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How could he be the father of a great nation since he and his wife Sarah were childless? But Abraham had an unshakable belief that God would provide.

And God did provide and kept his promise to the great patriarch of our Jewish and Christian faith. It is because of that Covenant that we are here today participating in the greatest prayer possible, to pray the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

We pray in our Mass today that our faith will also be strong and persevering.

Fr. Pádraig

DAWN MASS

The Dawn Mass in Corkagh Park on Easter Sunday morning was in a beautiful setting. Tommy Keogh has contributed photos and they will be posted on the Parish Website, address on the front—and your attention is drawn to a swan in flight!

BEALTAINE FESTIVAL

South Dublin Co. Council are delighted to announce that their BEALTAINE

Festival will officially be launched on 1st May and continue throughout the month.

A programme of the various events can be obtained by phoning

Sandra Hickey, South Dublin County Council

Tel: 01 414 9270 or 086 043 1779

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PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Departing 13th May from Dublin—€599

Liam Cotter 014928194 or [0876381157](tel:0876381157).

DIOCESAN

COLLECTION FOR STUDENTS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

The SHARE Collection next weekend will be replaced by a special collection for students studying for the priesthood for the Dublin Diocese.

Again your generosity and support very much needed and appreciated

BEING THANKFUL!

Ever wondered why the importance of saying “THANKS” and not taking for granted what we receive from God and others?

“Because of the dangerous consequences of thanklessness, it dishonours God and leads to dependence on man rather than God. It leads to bitterness, complaining, and a joyless life (Heb. 12:15). Thanklessness promotes pettiness and occupation with self, people, and problems. That in turn creates depression and feelings of hopelessness because we become focused on our problems rather than on the Lord”

(Hampton Keathley, III a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary and a former pastor)

Just after celebrating the great **FEAST of EASTER** we offer our “thanks” to all who made our celebration even more special:

* Our priests, Frs. Damian, Pádraig and Seamus who gave of themselves generously and tirelessly

* The Sacristy and office teams for the smooth running of all ceremonies

* Liturgical Environment team who decorated the church beautifully and to the children who contributed their lovely works of art now on display on the walls

- The staff of Newlands Garden Centre who freely gave of their expertise and time
- The music ministry who added that extra dimension
- The Pastoral Council who gave approval and encouragement

“Were not ten (lepers) made clean? Where are the other nine” (Luke 17:17)

(Children who submitted their lovely works of art and have not picked up your gift please do so from the Sacristy)

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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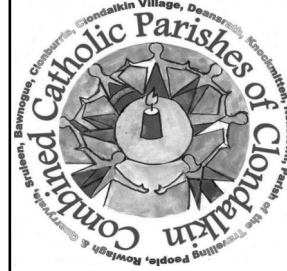
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THE GREATNESS OF ABRAHAM –OUR FATHER IN FAITH

The three great Biblical figures of the Covenant are Noah, Abraham and Moses. They were men of great faith who were rewarded for their courage and perseverance by having an unbelievable promise made to them and their descendants by God. This promise is what we call a Covenant.

Abraham the father of the Jewish Nation and by extension also the father of all Christians who grew out of the seedbed of Judaism, was not just a man of faith but a man of great faith. We make acts of faith all the time, some are little and others are of much greater significance. Our little acts of faith do not make much of a demand on us - the greater our act of faith the more we are tested.



The story is told of the tightrope walker who was about to cross a great waterfall. Before he stepped on to the rope he asked the assembled crowd of onlookers if they believed that he could walk across to the other side of the chasm. They all responded “yes” with great anticipation. The daredevil tight rope walker pointed to a wheelbarrow standing next to him. He asked the crowd if they believed he could push this wheelbarrow across the chasm. They all answered “yes”-they believed he could do it. He then asked for a volunteer to get into the wheelbarrow and he would take both across to the other side. There were no takers. It was easy to have faith when there was little or no risk – it was much more difficult when there was a risk.

If we could extend the analogy, Abraham was a man prepared to volunteer to get into God’s wheelbarrow and go on the tight rope. It took enormous courage and perseverance to believe in what God promised him and leave his home for a distant country. Not alone that but he convinced his family and relatives to come with him with all their possessions. As he set out he had no idea of what sacrifices would be asked of him or where it would all lead to.

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BAPTISMS

Welcome newly baptised:

Kilian Adam McCabe,
Bushfield Lawns
Holly Gemma Sweeney,
Deansrath

Lucy Josephine Moore
Gregory, Castle View Rd

Clodagh Ellen marsh, St. Brigid's Rd
Xavier Dabrowski, Mount Talbot

Dalton-Joseph Peter Sweeney-Sneddon,
Monastery Gate Copse

Flynn Graham Butler, Palmerstown
Woods

Jamie Daniel Gaffney, Cherry Wood Park



WEDDINGS

Our heartiest congratulations and
best wishes to newly married:

Kelly Marie Sexton and Stephen
Farrington



ADORATION

This Thursday, 23rd April, Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament will be in the:

Sisters' Oratory : 10.45am to 11.45am

Church: from 7pm to 9pm

LOURDES APPEAL

Collection for the Lourdes Appeal takes
place after all Masses today.

