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allowing us the freedom to reject Him if that is what we want.

In our Mass today we pray that our faith will be strengthened in receiving Him even when we cannot actually see Him. From our faith comes love. We pray that we will give that love and receive it back in abundance.

Fr. Padraig

CLONDALKIN HISTORY SOCIETY - LECTURE

'Mount Jerome a Protestant Cemetery" is the subject of Henry Fairbrother's illustrated talk to take place on Monday 27th April 2015 at Aras Chronain, Watery Lane, commencing at 8 pm. All are welcome. Admission is €5.00 (non members).

Padraig A Ó'Murchú

CHOMHGARDAS DO NA DALTAÍ GAELSCOILEANNA

Comhgardas do na daltaí as na gaelscoileanna ar lá mór sacrament and Conairte.

Our congratulations to the children of the Gaelscoileanna who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday last. John Wall made a welcome return to the parish to perform the ceremony.

"The Church looks beautiful and so colourful" was the unanimous verdict of all entering the church and our "thanks" to the ministers of the environment and to the school management and anyone who made a contribution, it indeed was beautiful.

The sun shone beautifully and we hope the children, parents, families and teachers had a wonderful day!

(Friday next the boys of St. Joseph's School will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at 11am and to facilitate the occasion the 10am Mass will be at the earlier time of 9.30am)

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT CAMINO WALK IN DROGHEDA

The Drogheda branch of the Knights of St Columbanus has organised a short Camino style walk in honour of St Oliver Plunkett in Drogheda, Friday and Saturday 29 & 30 May

The walk will take in 7 churches in the town of Drogheda finishing off in St Peter's Church, West Street where the Shrine of St Oliver is located. The walk is 3.2 km (2 miles) and can be done within any time limit, or indeed over the two days. It is for all ages, from schoolchildren to the retired and schools and parishes are encouraged to take part as groups.

The walks will start at the Lourdes Church from 10am onwards each day and that Church will close at 4pm. St. Peter's will close at 5.30pm on each day. There are no rules. You can take as long as you want, stop when you want.

All information on www.stoliverswalk.com, or contact us on stoliverswalk@gmail.com.

CLONDALKIN ANIMAL AID APPRECIATION

On behalf of Clondalkin Animal Aid we would like to thank all those who attended our Table Quiz on Friday last. We are very grateful to the Management and Staff of the Steering Wheel who facilitated us, those who donated prizes for the raffle and those who sold the tickets. A special word of thanks to Sean for his impromptu singalong during the interval, it was great. A fantastic €617 was raised.

Mary and Claire

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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FAITH - WHAT IS IT?

The letter to the Hebrews defines "faith" as the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen. Millions of Christians have lived a faith like this all down through the centuries in relation to the presence of Jesus in body, soul and divinity in our Mass and Holy Communion. It is the source and summit of our lives as followers of Christ.

Our faith is strengthened by having to work at it through faithfulness and perseverance. If we are certain of something through rational proof or because we can see it then faith is not necessary. Seeing is not always believing.

Thousands of people saw Jesus in the flesh on Palm Sunday but less than a week they no longer believed He was the Messiah, instead they were calling for him to be crucified.

Sight, proof and good feelings are the icing on the cake but they are not the cake, they are the desert but they are not the dinner – FAITH is

God values faith because love would be impossible without it. It is easy to love those we can see particularly if they are attractive looking. It's not so easy to love those we cannot see because we don't know what they are like – its even harder to love those who either cannot or will not return our love. We engage in the brightest form of love when we have no proof we will get it back.

Real faith and real love go hand in glove, that is why Christ his awesome power in the veil of human flesh in his incarnation and be only revealed his true divinity once, in the Transfiguration. For us He hides His awesome beauty and power behind the veil of a piece of bread. He wants our freely chosen love and not the superficial of the overawed. He wants us to follow him captivated and enthralled while

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WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Deirdre O'Rourke and John Lahane

recently married.

ADORATION

This Thursday, 30th April Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the:

Sisters' Oratory: from after 10am Mass to

11.45am

Church: from 7.00pm to 9pm.

All are welcome

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

An Intercessory Prayer group meets to pray each Tuesday 7.30pm to 8.30pm for the Clondalkin Group of Parishes (CCPC). Please come and pray with us

Venue: Rowlagh Community Room

Date: Tuesday 28th April.

All are welcome.

NOTICES

Monday 27th April

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 29th 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.

Friday 1st May

First Friday, an additional evening Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm. All Masses are offered for those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead

Saturday 2nd May

First Saturday, Fatima Devotions will take place after 10am Mass and Rosary

DEATHS

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

Patricia Farrelly, Bedliss Hill
John O'Brien, Mountmellick, formerly
Neilstown Cottages

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday 29th April the "Missionary" Rosary at 7.30pm before Prayer Meeting at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre and all welcome

PRAYING THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited here in the Church every Thursday at 3pm for the sick, dying and deceased

And on Friday at 3pm in Sruleen Church. All are invited.

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 27th April

10.00am Joseph Byrne

Tuesday 28th April

7.30am James Connolly 10.00am Archie McEvoy

Sunday 3rd May

7.30pm (Vigil) Joe Farrell, 2nd An

10.30am Anne McCabe

Renée Sell Romy

Liam O'Hanrahan and his

mam and dad

12 noon Eileen and Paddy Greene

Joe Barrett, MM Dyna Murray, MM

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Sunday 25th April

11.00am Bridget O'Brien An. James McGrath An.

Sunday 26th April

11.00am Catherine Markey An.
John O'Brien R.D.
Annie Place An.
Deceased members of Place
Family
Jenny Molloy An.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rita Arnold and Elsie Naughton

Altar Linen: Vera Pidgeon

Flowers: Maintenance of arrangements up to and including Pentecost 24th May (Weddings Thursday and Friday)

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Please Note: New Rosters are now available from the Sacristy

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 29th April in the Parish Centre, upstairs, after Mass and Rosary and as usual we welcome everyone.

We extend our gratitude to the families who have hosted and are hosting the Chalice and to all who are supporting the Society through their financial assistance and prayers.

Reminder: Friday, 1st May, is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker and a plenary indulgence can be obtained under the usual conditions of going to confession, receiving Holy Communion, and praying for the intentions of the Pope

Marie Harrington

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE 2015

Date: 9th to 16th September

Spiritual Director: Fr. Owen Lambert CSsp

Hotel: Domus Pacis Fatima **Fare:** €765 inclusive of all taxes Single room supplement €175 Further information from:

Eileen Carty, 11 Orchard Rd, phone

4574832

"LOURDES PARISH PILGRIMAGE" SAY "THANKS"

We thank all who contributed to the Lourdes Appeal last Sunday. The amount raised was €810. All in the parish will be remembered at all our Masses in Lourdes Lourdes Committee

MONDAY CLUB

We had a nice start to the morning with cup tea/coffee and a chat. Kathleen commenced by telling of her recent pilgrimage to Rome with the Knights of St. Columbanus who was a missionary in the 1500's. We had a great front row seats at the Papal audience arranged by Cardinal Brady and Bishop Jones who were on the pilgrimage. We had early starts every morning but particularly that morning arriving in St. Peter's at 7.30am

We visited the Irish College and all the other major places of worship in Rome and then moved on to Bologna to visit the tomb of St. Columbanus.

We followed the short account of the pilgrimage with a game of BINGO. Prizes won by Phyllis Rumgay, Peggy Murphy, Minnie Murphy and Kay Clarke.

"Thanks" to Phyllis who donated a prize and to those who help set the tables and make tea/coffee and clear up.

Kathleen