

## CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Sometimes our meetings programme can change suddenly, as happened recently, following a talk by a guest speaker.

Somebody suggested we have a sing song, first up to the mike was Theresa, followed by Maura, Patsy, Rita and Eileen, (one thing for sure, our members are not shy)!!!

Much the same happened last week on our night out to the C I E Club. The event was organised by our own Margaret Wignal, in aid of the Irish Heart Foundation.

We were entertained by the local talent, and danced into the early hours, we all had a brilliant time.

Next Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April we will be getting an early train to Belfast for the Titanic Exhibition, and some shopping. Ah, It's great to be alive!!!

Thomas

## AGE ACTION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Age Action would like to thank all those who contributed to their recent collection. The amount collected was €418.

Chris Andrews

## DUBLIN CURSILLO

Dublin Cursillo is hosting a Cursillo gathering with particular emphasis on asking all who have experienced a Cursillo weekend and are living in Dublin to reunite with your brothers and sisters in Christ. This event will take place in St. Francis of Assisi Church, Priorswood, Dublin 17 on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm beginning with Mass and followed by an Ultreya with refreshments. Bishop Eamonn Walsh will preside and Fr. Sean Kelly, OFM, Cap will preach at the Mass. Everyone welcome to 'Come and See'.

Please let us know if you are coming at kellybrosean@aol.com.

## “PLAY IN A DAY”

On April 25<sup>th</sup> the transition year students from Coláiste Bríde and Moyle Park will be hosting Play in a Day @ 7pm in Áras Chronáin. The event takes place over the space of 24 hours the transition year students will write, direct and rehearse 6 mini plays and then on the night of the 25<sup>th</sup> they will be performed. This is a charity event in aid of Our Lady's Children's Hospital. Tickets are €5 each and all donations are very welcome! Please contact Orla Doherty on 0857546070 for tickets. It promises to be an amazing night!

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

## THIS WEEK'S QUIZ – BY PETER, OUR PASTORAL WORKER

Today is “Vocation” Sunday and keeping with this theme can you answer the following:

1. What order is the community of Sisters who live in the convent next to our church in the Village?
2. What order are the community of Brothers who run Moyle Park School?
3. What is the name of the place where men go to train for the priesthood?
4. What is the name of the sacrament when a man becomes a priest?

Your entries Tuesday evening by email – ellenteresacoyne@eircom.net or 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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# PARISH NEWS

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Clonburris & Knockmitten



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## WHERE IS GOD?

How would you answer someone who witnessed the recent atrocities in Boston and Texas in the USA, or the families of the victims of this violence, if they questioned the presence and existence of God amid such suffering? One approach as Christians is for us to think about our image of God. God, as Creator, is not a puppeteer who controls our every move but rather as the One who gave us the gift of free will, even if that means that suffering will exist. This doesn't mean that God has abandoned us and left us to our own devices. Our God is not a distant God but became so intimate with us by becoming one like us in the person of Christ, who shared in the suffering of humanity just as God the Father knew the suffering of the death of his only Son. This Easter season reminds us that death and suffering are not the end. The resurrection surely brings the promise of hope into these difficult situations.

God is always present and the challenge sometimes is for us to search until we find God. I like to think that God was in the heroic actions of those who put themselves in positions of danger to carry to safety those injured in the explosions or in the life saving work of the medics. Yet, because we are all created in the image and likeness of God we must accept the challenge to think about how we reflect that image to others in the things we say and do. What image of God do we, who profess to be followers, present to the wider world? This week, let's try to bring the presence of God to those around us in the hope that this might make a positive impact on the lives of others and help others to see that the answer to the question 'Where is God?' is 'Right here!'

Have a good week!

Fr. Damian

## BAPTISMS

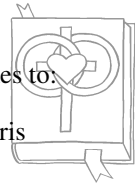
Congratulations and welcome to



Ruby Joan Kavanagh, St. Ronan's Gardens  
Kallie Itoro Umo, Áras na Cluaine  
Lucy Hannah Fallon, Convent Rd  
Aaron Kelly Weldon, Hillcrest Heights  
Myah Hanna O'Connor, Woodford Lawn

## WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to



Claire Tunmore and Sean Harris  
recently married.

