THE PASSION IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

The narrative in John of Jesus' passion which we read in the days of Holy Week presents a majestic Jesus who embraces the cross as a means of his glorification. This is a contrast to Mark who presents the Passion as a particularly harrowing event where Jesus is stripped of all his dignity but in so doing finds glory. Also John presents the City of Jerusalem in a very positive light to which Jesus must go in order to be exalted in his passion, death and resurrection. The other three evangelists present Jerusalem as a place of danger where the powers of darkness lurk in the form of the religious and civil authorities. It is in the great city that they wait ready to spring their trap that will rid them of this dangerous impostor forever. But John presents Jerusalem in a positive light – it is where Jesus must go in order to fulfil his mission and be glorified by the father. An illustration of this point is that the Agony in the Garden is accounted for by Matthew, Mark and Luke but John omits it. Instead we are presented with a majestic Jesus in Gethsemane whose enemies fall before him in trepidation as they come to arrest him.

For many people the last supper discourse part of which we read in John's account of it is considered to be one of the most beautiful and eloquent pieces of literature ever written. Indeed many use these passages as a form of prayer. Here Jesus speaks of his coming glorification. He promises the Holy Spirit to his disciples. He calls himself the true vine. He gives the commandment to love one another and finally he prays for his friends that they be sanctified in the coming ordeal. John "the beloved disciple" wrote his Gospel that we might believe in Jesus as the Son of God so that we would have life. In doing so he wrote with such power and beauty that many believe that the Gospel of John is the most profound in the entire bible.

Fr. Padraig

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Tuesday next is the cake baking competition for Alzheimer's Ireland. This is a great opportunity to support an illness that is close to all of our hearts. There will be a distinguished judge on the day and prizes for the best cakes. All proceeds will go to Alzheimer's Ireland so please get baking.

Unfortunately, citizens advice could not make it this week, but will visit us soon.

Clare

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to Sameul and Joshua Orisboro and Mbong Ndone Ngole who made their First Holy Communion during Easter.

CLONDALKIN HISTORY SOCIETY - LECTURE

John Dolan will speak on the 'Rag Trees of County Offaly'. In the course of the talk and in view of the similarities, Clondalkin's unique Rag Tree and St Brigid's Well will be discussed. The date is Monday 28th April 2014 and the venue Aras Chronain, commencing at 8pm. Admiss ion is €5.00 (non members). All are welcome.

Padraig A O Murchu

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Emma Ní Bháicéir is this week's winner. Congratulations Emma! Your prize is waiting to be picked up from the Sacristy after Mass today!

No Quiz this Week

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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POPE JOHN XXiii AND POPE JOHN PAUL ii

Depending on what time of the day you are reading this, either the two above named popes are on the way to or will have been declared saints by one of their successors Pope Frances. Pope John XXiii was seen as a care taker pope who would 'mind the shop' for a short time. He surprised many by calling the Second Vatican Council. At the Council the Church was encouraged to become outward looking, dialogue with the world and stressed the universal call to holiness of all the baptised. JPii, the first non-Italian Pope in 455 years would become the face of the Church in the world and is given some credit for the downfall of the totalitarian regimes of Central and Eastern Europe. I like many of you remember his visit to Ireland in 1979. JPii died on the eve of the Feast of Divine Mercy in April 2005 a devotion he was particularly attached to.

DIVINE MERCY

Divine Mercy celebrations take place throughout the world. Lucan and Clondalkin grouping of parishes invite you the appropriately named Divine Mercy Church in Lucan South, Balgaddy to join them for their special feast day. The program starts at 14.00 with Divine Mercy Devotions. Priests from surrounding parishes, including myself will be available for confession. Prayers follow then at 15.00. Fr Eamonn P. Bourke, Parish Priest will celebrate Mass at 15.30. The speakers will be Elma and Fionnbar Walsh, parents of Donal Walsh who inspired the nation through his courageous battle with cancer. The theme will be the role of faith in daily life. A special treat, Irish Opera Star Celine Byrne will sing at the Mass. This will be followed with individual blessing with Relics of St Faustina, Blessed John Paul II and Fr Sopocko.

Saint Faustina, Pray for each of us and our parish.

Fr. Damian

ADORATION

This Thursday 1st May there will be We extend our deepest sympathy to the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Sisters' Oratory: from after 10am to 11.45am

Church: 7pm to 9pm with a conducted Holy Hour with Fr. Padraig from 8pm to recently deceased. May he rest in peace. 9pm and all welcome

EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday 30th 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

CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER

CCPC Intercessory Prayer will be held on Tuesday, 29th April:

Venue: Clondalkin Parish Pastoral Centre Time: 7.30pm to 8.30pm and all are welcome

SUNSHINE FUND COLLECTION -ADVOCATE COLLECTION

The total collected was €1,590. Many thanks to all who contributed and the many volunteers who made the

collection possible.

Nora O'Brien

NOTICES

Monday 28th 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

DEATHS

family and friends of:

Gerry Bolger, Castle Close

HOUR OF PRAYER Thursday 1st May 8pm – 9pm

There will be an hour of prayer in the Church with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayers for Healing and individual blessings, finishing with Benediction at 9pm.

You are invited to come to this hour of prayer where we will gather to pray with you and for you as we ask the Healing Hand of the Lord to touch and strengthen us.

ALL ARE WELCOME

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Kitty Egan, Angela McCreevy, Veronica Bayly, Kathleen Fitzpatrick and May Stynes

Altar Linen: Kay Lee

Flowers: Maintaining the flowers and

decorations the full team

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 28th April

Patsy and Bill Keogh 7.30am 10.00am Patrick Gleeson

Sunday 4th May

Kathleen McGuinness 1st An 9.00am Anne McCabe Spel/Int 10.30am Eileen and Paddy Greene 12 Noon Tilly Barran Joe Farrell 1st An Joe Timmons Rem Jane Kendellen Betty Mulligan Rec Dec

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 26th April

6.30pm Brigid O'Brien An.

Sunday 27th April

11.00am Cindy Sherridan R.D.

Jenny Molloy An.

William, John and Theresa

Burke An. Annie Place An

Catherine Markey An.

COLIASTE BRIDE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Coliaste Bride Parents Association will hold a Table Quiz in the Round Towers GAA Club on Thursday 22nd May at 8.00pm.

Proceeds from the Table Quiz will be used to support the Board of Management's effort to raise funds for a Sixth Year Bursary.

HOLY SATURDAY

Fr. Mike Ruddy

Oh Lord In stillness I cannot be still I quietness I cannot be quiet I have lots to do

And little time to do it My mind is on many things

Good things But not on you

You too Lord must have felt The same way before You suffered You had much to say before you died But after it was all over Lord You were laid to rest

And to rest

Help me Lord to: be still Be quiet MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Please note: rosters for May/June are now available in the **SACRISTY**

PARISH SHOP

Fr. Michael Reddy's book "Seamless Robe"is on sale in the Parish Shop

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 convent if you are interested. More details after Easter.

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

"THANK YOU"

Hazel Farrell, Chairperson, Allison Carter, Secretary and Sharon Carter, Treasurer representing "The Parents Association of St. Joseph's Boys School" attended a Bridge Club evening to receive in exes of €1,000, the proceeds of a fundraising evening held earlier in the year. The Association are very grateful for the ongoing support of the bridge clubs and are guaranteed the money will be put to good use.

Members enjoyed the evening and the home baking was greatly appreciated!