

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Please note: new rosters now available for collection from the Sacristy

SEEK THE BREAD THAT LASTS FOREVER

We do not live on bread alone or indeed on any material thing alone. When we over focus on what is material we end up like we are in a prison. There are five senses, four walls, three dimensions and they become the walls of a suffocating prison. But when we add in the spiritual dimensions it is like being released from the stifling prison into the bright light and fresh air of faith. Life then has meaning because our faith gives it meaning. It is worth living and worth living well.

There is a story told by the Ancient Greeks about a group of men who sat inside a cave facing the back wall. They were prisoners chained to the rock and all they can see is the wall in front of them. At the entrance to the cave a fire was burning and the people passing by cast shadows on the wall. In their prison the men felt warm, comfortable and safe as they sat there watching the shadows on the wall. But then one day one of them broke free and had the courage to get up and go outside. When he got there he was blinded and awestruck at the light and glorious beauty he saw. A world he never knew existed now revealed itself to him – this is what life was meant to be. He went back into his friends but they couldn't understand what he was talking about. They did not realise that what they saw were shadows and not the beautiful awesome reality that comes from faith in God and faith in the Spirit.

Material things are necessary and good but they are secondary good. They imprison us when we make them the be all and end all of our lives. Only when we prioritise the spiritual will we break out of the prison to where we can be fully alive.

Fr. Padraig

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY

Fr. Michael E. Gaitley has written a book about Consecrating oneself to Our Blessed Lady. Fr. Michael's book prescribes 33 days of "spiritual reading and prayerful pondering." The book is broken down so that readers spend seven days each on the Marian consecration teachings of St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and Blessed John Paul II. Then the final five days are for review before reciting the Prayer of Consecration (preferably after receiving Holy Communion).

The first day is the 6th May and the final day is the 8th June the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ WHO AM I?



1. I was an Apostle of Jesus
2. I tried to walk across the water to Jesus
3. I denied knowing Jesus three times
4. Pope Francis is my latest successor

Your entries by email to – floodjj@eircom.net by Tuesday or to the Sacristy by Wednesday morning (Teresa will be away for the 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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TOWERS TRANSFORMATION

On the Friday 19th April I was asked by Round Towers GAA club to bless their new pitch and grounds on the Monastery Road. Great credit is due to the club for transforming the former dump into a state of the art, all weather pitch. The pre-dinner speeches were made by the President of the GAA Liam O'Neill, the Chairperson of the Dublin County Board, Andy Kettle, and Tower's own president, Tony Delaney. The content of the speeches, which emphasised the history, the planning, the voluntary effort and wider involvement of all members of the club to bring the project to this stage and the plans to bring the project to its completion, could have been made by me with regard to our Parish.

In our Parish we have a Christian history dating from the arrival of the monks in the 5th century, the building of the Round Tower in the 7th Century and the founding of the current Catholic Parish in 1615. In order to plan for the future we firstly need to reflect on our history and the legacy left to us today. How we worship today is very different from previous generations; from 'hearing' Mass under the penal laws and Mass in Latin to the call of Vatican Two for full conscious active participation at Mass, and from an individual act of worship to a communitarian gathering in faith. There used to be a presumption that everyone was baptised and would be brought up in the faith whereas today we find ourselves in a situation where we have to seriously examine our practice of sacramental preparation and initiation. Congratulations to the girls from our Presentation Schools who are on that journey of faith and who received the Bread of Life for the first time yesterday.

Fr. Damian

ADORATION

This Thursday, 2nd May 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

“THANK YOU”

“Thank you” to all those who contributed to our Lourdes Appeal last weekend! The amount collected was €835. Thanks also to the collectors who helped on Saturday evening and Sunday. The intentions of all parishioners will be remembered at Masses each day during the Pilgrimage.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRO-LIFE

The Catholic Bishops have organised a Day of Prayer in Knock on Saturday next 4th May. Buses are available from Dublin. To book a seat text 0877020255 or phone 8730463 as soon as possible

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rita Arnold

Altar Linen: Mary O'Neill

Flowers: Kathleen Cosgrove to 9th May, Maura Gaffney from 10th May (Church in use: Mon. Tues. Wed for schools and Sat. for wedding)

NOTICES

Monday 29th April

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 7.30pm. New members are welcome

Tuesday 30th April

Lectio Divina in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass and Rosary

DEATHS

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

Joe Cullen, St. Killian's Park
Dermot McGann, Australia, formerly St. Anthony's, Ballymount
Larry Moran, Bettysfort Terrace

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of Bethany Bereavement Support will be held on Thursday 9th May from 8pm to 9pm in the Parish Centre and all who are bereaved are welcome.

BOOKS NEEDED

The table at the back of the church needs to be replenished with religious books.

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 28th April

7.30am James Connolly

Tuesday 30th April

7.30am Terence Kinnane

Friday 3rd May

10.00am Romy, René Celle

Saturday 4th May

10.00am Kay O'Donovan, 10th An

Sunday 5th May

7.30pm (Vigil) Richard Connolly, MM

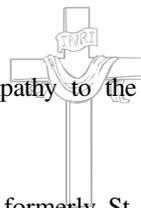
Mary O'Riordan, MM

10.30am

Anne McCabe
Christopher, Lillian and
Brendan Behan

12 Noon

Paddy and Eileen Greene
Seamus Greene
Mary Rea
Sheila O' Byrne



CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 27th April

6.30pm Brigid O'Brien An.
Desmond Murphy An.
William Burke An.
John Burke An.
Theresa Burke An

COFFEE MORNING!

Coffee Morning Fundraiser for Alzheimer's Association on Saturday 4th May 10am-2pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre

All are welcome!

Maria Carroll

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On Tuesday next, 30th April, at 11am Fr. John Wall will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the children of the Gaelscoileanna.

On Wednesday next, 1st May, the boys of St. Joseph's School will receive the Sacrament from Fr. John Hughes again at 11am.

We pray for the children, families and teachers and hope that the weather will be kind and that they will have a day they can look back with fondness.

10am Mass goes: please note that Mass will be at 9.30am on these days!

CLONDALKIN HISTORY - LECTURE

'Sinead DeValera- Balbriggan's Daughter of Destiny' is the title of Michael McMahon's talk which will take place on Monday 29th April in Aras Chronáin, commencing at 8pm. Admission is € 3.00 (non-members). Beidh fáilte ar gach éinne."

Padraig A O' Murchú

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €2,081 – your planned giving contributions this week.

APPRECIATION

A big "Thank You" to all my many friends and neighbours in Floraville and Clondalkin for their wonderful support and kindness during Mark's illness and funeral, greatly appreciated. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Sheila Doyle

MONDAY CLUB

We are deeply indebted to Elizabeth Murphy for our meditation session last Monday morning.

Elizabeth works through the Angels. She invoked Michael the Archangel and Raphael to guide us to a place of tranquillity as she lit candles and blessed us all including our space. We were slowly and very calmly asked to release our tensions and to come to a quiet oasis of peace and breathe in the wonderful feeling of relaxation that comes from allowing our minds to “let go” of all the frustrations and unhappiness and negativity that exist in our lives. We all enjoyed the beautiful music that was the back-ground to her quietly spoken words and the pictures she created in our minds. The atmosphere was one of absolute serenity mixed with awe as we allowed our minds to focus on the God given beauty of nature, which is God's wonderful gift to us. A memorable morning! – thank you Elizabeth.

Our quiz takes place next week – come along and enjoy.

THOUGHT FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH

In peace let us pray for all our First Holy Communicants

Joan