irish parishioners who joined in the ceremony bringing their own food. There are fifty days to Pentecost so, just as we undertook Lenten resolution, we might take on something during Eastertide when we affirm that we are a risen people bringing the good news to those we share our lives with. Thank you to all who assisted in any way in preparing the Church for the big week by exercising their ministry so well.

With every best wish to you and yours,



recently Baptised.

ADORATION

This Thursday, 9th April Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the: **Church** from after 10am Mass to 11.45am Holy Hour in the Church: 8pm to 9pm. All are welcome.

HOUR OF PRAYER

Thursday 9th April, 8pm to 9pm there will be an hour of prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers for healing and individual blessings finishing with Benediction at 9pm

You are invited to come to this Hour of Prayer where we will gather and pray with you and for you as we ask the Healing Hand of the Lord to touch and strengthen us. All are welcome

EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday 8th April the Rosary – Mysteries of Light at 7.30pm before Prayer Meeting at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre, All are welcome. 10.30am

NOTICES

Monday 6th April Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 7th April Lectio Divina under the direction of Sr. Anne in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass. The Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 11 00am New members are welcome

DEATHS We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:

Olwen Kennedy, Castle Close.

recently deceased. May she rest in peace.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Betty Byrne and Rebecca Duggan Altar Linen: Kay Lee Flowers: Marie Harrington

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 6th April Richard Connolly, 2nd An 10.00am

Tuesday 7th April 10.00am Louis Duggan

Saturday 11th April 10.00am Patrick O'Connell

Sunday 12th April

12 Noon

7.30pm (Vigil) William and Mary Murphy Marian and May Murphy Sean Fogarty, 1st An Ellie and Joseph McDonagh John Henry Eamonn and James McDonagh Tony Tighe Elizabeth and John Byrne John Browne, B/day Rem Joseph Lernihan Bernard Sheridan, 20th An Nora Horan Patrick Coby Dalton McElrov Mark Dovle and Bill O'Loughlin Evelyn McGrillen Brendan Kelly, MM John Pedreschi

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 4th April 6.30pm Con and Mary O'Sullivan An.

Sunday 5th April

11.00am Mary Connolly M.M. Christy Downey M.M. Neil Hanlon B.Rem. John Christopher Downey B.Rem. Benny Brown An. Ailish Rafferty An. Annie Maher An. Michael O'Dohoghue An. Paddy and Catherine McElligott An. Florence Herlihy An. Mai McCarthy An.

REMINDER!

Weekday Masses during the week is at 10am only. Usual times of Masses will resume on April 13th Easter Contributions are now due and can be left in the Sacristy/ shop.

"BINGO" IN SRULEEN

A "GOOD" night of number calling is promised to all who would like to come to a BINGO SESSION in Sacred Heart School Sruleen on Friday 10th April at 7.30pm for game to start at 8pm. Books €10 and great prizes are assured.

EASTER SUNDAY BLESSING

At the breaking of the Easter dawn May the Risen Saviour bless your home With grace and peace from above, With joy and laughter, and with love And when night is nigh and day is done Make He keep you safe from all harm. We wish all parishioners a very happy and holy Easter Newsletter Team

LOURDES 2015

Date: 7th - 12th May - 5 nights Hotel: Jeanne D'Arc *Fare:* €750 per person sharing As we are limited to 30 places early booking is advisable. Booking forms are available in the Sacristy, Parish Shop and Office

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

An Intercessory Prayer group meets to pray each Tuesday 7.30pm to 8.30pm for the Clondalkin Group of Parishes (CCPC). Please come and pray with us Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre **Date:** Tuesday 7th April. All are welcome.

MONDAY CLUB

We all had a great morning of chat and anticipation of winning one of Fr. Seamus' beautiful woven Ethiopian shawls. He donated them to the Monday Club last week. It was decided to hold a raffle for them. We raised €106 which was given to Fr. Seamus in the club for his charity. He pulled out the winning tickets for Moira McNicholls, Joan Steed and Noel.

Elizabeth Mary Doyle was to be doing meditation but due to unforeseen circumstances had to cancel, but will come at a later date. Congratulations to her on her recent graduation in gaining her degree in therapy.

Thank you everyone who supported the raffle and helped to make the morning an enjoyable success!

To Joan, Josie, Colette for selling tickets, making tea/coffee and Alan who sets the tables and does the dishes. I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy and Holy Easter. Until Monday 11th April take care and God Bless

Kathleen R