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are about God, more about my will than about God's will. We are not light on our feet so we are unable to cope when inevitable disappointments arise and our plans don't work out. So what is the answer especially for those of us who wish to live the Christian life in being apostolic, in being sent out to the world to evangelise it.

The answer: Make Christ the centre of your life. It's OK to plan, plans are not bad - the world would be very chaotic if we did not plan but sometimes our plans are too egotistical and rigid. We need the grace to be light on our feet and we pray that we will plan effectively but in line with God's will for us. We pray that we will be ready for the unforeseen and the unpredictable because this is often the way God operates in our lives. He gets us to change our plans because he has a better one - one that will bring us far more fulfilment that we go it alone as lone rangers. Lord help us to make you the centre of our lives and harmonise our will with yours so that we will do great good in the world.

Fr. Padraig

DID YOU KNOW?

The word gospel derives from the Old English gōd-spell meaning "good news" or "glad tidings". The word comes from the Greek euangelion, or "good news". The gospel is the "good news" of the coming Kingdom of Messiah, and of redemption through the life and death and resurrection of Jesus, the central Christian message.

Gospel is a calque (word-for-word translation) of the Greek word ϵ ? $\alpha\gamma\gamma\epsilon\lambda\iota\sigma\nu$, euangelion (eu- "good", -angelion "message") The Greek word euangelion is also the source of the terms "evangelist" and "evangelism" in English. The authors of the four canonical Christian gospels are known as the Four Evangelists.

MEMORIAL BLESSING

A blessing will take place for the family of Paul Guidon and other deceased residents at 7pm at the new memorial bench on the inner green area of Boot Road on Sunday 10th August at 7pm and all are welcome

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND IN 2015

Friday 27 February – Saturday 7 March 2015

€1,295.00 (pps)

Spiritual Director: Fr. John Kelly (Chaplain Tallaght Hospital)

Details from: Map Travel

36 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1.

(Entrance on Parnell Street)

Tel: 01-8783111 : patricia@maptravel.ie

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Sabh Milton is this week's winner. Congratulations Sabh. Your prize is waiting to be picked up by you from the Sacristy after mass today. "Thanks" to all who entered.

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ (COURTESY OF FR. PADRAIG)

Pope Francis is native of what South



American country? Hint: this country featured in the World cup but was beaten in the final.

Your entries to:

ellenteresacoyne@eircom.net or to the Sacristy by Wednesday morning

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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BEING LIGHT ON OUR FEET APOSTLATE

We live in a world which greatly values efficiency – getting things done – being well organised. To achieve this efficiency involves careful planning beforehand. It is seen as "good" to plan every detail especially in complex projects to achieve maximum efficiency. The problem is that very often this emphasis on planning and achieving maximum efficiency is too extreme - too rigid. Very often things will go well, will go according to plan but there will be times when unforeseen events throw the plan into disarray. There needs to be a certain flexibility in our planning, a willingness to allow for the unforeseen and unpredictable. We have to be light on our feet. About 15 years ago Andre Agasai was one of the top tennis players in the world. Then things began to slip – he go sort of lazy, didn't train as much as he should, put on too much weight. Then suddenly Agassi woke up – he got back into shape and began playing good tennis again, good enough to be up with the best. One of the things he said afterwards is that in tennis we have to be light on our feet, able to deal with the unpredictable and the unforeseen.

Jesus' 12 apostles were sent on an awesome mission – to teach the gospel to the whole world. To be an apostle means to be "sent".

2000 years later we too are apostles in that we are sent, we too have a mission to evangelise, in our families, in our communities and in our society. To be an effective apostle we must be light on our feet. We must travel lightly – free of too much baggage and attachments. We have to avoid being over attached to our plans because sometimes our plans are far too rigid especially if they are focused on one of the most addictive factors in our lives namely achievement. There is a great buzz in being efficient, in great achievements, in getting the honours that the world offers but it doesn't last. We then have to go searching for more achievements, more efficiency and better planning. In this situation our plans are more about us that they

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BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to

Kyle William Patrick McHugh, The Square, Walshestown Park, Newbridge Bright Luende Kalonda, Belfry Grove, recently married. City West

Sophie Elizabeth Callanan, St. John's Wood

Tytns Marcel Niedzielski, Kilwarden Court Ava Beth Clarke, Convent View

recently Baptised.

