

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

A very big “thank you” to Brian McElroy and Willie for the talk they gave advising us on details of funeral arrangements and their booklet. We then had a little sing song from our very own girl band, great work ladies.

Cake sale on Tuesday 29th April so ladies and gentlemen please get baking as all proceeds goes to Alzheimer's Ireland.

Trip to Waterford Crystal on Thursday 22nd May, so get booking everybody! Next Tuesday we will have Lily Doherty from Citizens Advice giving us a talk. Wishing you all a very Happy Easter!
Clare

MERCY SUNDAY AND THE CANONISATION OF TWO POPES

On Sunday next 27th April, Sunday of Divine Mercy Blessed John XXIII and Blessed John Paul II will be canonised by Pope Francis in Saint Peter's Square in Rome.

The first miracle attributed to **Saint John Paul II**, which led to his beatification, concerned the healing of a French nun who recovered from Parkinson's disease in 2005. Sister Marie Simon-Pierre had said that her illness suddenly vanished when her order started praying on her behalf. A second miracle involved a Costa Rican woman who was cured of a cerebral aneurysm the very day of John Paul II's beatification.

Blessed John XXIII was pope from 1958 to 1963 and convened the Second Vatican Council. The first miracle attributed to him is the healing of an ailing nun of stomach ulcers in 1966, three years after his death. Pope Francis took the rare step of waiving the requirement of a second miracle, paving the way for his imminent canonisation.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS will be held in the Church of Divine Mercy in Balgaddy starting at 2.30pm

HOUR OF PRAYER – THURSDAY 1ST MAY

There will be an Hour of Prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers for healing and individual blessings finishing with Benediction on Thursday 1st May at 8pm to 9pm

You are invited to come to this Hour of Prayer where we will gather to pray for you as we ask the healing hand of the Lord to touch and strengthen us and all are welcome
Fr. Padraig

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SHOP

The Saint Vincent De Paul shop on Main Street in the Village is looking for good quality clothes and bric-a-brac. You may be aware that the shop is doing great business at the moment and is in continual need of new stock. What may seem of no use to you could be used by someone else.

“THANKS”

Dermot McGilloway, Regional Manager, St. Vincent de Paul appreciated your generous donations of clothing etc in their recent appeal.

CHILDRENS CORNER

Your coloured pictures gave us great pleasure. Don't forget to claim your prize from Fr. Damian



THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

What do we celebrate at Easter? Your entries to ellenteresacoynes@eircom.net by 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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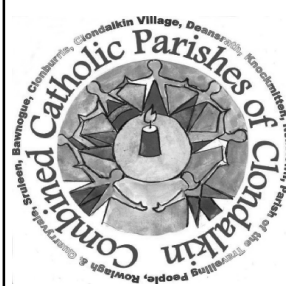
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EASTER 2014

During the week some younger parishioners put this question to me. Why does Easter change every year? Knowing only too well what the real question was I replied that Easter doesn't change every year only the date is different, caused the original question to be repeated but phrased a different way. Why does the date of Easter change every year? **Easter occurs on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox which this year is the 20th April.** You might like to keep this newsletter in case reasoning behind the date of Easter comes up in a quiz.) This reflects the occasion of the first Easter. It was the time of the Jewish feast of Passover-the time of liberation which was well remembered by shepherds of the desert-because the gentle but clear light of the full moon at night provided a very suitable time for the herding of sheep to pastures new.

The symbol of light is an appropriate one for Easter. On Holy Saturday night we light and bless the paschal candle lit from the Easter fire. As we take our lights from the candle and chant 'Christ our Light' we recall Christ's victory over darkness. The church becomes brighter as the number of lighted candles multiplies and we join with newly baptised and confirmed Christians throughout the world who add to the growing number of believers. The work of Easter doesn't stop today. Rather, it is the beginning of fifty glorious days towards Pentecost.

A big thank you to all who used their gifts and talents during the season of Lent, Holy Week and the Triduum. A particular welcome to visitors and those living overseas who are with us this Easter.

Fr. Damian

WEDDINGS



Congratulations and best wishes to:

Louise Murphy and David Behan

recently married.

ADORATION

This **Thursday 24th 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.

ANNUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Coombe Women & Infants University Hospital: is holding their Annual Service of Remembrance on Sunday 27th April in Our Lady of Dolours Church, Dolphins Barn, at 3.00 p.m. All most welcome.

“JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR”

Leixlip Musical & Variety Groups present the musical at St. Mary's GAA, Leixlip from April 29th - May 3rd at 8.00 p.m.

Tickets €15 to book phone Box Office 087 1632268 or tickets available from local pharmacies.

NOTICES

Monday 21st April

Bank Holiday, **Mass at 10am only**

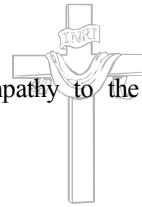
Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 22nd April

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

Mass during the week is at 10am only – please note – no 7.30am Mass

DEATHS



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

Frances Henry, Cherrywood
Nora Horan, New Road

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 21st April

10.00am Bernard Brown, 24th an

Tuesday 22nd April

10.00am Denis Whelan

Wednesday 23rd April

10.00am Louis Duggan

Thursday 24th April

10.00am Tom Adams, 11th An and pray for Mary his wife also deceased

Saturday 26th April

10.00am Patsy and Bill Keogh

Sunday 27th April – Mercy Sunday

7.30pm (Vigil) Willie, Joe and Paschal Nixon
Máiréad Doyle, MM
Robert, Mary and Patrick Balfe
Patrick Domican
Bridget Kenny
Joe Cullen, 1st An
10.30am James and Josie Fitzsimons
Paul Maher
Kathleen Hagerty, 2nd An
Pat Ryder, 3rd An
Jim McHale, 1st An
Josephine Kelly, MM
12 Noon Harry and Catherine Wall
Matt Gilligan and family
Peter Lynch, 2nd An
Pamela Delaney, 16th An
Tom Keegan, 5th An
Maura Watchhorn, 1st An
Archie McEvoy
Patrick Mulholland, 17th An

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Sunday 20th April

11.00am David (Gus) O'Brien An.
Noel Mc Evoy An.
William Kavanagh An.
Annie Kavanagh An.

Baptism

Congratulations to Emily Anne-Marie Hendrick-Cruise who was Baptised last Sunday.

Thank you to all my kind friends and neighbours for all the many lovely cards and gifts and your very good wishes to me while I was sick. I appreciated each and every one. God Bless you all.

Doreen..

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Bernardine Wynne, Veronica Bayly, Tracy Whelan and Josephine Hearty

Cleaning: Flowers: Maintenance of flower arrangement – full team

CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER

CCPC Intercessory Prayer will be held on Tuesday, 22nd April:

Venue: Rowlagh Parish Community Room

Time: 7.30pm to 8.30pm and all are welcome

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima (originally Clondalkin Parish 8 days Pilgrimage to Fatima for the past 24 years)

Date: 11 – 18th September

Spiritual Director: Rev. Fr. Owen Lambert CSSp

Hotel: Domus Pacis, Fatima

Fare: €725 per person sharing

Further details from Eileen Carty, 4574832

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

PILGRIMAGE TO CORK IN HONOUR OF VENERABLE NANO NAGLE

The Presentation Sisters and Associates invite you to Cork to celebrate Nano made Venerable on May 10th 2014. Bus will leave Clondalkin Church at 8.00 am. We look forward to many of you joining us for the day. Please give your name to Sr. Concepta (0876222847), parish office or convert if you are interested. More details after Easter.

MONDAY CLUB

We had an action packed morning last week as we discussed plans for the Trócaire Bucket. Kathleen has a few very good ideas which were added to as the morning progressed. As it was our last day before Easter we had a raffle for an Easter egg and Elizabeth Lombard won this – we were all hoping – but that's the luck of the draw.

The next meeting will be on 28th April and all going on the trip to Connemara need to bring their money with them.

An Easter Blessing

May God bless you at Easter and keep you all year through

May God give you all the faith it takes to make your dreams come true!

May his love and wisdom always help to guide you on your way

May His light shine down upon you now to bless your Easter day Joan

May we, the Newsletter team add the sentiments from the above poem to all our readers and contributors and wish all a

very Happy Easter