

## “WALK OF MERCY” PILGRIMAGE

At the Masses today you will meet the pilgrims who are going to represent our Clondalkin parishes at the World Youth Day in Krakow. They invite you to join them for the “Walk of Mercy” on Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.

One of the focus’ for this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy is Pilgrimage.

Many will celebrate this Year of Mercy by travelling to places such as Lough Derg, Lourdes, WYD, The Camino or Rome, etc., on retreat or Pilgrimage. But such pilgrimages are not a possibility open to us all.

So, we are inviting YOU to rediscover and make a pilgrimage to our local Holy Places – Walking on the hallowed ground, feeling the energy of the prayers of previous generations and being open to the grace of encounter.

You can make this pilgrimage at any time, alone or with a group, over one day or a number of weeks (see leaflets and pilgrim prayer card at the back of the church). But, if you wish, please join with us on our ‘Walk of Mercy’ throughout the Clondalkin parishes on Sunday May 1st starting with 10am Mass in Knockmitten Church.

Everyone is welcome to come along and join in for all or part of the walk. For further information please see the noticeboard or ring Christina Malone, 085 7162152. Spread the word and we hope to see you there!

## CLONDALKIN HISTORY SOCIETY LECTURE

‘If these trees could speak’- the family history of Lord Massy- is the title of Frank Tracy's illustrated talk on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016. The venue is Aras Chronain, Watery Lane, commencing at 8pm. Admission is € 5.00 (non members). All are welcome."

Padraig A O' Murchu

## ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society will be held on Wednesday next, 27<sup>th</sup> April in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass and Rosary. New members always welcome.

## CHURCH DUTY

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

**Altar Linen:** Mary Leonard

**Flowers:** Elizabeth Mary from 22<sup>nd</sup> April to 6<sup>th</sup> May

Re Mercy Garden – we are considering finishing with the Garden after Pentecost and planting the flowers elsewhere, as it may not be possible to continue with the oncoming of holidays etc. but hope to renew it for the month of the Holy Souls

## CLONDAKJIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

It was great to have Bertie Brown and Frank back this week, with great music and song, thanks guys.

On Monday last a large group of us visited The Ladies Club, Newcastle, where they put on a show all about the ladies of 1916, with great song, dance and poetry. It was spectacular and fit to be put on in the Abbey Theatre.

Thank you Margaret Maher and The Ladies from Newcastle for inviting us, you should be so proud of yourselves for the tremendous work you did.

Regards  
Clare

## 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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## A HORSE SHOW IN CLONDALKIN

At the Funeral Mass on Friday of Nancy O'Connell, Brother P.J. McGowan recalled that Nancy was more than just a secretary to Moyle Park College. In addition to the post of secretary from 1970 until 2002 Nancy was part of the fundraising group from 1957. One of the highlights every year was the Annual Clondalkin Horse Show, held in the grounds of Moyle Park College every May. In what seems like a lifetime ago, the Clondalkin Horse Show attracted competitors from far and wide as it was a qualifying event for the Ballsbridge Horse Show later in the summer. Nancy O'Connell and a dedicated team of volunteers organised this event for many years which raised much needed funds to extend the school building in order to accommodate the growing number of students. This event became a great community gathering with stalls and entertainment for all.

Younger and indeed not so young readers may not be aware that schools like Moyle Park and Colaiste Bride along with other Voluntary Secondary Schools initially did not receive state funding and consequently much fundraising was needed. To quote Nancy herself from an article on the history of Moyle Park College:

*At the time, voluntary Secondary School buildings were not financed by the Dept. of Education and consequently a Building Fund Committee was established by the Brothers to fund the building and subsequent extensions to the college. The building as it is today is entirely the work of those Building Fund committees. It is a very big achievement and it speaks volumes for the dedication of the people of Clondalkin, both parents and friends of the College. A truly phenomenal achievement when one considers all the demands made on their time and resources.*

We extend our sympathies to Nancy's sister Vera and her brother Patrick. May she rest in peace.