## ADORATION

This Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be  
**In the Sisters' Oratory:** from after 10am Mass to 11.45am  
**In the CHURCH:** 7pm to 9pm and all are welcome

## EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April "The Missionary Rosary" will be recited in the Prayer Group at 7.30pm prior to Prayer Meeting starting at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre and all are welcome.

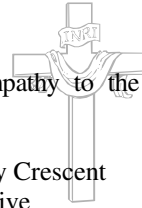
## NOTICES

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**  
Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.  
Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 7.30pm. New members are welcome

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**  
Lectio Divina in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass and Rosary

## DEATHS

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



Patrick O'Connell, Monastery Crescent  
Patricia Robertson, Castle Drive

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

## FRANCISCAN 3<sup>RD</sup> ORDER MEETING

The meeting will be on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April after 10am Mass in the Front Room, Presentation Convent.

New members are always welcome.

## PLEA FROM THE MINISTERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Christmas was followed by Easter sooner than other years and we almost blew our budget on flowers. Now with Pentecost approaching – Birthday of church and the start of Baptisms during Mass – we would appreciate donations of or for flowers to enable us to decorate the church fitting for the occasions. Donations can be handed in to the Sacristy marked "flowers" or flowers, red and white, on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May for Pentecost Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May

## ANNIVERSARIES

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**  
7.30am Bill and Patsy Keogh

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April**  
7.30pm (Vigil) Paddy Callaghan, 8<sup>th</sup> An  
9.00am Bridget Kenny  
10.30am James and Joseph Fitzsimons  
Pat Ryder  
Pat Gleeson, 2<sup>nd</sup> An  
12 Noon Paul Maher  
Pamela Delaney  
Jane Kendellen

## CLONBURRIS

### Mass Intentions

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April

11.00am Jenny Molloy An.  
Noel McEvoy An  
William Kavanagh An.  
Annie Place An.  
Deceased members of Place family.  
Caroline Markey An.

### Competition Winner

Congratulations to this week's winner Naoise Sullivan. Your prize can be collected after Mass today.

## CHURCH DUTY

**Cleaning:** Kitty Egan, Elsie Naughton, Angela McCreevey, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Veronica Bayly and May Stynes

**Altar Linen:** Vera Pidgeon

**Flowers:** Kathleen Cosgrove (Friday April 27<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May  
(Church in use Tues at 11am, Wed and Thurs at 11.30am)

## "YOUR FUTURE"!!

The Presentation Brothers are holding an informal information weekend for men interested in a religious vocation. 11am Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> - 2pm Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> April at Presentation Brothers, Glashule. For full details contact Br Anthony at 2300824 or email [vocation@PresentationBrothers.org](mailto:vocation@PresentationBrothers.org) Visit [www.PresentationBrothers.org](http://www.PresentationBrothers.org)

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The First Holy Communion season begins next Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April. At 11am the church will be filled with happy girls from the local schools, their families and teacher. We pray that the sun will join in making the day a time to remember always.

10am Mass goes please note: Mass time changed to 9.30am

## VOCATIONS SUNDAY – APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>

On Vocation Sunday we remember that all of us who are Baptised, have a vocation to follow Jesus, whether we are Married, Single, in Religious life or in the Priesthood. Today is a special day in which we pray for all. "Explore Away" is a program for anyone who is searching for a way to offer yourself in the service of God's world. If you are interested look up [www.exploreaway.net](http://www.exploreaway.net) where you will find all the information you need. There is an open day on May 26<sup>th</sup> for anyone interested or contact Sr. Concepta at 0876222847.

## FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €1,831 – your planned giving contributions this week.

## MONDAY CLUB

Bruges was the main subject of Kathleen's talk last Monday. This World Heritage Centre with its stunning architecture is only one hour from Brussels. The city dates back to the 9<sup>th</sup> Century and has been ruled by the Spanish, Austrian and French amongst others down through the centuries. It is the ideal place for a short holiday as it is so near to the war memorials and is surrounded by tiny villages which are all self sufficient and produce wonderful foods. But - and it's a big but – the scars of war are never far away a undetonated bombs manage to kill an average of ten farmers every year. Something we don't hear about! However on a brighter note their chocolate is gorgeous and their cakes and pastries are delicious.

## I HAVE BEEN GIVEN THIS QUOTE FOR YEAR OF FAITH:

Pray that Mission Churches may be a sign and instruments of hope of the Resurrection and Renewal of our faith!

Joan