

OBEY – OR NOT? MY CHOICE!

The obedience that Jesus demonstrated all through the 33 years of his life on earth was true obedience, which is inextricably linked to love. True obedience and love go hand in glove. Not alone was Jesus humble enough to obey his father in coming among us as Saviour he was even obedient to Joseph and Mary as we are told in St. Luke's Gospel. The culture we live in does not value obedience, dissent is seen as enlightened and deference as courageous. Yet when we look at our recent history and the context of the culture we live in we can come to an understanding of why this is so. It can seem demeaning and dehumanising to be bowing and scraping before some exalted being even if he is God. The weakness of this view is that it does not take account of the free will factor – God will allow us to reject him and disobey him if that is what we choose. Adam and Eve chose disobedience and God let them do it but when they were confronted with consequences, God told them exactly what those consequences were. All right you want to do things your way, you have chosen to listen to a liar and a deceiver, you want to decide for yourselves what is good and evil. In my love for you I will let you, you will be capable of doing great good but you will also know evil – evil suffered and evil inflicted.

We live in an era of disobedience and consequently an era of weak or absent faith. This is due to the human tendency to swing wildly between two extremes. In the mid 20th century there was an extreme emphasis on a mindless obedience to state, the party, the leader. Like all extremes it led us to disaster – 2nd world war. In the 1960's the pendulum swung in the opposite direction, the baby boomer generation rejected the passivity to obedience of their parent and grandparents. 1968 was the year of student rebellions, the year it all went wrong for the Americans in Vietnam and the year the confusion and dissent, which has rocked the Catholic church ever since, began as Pope Paul VI struggled to implement the decrees of Vatican II. That is the situation we have been living in ever since, a situation where it is very difficult for leaders in

both church and secular organisations to give direction, to clarify confusion. So we can see that extremes of obedience and disobedience are pathological. Jesus teaching, his way of living and indeed his very person were the epitome of what true obedience given in love is all about. He never forced anyone to believe in him, follow him or obey him. Instead he captivated people by his goodness and love and they willingly followed him, fascinated even to the point of being preferred to give their lives for Him.

Fr. Padraig

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Aindriú Báicéir is this week's winner. Congratulations Aindriú! Your prize is waiting to be picked up by you from the Sacristy after Mass today.

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

Can you answer the following questions?

1. What was the name of the angel who visited Mary to tell her that she would have a baby and he was to be called Jesus?
2. What were the names of the first man and woman that God created?
3. How many commandments are there in the Bible?
4. What is the name of the beads that people pray with?
5. How many loaves of bread did Jesus have to feed the five thousand?

Your entries by email – ellenteresacoyne@eircom.net – Tuesday evening 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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ANOTHER BUSY WEEK

I know that Holy Week was very busy but the week just gone by was almost as busy. On Wednesday we had the Ceremony of Light for Gaelscoil Cluan dalcáin. On Thursday afternoon the pupils of Scoil Ide and Scoil Mhuire received Reconciliation. Also on Thursday the sixth class pupils of Gael Scoil na Camoige had their Ceremony of Light in Knockmitten Church. This was Father Padraig's first time leading the ceremonies and he remarked how well the boys and girls were prepared.

An example of inter parish cooperation was the uplifting liturgy at the Divine Mercy celebrations last Sunday in Lucan South Church where there were representatives from a number of local parishes and the combined effort and the range of speakers was better than any individual parish could do. This was also seen at the Dawn Mass in Corkagh Park on Easter Sunday.

The Parish Finance Committee has included a piece in this week's newsletter and I would encourage you to read it.

You may be aware that our parish is part of a diocesan pilot program to review our baptismal procedures. As a faith community we have to honestly engage with parents who present their children for baptism. One family are embarking on the journey this Eastertime and will have their daughter baptised on Pentecost Sunday.

Finally, an enjoyable night was had on Thursday when we marked the tenth anniversary of the twelve o'clock Gospel Group. Congratulations and best wishes to all concerned. This week promises to be as busy!!

Fr. Damian

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to

Mary Eson, Woodavens,

Baptised during Holy Saturday ceremony.



