reason to look sorrowful. Survivor of Auschwitz. Three years. German Jew. Thin, coughed a lot. He liked being alone at the night job. It gave him intellectual space, peace and quiet, and, even more, he could go into the kitchen and have a snack whenever he wanted to - all the wieners and sauerkraut he wished. To him, a feast. More than that, there was nobody around to tell him what to do, in Auschwitz he had dreamed of such a time. The only person he saw at work was me, the nightly disturber of his dream. Our shifts overlapped an hour. And here I was, a one-man war party at full cry.

"Lissen, Fulchum. Lissen me, lissen me. You know what's wrong with you? It's not wieners and 'kraut and it's not the boss and it's not the chef and it's not the job."

"So what's wrong with me?"

"Fulchum, you think you know everything, but you don't know the difference between and inconvenience and a problem. If you break your neck, if you have nothing to eat, if your house is on fire - then you got a problem. Everything else is inconvenience. Life is inconvenient. Life is lumpy.

"Learn to separate the inconveniences from the real problems. You will live longer. And will not annoy people like me so much. Good night."

In a gesture combining dismissal and blessing, he waved me off to bed.

Seldom in my life have I been hit between the eyes so hard with truth. There in that late- night darkness of a Sierra Nevada inn, Sigmund Wollman simultaneously kicked my butt and opened a window in my mind.

For 30 years now, in times of stress and strain, when something has me backed against the wall and I'm ready to do something really stupid with my anger, a sorrowful face appears in my mind and asks, "Fulchum. Problem or inconvenience?"

I think of this as the Wollman Test of Reality. Life is lumpy. And a lump in the porridge and lump in the throat, and a lump in the breast are not the same lump. One should learn the difference. Some issues are problems and making a complaint is justified. But many others are just annoyances, nuisances, inconveniences. Life is short – get on with it.

GOOD NIGHT SIGMUND.

Reference: Robert Fulghum (www.Robertfulghum.com

CROSSCARE

We would like to thank you for your most generous contribution of $\[\in \] 2,845.00$ to the Annual Collection for Crosscare Youth Services, *(on the 23rd & 24th May)*

It is with your help and support that we continue to reach out to the needy in the diocese.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS IN RATHCOOLE

Rathcoole Parish invite all to a special First Friday Mass (2nd August) at 9pm in the Church of the Holy Family Rathcoole followed by Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary afterwards.

SLÍ CHRÓNÁN MOCHUA CANAL WALK

The walk will take place on Sunday next, August 9th, in aid of St. John's Church Restoration Fund.

Registration €5, at the Civic Offices between 2.15pm and 2.45pm

The walk starts at 3pm.

Not suitable for children under 12 Nikki

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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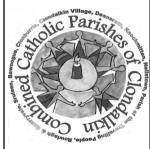
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PROBLEM OR INCONVENIENCE

It was the summer of 1959. At a resort inn in the Sierra Nevada of Northern California, I had a job that combined being the night desk clerk in the lodge and helping with the horse-wrangling at the stables. The owner-manager was Swiss, with European notions about conditions of employment. He and I did not get along. I thought he was a fascist who wanted peasant employees who knew their place. I was 22, just out of college, and pretty free with my opinions.

One week the employees had been served the same thing for lunch every single day. Two wieners, a mound of sauerkraut and stale rolls. To compound insult with injury, the cost of the meals was deducted from our paycheques. I was outraged.

On Friday night of that awful week, I was at my desk job around 11 p.m., and the night auditor had just come on duty. I went into the kitchen and saw a note to the chef to the effect that wieners and sauerkraut were on the employee menu for two more days. That tore it. For lack of any better audience, I unloaded on the night auditor, Sigmund Wollman.

I declared that I had had it up to here, that I was going to get a plate of wieners and sauerkraut and wake up the owner and throw it at him. Nobody was going to make me eat wieners and sauerkraut for a whole week and make me pay for it and this was un-American and I didn't like wieners and sauerkraut enough to eat them one day for God's sake and the whole hotel stunk and I was packing my bags for Montana where they never even heard of wieners and sauerkraut and wouldn't feed that stuff to pigs. Something like that.

I raved in this way for 20 minutes. My monologue was delivered at the top of my lungs, punctuated by blows on the front desk with a fly swatter, the kicking of chairs and much profanity.