Your generosity will be much appreciated

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The children of the Gaelscoileanna

will receive the Sacrament of
Confirmation on Wednesday

next at 11am



**To facilitate the Confirmation the
10am Mass will be at the earlier time
of 9.30am**

CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR 9 PARISHES

This Tuesday 21st April Intercessory
Group praying in Parish Pastoral Centre
at 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Come and join with us if you can

DEATHS

We extend our deepest sympa-
thies and prayers to families and
friends of recently deceased:
Peter Courtney, Boot Rd
William Bacon, Ballivor, for-
mally Castle View



CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

On Friday last our choir BRIGHT SIDE OF
LIFE sang at The CIE Club, Inchicore, and
they were absolutely fantastic, they did us
proud. A big THANK YOU to Choir Master
Peter Bramble and Musical Director Phyllis
McCarthy.

On Thursday 14th May Bright Side of Life
Choir will be making their debut in Towers
Club at 7.30 as part of the Bealtaine Festival
and all are welcome.
Thank you Frank and Bertie for the great
music on Tuesday last. A very Happy
Birthday to Frank Cousins, who does
wonderful work for older people

NOTICES

Monday 20th April

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass
and Rosary.

Tuesday 21st 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.

“THANK YOU”

With heartfelt gratitude I say “THANKS”
to all who sent me Mass Cards, Get Well
cards, their best wishes and assurances of
their prayers while I was sick. The Holy
Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for
all your intentions.

I am once again out and about and enjoy-
ing meeting with everyone
Peg Noonan

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 18th April

6.30pm James McGrath an

Sunday 19th April

11.00am David Gus O'Brien, an
Liam Callaghan, an

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Kitty Egan, Angela McCreevey
Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Veronica Bayly
And May Stynes

Altar Linen: Catherine Sherwin

Flowers: Maintenance by those who
made the arrangements—must be
maintained up to and including Pentecost
Sunday, 24th May

ECO WEEK 20TH –24TH APRIL

Capture the interesting and diverse fea-
tures of Corkagh Park with local photog-
rapher Tommy Keogh on Wednesday
22nd April at 11am in Corkagh

As places are limited they will be allo-
cated on first come first serve basis.

Apply by phone, South Dublin Co.

Aisling Stafford: 4149000 Ext. 6069

Gina Lee: 4149000 Ext 2791

Tommy Keogh: 087 2812626

Bring along your camera and enjoy

ADULT FAITH FORMATION STUDY OF THE CATECHISM

Before Easter we learned how God cre-
ated people with the capability of know-
ing Him

Our response to Him through Faith—
Gift freely given and not through force -
“It is both personal and corporate. It is
personal because only I can make it.

It is corporate I do not make up the con-
tent of the faith. That is something which
I receive from the church and then I
freely commit myself”

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ANNIVERSARIES

Included in the anniversary list for today at
12 noon Mass: Liam Callaghan, 4th an

Monday 20th April

10.00am Brian McDonagh

Sunday 26th April

7.30pm (vigil) Samantha Kearney, Late of
Monastery, mm

9.00am Patrick, Bridget and Sean
Kenny

10.30am Kathleen Hagerty, 3rd an
James and Josie Fitzsimon
Paul Maher
Pat Ryder

12 noon Joe Cullen, 2nd an
Henry and Catherine Wall
Liam Callaghan, 4th an
Peter Lynch

Pamela Delaney, 17th an
Betty Dunworth, 1st an

MONDAY CLUB

What a lovely morning was enjoyed by us
last week with Minnie's musical mix for
our entertainment. “The Golden Greats” or
“Music for Middle Brows” really sums it
up. Starting with music from “Oklahoma”
“The Student Prince” etc all those lovely
shows had us humming and singing along.
She then spoke about how Julie Andrews
on being asked about her favourite song
from 50 year old this year musical “The
Sound of Music” said “edelweiss” and we
all sang it. Then to serious songs, she
spoke of how the late Liam Clancy who
was ill at the time gave such a wonderful
rendition of “Aghadoe”. It was so moving
we were spellbound as we listened.

As the 1916 centenary approaches she
played “Grace” by a recently deceased Jim
McCann which is such a powerfully mov-
ing song made all the more poignant by his
recent death.

On a lighter note we moved to Joseph
Locke and his great voice and finished our
morning with “Goodbye”, happily sung
along by all as we clapped and cheered.

Next week we hope to have a “BINGO”
session
Joan