LOURDES APPEAL COLLECTION

The annual church gate collection for the Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place after all Masses on Saturday/Sunday 20th and 21st April.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING APPEAL

Last weekend local St. Vincent de Paul Conference distributed bags after all Masses. They ask that the bags be filled with good quality clothing and they will be in attendance after all morning Masses to accept your contributions.

NOTICES

Monday 15th February

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 7.30pm. New members are welcome

Tuesday 16th February

Lectio Divina in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass and Rosary
“Ceremony of Light” at 1.30pm – Girls’ schools

Wednesday 17th April

Prayer Group meets in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm and all are welcome

Friday 19th April

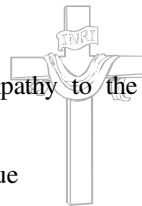
The 10am Mass goers are pleased to announce that they will be joined by the boys of St. Joseph’s.

DEATHS

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

Mark Doyle, Floraville Avenue
Kitty Sherry, Monastery Rd

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.



ADORATION

This Thursday, 18th April, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be:

Sisters’ Oratory: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am

Sisters’ Oratory: 7pm to 9pm and all are welcome

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €3,778 - your contributions including Easter week

ANNIVERSARIES

Thursday 18th April

7.30am Anastasia and Leo Murphy
10.00am Denis Whelan

Sunday 21st April

7.30pm (Vigil) Liam Callaghan, 2nd An
Kathleen and Michael Shannon, 50th An
Phil Fitzpatrick, 4th An
Willie, Joe and Paschal Nixon
Paddy Callaghan
10.30am Kathleen Hagarty
Suzanne White
Jim Nash
Phyllis Egan
12 Noon Henry and Catherine Wall
Tommy Keegan
Donal Moffat, B/day Rem

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 13th April

6.30pm Kevin Blackburn An.
Annie Harrison An.

Sunday 14th April

11.00am David Gus O’Brien An.

Competition Winner

Congratulations to Aaron Bevan Competition Winner for 31st March. Your prize can be collected after Mass today.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Bernardine Wynne, Veronica Bayly and Tracy Whelan

Altar Linen: Catherine Sherwin

Flowers: Marie Harrington to 25th April

“SUNSHINE” FUND SAYS THANK YOU

The “Sunshine Fund” acknowledges with thanks €1,517 – your donations taken up after Masses on Palm Sunday

CAREERS NIGHT

Coláiste Chilliaín are holding a Careers night in the School for 4th, 5th and 6th Year on Thursday 18th April beginning at 7.30pm. So far we have 47 speakers including the producer of Love/Hate, a nuclear physicist, the Communication Mgr UCD School of Medicine & Science, the Education correspondent from RTE, Scientists, Teachers, Lawyers, Medics, Nurses, Gardaí, Forensics, Sports trainers, Irish language workers, Games industry personnel, Interpreters, Techies, Public servants and a special stand on what you can no longer get as a student, grants, etc. If you are a parent with teenagers in the school you are invited to come along with your children.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

At a recent PFC meeting, appreciation was expressed to all who contribute to the upkeep of the Parish by envelope or standing order. This is the main source of income for the parish and all monies collected stay within the parish. It costs just under €2,000 per week to maintain the parish. There are obvious expenses such as light and heat, insurance etc. but the parish supports ongoing training and formation for parishioners and the important work of evangelisation and Sacramental preparation.

If you already contribute, thank you very much but if you do not would you consider contributing? If you do not live in the parish but worship with us please call the parish office to see how you may help. A gentle reminder to those who pay over €250 per year and pay income tax to make contact with the office in order for us to avail of the charity tax refund. As always a big thank you to our collectors and counters as well.

THE MONDAY CLUB

When Áine won the first game of “House” last Monday we were thrilled for her. When she won the 2nd game we laughed, especially when she said she would not take another prize and then she won the 3rd time and the 4th time so we just gave her all the prizes and called it a day!! What odds would she get in a bookmakers? Kathleen will no doubt be able to inform us at her next quiz. As you can imagine it was a fun-filled morning and our thanks go to Josie for all her work and skill in providing us with such hilarity. Hope to see you next week for a different kind of morning!

THOUGHT FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH

Let us sow seeds of justice along with the plants and tend both with loving care!

Joan