ADORATION

This Thursday, 7th August, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

IN THE CHURCH: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am

and Holy hour from 8pm to 9pm and all are welcome

PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOC

Abstinence Association in honour of the Sacred Heart will be held on Friday next, Flowers: Kathleen Cosgrove 25th July to 8th August at 10.45am in the Parish Centre 7th August, Aileen Skelton from 8th August and new members always welcome.

NOTICES

Monday 4th August Bank Holiday and Mass is at 10am only Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 5th August

The Legion of Mary meets in the Convent Sunday 10th August at 11.00am. New members are welcome.

Wednesday 6th August

Prayer Meeting in Pastoral Centre at 8pm and all are welcome

WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Darlene Lawless and Mark Geary

DEATHS

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

Brendan Comiskey, Monastery Rise

recently deceased. May he rest in peace.

CÉAD MÍLE FÁILTE ARAIS

Fr. Bala has returned to us from his native India. He will be with us for about six weeks. He last visited us five years ago. We wish him a hearty welcome and hope he will enjoy his stay.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Bernardine Wynne, Veronica Next meeting of "Pioneers Total Bayly, Tracy Whelan and Josephine Hearty

Altar Linen: Angela Minihan

(Wedding Friday)

Thank you: The Altar was beautifully adorned by yellow lilies generously contributed by Nora Maher, Lindesfarne. Nora your gift was gratefully appreciated and much admired and we thank you sincerely.

ANNIVERSARIES

7.30pm (Vigil) George Guilfoyle, B/day Rem Liam Heffernan, Sr. 1st An 12 noon Paul Guidon, 1st An 5.30pm Francie Boland

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 2nd August

6.30pm Brian Cruise An.

Sunday 3rd August

11.00 Patrick Aherne B.Rem. and An.

Dan Aherne A.

Rosemary Mc Kenna An.

Victor Bofhell An

Competition Winner

Congratulations to Jessica Kenny competition winners your prize can be collected after Mass on Sunday.

ESKER CEMETERY SUNDAY

The Blessing of Graves in Esker Cemetery will be held on Sunday 31st August at 3pm

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

HOUR OF PRAYER - FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

The next Hour of Prayer takes place on Thursday August- 7th from 8pm to 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

IN FOND MEMORY OF FR. RYAN

The topic of conversation most heard during the week was people's recalled memories of his time in Clondalkin.

With this in mind and taking account of his involvement in the many facets of community life we hope to get photos etc for his month's mind Mass on Saturday 23rd August at 7.30pm.

These may be left in the Sacristy marked "Fr. Ryan".

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Well everybody this is our last meeting until September. I hope vou enjoyed your morning and the little drop of vino.

I want to wish Mary and Aidan Dardis a very happy 50^{TH} WEDDING ANNIVERSARY and thank you Mary for singing for us,... what a voice, so Mary get practising as we will be calling on you all the time now.

Well the picnic did go ahead, although it got off to a ropey start with weather conditions, but we had a ball, and thank you ladies for the lovely food and also thank you Margaret for bringing your guitar and entertaining us.

Well before I go I want to thank each and every one of you for all your support over the past year. There are two people in particular who just don't get enough recognition for all their hard work and they are FINTAN MULLALLY and TOM O'FLAHERTY, so thank you guys.

That's it for me until September, although I will write a little article at end of August just to let you all know what date we will be back in the TOWERS CLUB.

Our AGM is 9th September. So have a great August and we will talk soon. In the meantime if anyone of you need us do not hesitate to call Clare on 086 3274323 or even if it is only for a chat.

Clare