

THE PRODIGAL SON AND HIS BROTHER

The greatest friends of God had their troubles in life and of course Jesus himself was persecuted by the scribes and Pharisees. The world doesn't always like it when we do good but Jesus promised us he would give us his peace in our tribulations. Why so much antagonism among the worldly minded towards what is good, beautiful and true? All too often it is the green eyed monster – the deadly sin of jealousy. We see that in the elder son whom we often miss out on in the parable of the "Prodigal Son". The younger son is centre stage and sometimes we forget the significance of the older son and his role in the story Jesus told.

The prodigal son was a sinner who returned to ask forgiveness of his father. The father welcomes him back and throws a party because the young man has done what is good, beautiful and true. But not everybody is happy. The older son who appeared to be doing what is good now reveals his true colours. Sure he did what was asked of him and was faithful to his father but there was no goodwill in what he did. A poisonous weed was growing within him and now at the celebration of the prodigal's return all the venom within him pours out. He refused to join the party and then lashes out at his father as the pent up jealousy, anger and resentment explodes. Even at his father's pleading he still refuses to celebrate, he would rather wallow in misery outside, stewing in his jealousy and anger. Heaven is inside at the celebration but the older son would rather be in purgatory. His father did not send him there – he wants to be there himself and he won't let go of the things that are making him miserable. In the father's love for his older son he lets him have his way. He wants to go through purgatory and maybe like the younger son there will come a time when he will come to his senses. But he must first purge himself of the poisonous

jealousy and anger within him and only he can do that – his father cannot do it for him. We are not told in the gospels what ultimately happened but with God all things are possible. He gives us all the grace we need to forgive and be reconciled but we must be willing to accept what he offers us.

Fr. Padraig

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

We thank Patrick Stewart from West Co Dublin Adult Education Guidance Service for his very interesting talk on Tuesday last, telling us about all courses that are available to us, which are free, and I hope people will take advantage of this excellent offer.

On 29th April, we will be having a cake competition with three best categories, Best Apple Tart, Best Sponge and Best Brack, then all cakes will be auctioned and proceeds going to Alzheimer's Ireland. So ladies and gentlemen, please get baking.

I hope everybody enjoyed their trip to Trinity College on Thursday last organised by Kay Doyle.

Clare

CHILDREN'S CORNER

We had no entry last week. Maybe it was too difficult – so a very easy one this week

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

Why do we call Good Friday "GOOD"?



Your entries by Tuesday – email

ellenteresacoyne@eircom.net or to the Sacristy by Wednesday morning

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.

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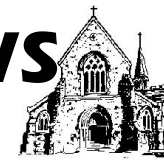
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ALPHA AND OMEGA

Last Thursday the sixth class girls from Scoil Aine, Scoil Ide and Scoil Mhuire along with their parents, teachers and sponsors attend the pre Confirmation 'Ceremony of Light'. During this simple yet moving liturgy the girls who are now Confirmation Candidates received from their parents the baptismal candle that was lit at their baptism some years earlier. The girls and parents shared the candle then the girls held the candles as they took on the responsibility for their faith and to be the light of Christ in the world. The candles were lit from the 2013 Easter Candle. Above and below the figures on the Easter candle are the Greek letters Alpha and Omega (α and Ω). The beginning and the end. Earlier that morning at Knockmitten Church Father Des preached the homily at the funeral Mass of Patricia Murphy. Fr. Des spoke about Patricia's faith which sustained her in times of illness and of her concern for others. She didn't hide the light of Christ but shone it for all to see. We offer our prayers to her young family, may she rest in peace.

Fr. John Wall made a welcome return to the parish on Wednesday when he confirmed the boys and girls from Gaelscoil Na Cámoige agus Gaelscoil Chluain Dolcáin. Congratulations to the pupils, teachers, parents and sponsors. The girls from Scoil Mhuire had their First Penance on Tuesday and on Friday it the turn of the second class pupils from Scoil Ide. Saturday was a very busy day with three, yes three weddings. The second and third were a 'shared' wedding, two sisters, Laura and Avril Hasset married Eamon and Steve during the same wedding Mass. Congratulations to all who marked a sacramental moment during the week.

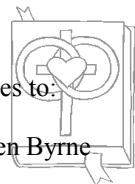
Fr. Damian

WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Louise Marie Byrne and Darren Byrne

recently married.