As I pitched my fit, Sigmund Wollman sat quietly on his stool, watching me with sorrowful eyes. Put a bloodhound in a suit and tie and you have Sigmund Wollman. He had a good

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BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to:

Jaxson O'Neill, Gleann na hEoran,
Springfield, Tallaght,
Emily Agnieszka Sasin-Rodgers,
Thornfield Sq, Watery Lane
Clara Eve Cooley, Ashwood Rd,
Bawnogue,
Brooklyn Lee Brown, Rosebank Place,

who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

ADORATION

This Thursday, 6th August Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the **Church: Morning:** from 10.45am to 11.45am **Evening:** HOLY HOUR 8.00pm - 9.00pm (conducted by Fr.Padraig) All are welcome.

CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR 9 CLONDALKIN PARISHES

This Tuesday evening 4th August Intercessory Group praying in Parish Pastoral Centre, 7.30pm - 8.30pm Come along if you can to join us in praying for the needs of our whole group of parishes

NOTICES

Monday 3rd August
Bank Holiday Mass at 10am only.
Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am
Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 2nd August

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.

Wednesday 3rd August

Prayer Group meet in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm. All are welcome.

DEATHS

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

Donie Delanty, Cork recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Natasha Jarus and Gavin Flemming, Jennifer Loughran and Anthony St John

who received the Sacrament of Marriage recently

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Bernardine Wynne, Veronica Bayly, Tracy Whelan and Josephine Hearty Altar Linen: Marie Harrington

Flowers: Kathleen Cosgrove to 13th August, Teresa Greene from 14th August

ANNIVERSARIES

Thursday 6th August

10.00am Kathleen Mugha, B/Day Rem,

Friday 7th August

All Masses offered for all those on the Altar List of the Dead

Sunday 9th August

9.00am Annie Domican, M.M.

10.30am Shelia Grahan,

Rose O'Connell, Mary O'Neill,

Mary O'Connor 48th An,

Olive Corcoran,

Kathleen McCormack.

12 Noon Tessie Healy,

5.30pm Elizabeth "Lil" Graham

Victor O'Gorman.

PILGRIMAGE TO ST. BRIGID'S WELL

We arrived on Saturday at 7am and some earlier to Tobar Bride to Mass outdoors in a place with visible signs of grief, anguish, torment, great sadness, in some cases of an almost insurmountable kind not to mention the private concerns of those present, all united in a community of faith and hope engendered by that powerful but Compassionate woman St Brigid a saint for all the ages.

On a crisp clear morning, Father told us that Croke Patrick ascent was off due to terrible weather but our day was magic.

Father reminded of the evidence of raw pain that has been placed at the well for centuries(here I am mindful of our people in th17th century who were churchless and stopped here en route to Belgard Castle where Mass was celebrated under the patronage of the Talbot family.

Years later, famine struck and the population was cut in half. Next time you visit the well please say a deep deep reflective prayer for our people at that time. At that time the Calbeck family piped water from the well to the village and

Looking around, Father reflected on how critically important a sense of community is to us. This sense was enhanced by the time and space created by the welcome hot tea, coffee biscuits and buns afterwards. Thanks a million to all involved.

slaughtered beef to feed our people.

St Brigid's life and legacy is of a towering nature in Ireland and some elements such as her guardianship of fire go back 5000 yrs.

Father reflected on two other towering saints of the church

St Thomas Prayer "My Lord and My God" says it all

St Francis Prayer about Sir Brother Sun can be read in full in "Laudato Si" available after Mass in the Churches.

The orb of the Sun rose at 7.30 am

when father was at the alter and back lit the shrine This was an almost mesmeric moment, everything was set out in relief against the sky in outline only. This moment in time could have occurred anytime in the past 1500 yrs.

Lets have an informed debate about St Brigids Well, her life and legacy.

Eddie Byrne.

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 1st August

6.30pm Brian Cruise 2nd An.

Sunday 2nd August

11.00am Ann Henry An.

William and Mary Tully An. Deceased members of the Tully Family

MONTHLY HOUR OF PRAYER

Thursday 6th August 8pm-9pm
There will be an hour of prayer 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

PRESENTATION SISTERS' ASSOCIATES

We thank all parishioners who supported the collection for the foreign missions – this amounted to €2,576.76 from Clondalkin, Knockmitten and Clonburris. Your continued generosity is an inspiration to us.

The Sisters in the Phillipines and Slovakia will put it to good use Sincere "Thanks"

Mary Dardis