Fr. Damian

## ADORATION

This Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

**Morning:** in the Sisters' Oratory 10.45am to 11.45am

**Evening:** in the Church 7pm to 9pm. All are welcome

## GATHERING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

A gathering for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist in the Jubilee of Mercy will take place in Clonliffe College, on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 8.00-9.30pm. This is an opportunity to reflect on your ministry. (€5 contribution is invited) - Please let us know in advance, if you will attend, contact Grainne on 01 8087554 or [litsec@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:litsec@dublindiocese.ie)

## ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY INVITATION

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society invite all who hosted the Chalice during the past year and the many benefactors in the Parish to Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Seamus in thanksgiving and for the intentions of all in the Church on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm and for tea/coffee afterwards in the Pastoral Centre. This invitation is open to all!

## NOTICES

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

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

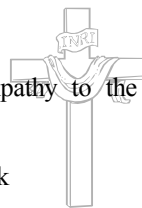
**The Legion of Mary** meets in the Convent at 11.00am. New members are welcome.

## DEATHS

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

Nancy O'Connell, Laurel Park

recently deceased. May she rest in peace.



## CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR CLONDALKIN PARISH CLUSTER

Group not meeting in Pastoral Centre this Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April – instead attending St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society Mass celebrated by Fr. Seamus in the Church at 7.30pm.

## "FINDING NEW LIFE" TALKS

Our preparation for Pentecost in the Prayer Group continues with 2<sup>nd</sup> Talk: "Salvation" this Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre. Please come along if you can! All welcome

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

10.00am Pat Ryder, 5<sup>th</sup> An

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April

7.30am James Connolly, 31<sup>st</sup> An  
10.00am Joseph Byrne

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April

10.00am (Archie) McEvoy

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May

7.30pm (Vigil) Frank and Florence Daly and deceased members of Daly and Deignan Families  
10.30am James and Josie Fitzsimons  
Anne McCabe  
12 noon Elizabeth Mulligan  
Paddy and Eileen Greene  
Jane Kendellen  
5.30pm James Kearney, 19<sup>th</sup> An

## CLONBURRIS

### Mass Intentions

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

6.30pm Bridget O'Brien An.  
Desmond Murphy An.  
James Mc Grath An.

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April

11.00am. Annie Place An  
Deceased members of Place Family.

## LOURDES APPEAL

The Lourdes Appeal will be taken up after all Masses next weekend and the organisers ask for your support and your generosity. The Parish Pilgrimage leaves for Lourdes on the 7<sup>th</sup> May and we ask for their prayers while there and we pray for their safe journey there and back.

## ADULT CATECHISM STUDIES

Our Vocation to Beatitude and Mans Freedom

The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' teachings. The Beatitudes show us what Jesus is like and tells us what Christ-like charity involves. The Beatitudes indicate what the kingdom of God will be like, but also tell us to collaborate with Christ to realise its values here on earth.

Human freedom is a force for truth and goodness and becomes perfect when directed towards God. Every person created in the image of God has a natural right to be recognised as a free and responsible being. The right to exercise freedom, especially in moral and religious matters, is an inalienable requirement of the dignity of man. The right to freedom is not a right to licence, but is a natural right to pursue what is good and true.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm  
Presentation Convent, paragraphs 1716-1748.

## "AMORIS LAETITIA"

"Amoris Laetitia the Joy of Love" - Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on the integral place of the family in society is now available from Veritas

The much awaited document offers comfort and guidance to Christian families struggling with both the spiritual and economic challenges of the contemporary world.

With chapters ranging from the 'The Experiences and Challenges of Families', to 'The Education of Children' and 'The Spirituality of Marriage and the Family', Amoris Laetitia is a timely and considered work that takes a decidedly sympathetic approach to the family, a cornerstone of Christianity.

## MONDAY CLUB

We had an enjoyable busy Monday. After the usual tea/coffee we had correspondence from South Dublin Co. council regarding the Bealtaine Festival. We are hoping to host the coffee morning as part of the Festival and enter into the craft section as a group. So please get knitting, stitching or whatever is your line of craft. Latest date for entries is 20<sup>th</sup> May. We are planning an outing to the GPO to visit the new museum opened after Easter. We plan to go on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

We finished our morning with a game of bingo. Joan called the numbers and prizes were won by Margaret, Minnie, Brede and Ann. Congratulations to all the winners and to Teresa Hyland on becoming a grandmother. Edel her daughter, became a mother last week to a baby girl Anna Livia? Hope this spelling is right! Edel came to the Monday Club a year or two ago to give us a very interesting talk on DNS/Genetics. Congratulations Edel!

Kathleen R.