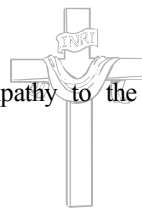


DEATHS

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

Josephine Cullen, New Road

recently deceased. May she rest in peace.



ADORATION

This **Thursday 10th April** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held **in the Sisters' Oratory: from** after 10am Mass to 11.45am, **and from** 7pm to 9pm. All are welcome.

DECORATION OF THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

The people who look after the flowers etc invite anyone with constructive and practical ideas who would like to be part of the team in decorating the church for Easter to a meeting on Tuesday morning in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass.

PASTORAL COUNCIL OUTREACH

The Pastoral Council invite all, especially new comers to the Parish to drop in to the Pastoral Centre for tea/coffee and a great welcome!

NOTICES

Monday 7th April

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 8th April

Lectio Divina under the direction of Sr. Anne in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass.

REMINDER: In addition to the morning Masses there will be Mass at 7.30pm during the weekdays for Lent

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: Church for 7.30pm Mass and follow with Intercessory Prayer in the Pastoral Centre till 8.30pm

Date: Tuesday 8th April

INVITATION!

Moyle Park College Open Day is on today Sunday 6th April from 2pm to 4pm. All are welcome!

ANNIVERSARIES

Friday 11th April

10.00am Patrick O'Connell

Sunday 13th April – Palm Sunday

7.30pm (Vigil) Rita O'Sullivan, B/day
William, Mary, Marian and May Murphy
Phil Fitzpatrick, 5th An
John Pedreschi

10.30am Joseph Lernihan, 10th An
Tony Tighe

George Browne, B/day
Elizabeth and John Byrne
Bernard Sheridan, 19th An
William (Liam) Callaghan,
An & B/day

12 Noon Patricia Robertson, 1st An
Jim Nash, 4th An
Evelyn McGrillen, 10th An
Donal Grace

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5th April

6.30pm Con and Mary O'Sullivan An.

Sunday 6th April

11.00am Benny Brown An.

James and Josephine Kennedy An.

Frances Curran Jnr. An.

Frances Curran An

Michael and Jenieve O'Loughlin An.

Neil Hanlon B.R.

Florrie Herlihy An.

Kathleen Bevan An.

Kate and Tom Lynskeys An.

Competition Winner

Congratulations to Ciaran and Cormac Gavin competition winners, your prize can be collected after Mass.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rita Arnold

Altar Linen: Vera Rogers

COMHGHAIRDEAS

Comhghairdeas do na buachaillí agus na cailíní a chuaigh faoi lámh an Easpaig ar an Chéadaoin.

Congratulations to the boys and girls of 6th Class in Gaelscoil Chluain Dolcáin and Gaelscoil na Camóige who celebrated their Confirmation on Wednesday

VACANCY

Applications are invited for the permanent position of Child Protection Officer to support the Diocesan Dublin Child Safeguarding and Protection Service (CSPS).

For further information contact Ms. Ashling Keane, HR Administrator on 01 – 8087549 or email: ashling.keane@dublindiocese.ie closing date is 5.00 p.m., 16th April.

LOURDES 2014

Date: 7th May – 5nights

Hotel: Jeanne D'Arc

Fare: €735 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

PRESENTATION SISTERS SAY "THANK YOU"

We are grateful to all of you for your support, prayers, Masses, flowers and condolences over the past few months during the deaths of Srs. Kathleen, Augustine and Brigid. May they rest in peace! Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Sr. Concepta

THANKS!

"LOCALISE" thanks everyone for their kind donations at the CAKE SALE - a special "mention" to Sean, Tesco, Citywest and Café Nua. They raised €552.53, which will be used for events in the community

MONDAY CLUB

What a wonderful morning was had by us last week as we were visited by thirty six pupils from Coláiste Bríde with their teachers and Harry from 'LOCALISE'.

Harry had a quiz organised suited for us oldies and the girls of the 21st Century! To say there was a great mix would be putting it mildly. However at the end we knew a lot more about Justin Bieber and Beyonce and two teams tied for 1st place. A tie breaker ensued and the winners gave the height of the Round Tower to the nearest metre and were suitably rewarded.

We look forward to our "Back to School" in Coláiste Bríde next week at 10.45am and we don't have to wear a uniform!!

Don't be late

Joan