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We pray that we will persevere in seeking God's eternal kingdom first and not be too distracted by what is passing and temporary.

Fr. Padraig

HE WAS ALWAYS THE GUEST

In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna, He was always the guest.

At the meal tables of the wealthy Where he pled the cause of the poor, He was always the guest.

Upsetting polite company, Befriending isolated people, Welcoming the stranger, He was always the guest.

But here, at this table, he is the host.

Those who wish to serve him Must first be served by him, Those who want to follow him Must first be led by him, Those who would wash his feet Must first let him make them clean.

For this is the table Where God intends us to be nourished; This is the time When Christ can make us new

So come, you who hunger and thirst For a deeper faith, For a better life, For a fairer world

Jesus Christ, Who has sat at our table, Now invites us to be guests at his. (Peter from the time of the ringing of the bell of Eucharistic Congress)

CATHOLIC DISTANCE UNIVERSITY

The Office for Evangelisation and Ecumenism is partnering with the Catholic Distance University in America to provide an online course in Adult Faith for the Autumn. The course is ideal for anyone involved in the life of the Parish, Parish Council members, or those involved in liturgy or sacramental programmes. The course begins on the 29th September registrations take place the week of the 15th September. To learn more about CDU you can log onto www.cdu.edu. for more information about the new course beginning at the end of September you can email veronica.jackson@dublindiocese.ie in the Office for Evangelisation and Ecumenism www.eva

PARISH WEBSITE

The Parish Website can be visited on www.clondalkinparish.com for Parish information

CHILDREN'S CORNER

We had no entry last week.

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ



Next Friday, 15th August we celebrate a lovely Feast Day of Our Lady. What is it called?

Your entries – email ellenteresacoyne@eircom.net by Tuesday 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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BASED ON FAITH!

95% of what we know is based on faith, so said St. Augustine. Some modern academics may dispute figure but there is no denying that most of what we know is based on faith, what we hear from other people or what we read in books. Even scientific theories which are supposed to be rigorously tested and scrutinised before being proved follow this principal.

In fact most human theories including those of science end up being discarded and discredited. We live by faith and not by sight as St. Paul says and this applies not just in our religion but also in the material realm. It is impossible to prove the correctness of everything we hear – most of the time in our own everyday lives we trust the people who tell us things. When my friend tells me he will give me a lift in his car I don't tell him to prove to me that he can drive. I don't ask to see his driving licence. I wouldn't have many friends left if I did this.

So it is with our faith – it is the Pearl of great price and the foundation of the spiritual life. It gives back what we put into it if we are passionate about it in the right way. However if we only dabble at it in a half hearted way we will inevitably be distracted by the material things of the world and faith will wither away.

Those of our community who come to Mass regularly are treating their faith as the Pearl of great price and are giving priority to the spiritual over the material. Material things are not bad and we need them in order to live life effectively but they are a secondary good.

The trouble arises when we make then the pearl of great price and we become over preoccupied with them and so we lose sight of what is lasting and eternal.

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BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to:

Adam John Chapman, Laurel Park

recently Baptised.



ADORATION

This Thursday, 14th August, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be:

Church: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am

Church: from after Vigil Mass to 9pm and all are welcome

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST

Next Friday, 15th August, Feast of the Assumption is a Holy day of obligation. Mass times are as follows

Village Church: 7.30pm, (Vigil 14th), 7.30am and 10am

Knockmitten: 9.30am

Clonburris: 11am and 6.30pm

(Please note change in Mass times)

ESKER CEMETERY BLESSING

Mass and blessing of graves will take place on Sunday Aug 31st in Esker Cemetery. Please note: last week's date was incorrect.

NOTICES

Monday 11th August

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 12th August

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

Wednesday 13th August

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

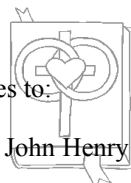
WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Sharon Carol Fitzmaurice and John Henry Brady

Siobhán Crowley and Enda Corcoran
Ann Marie Horkeimer and Michael Quinn

recently married.



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: Clondalkin Parish Pastoral Centre

Date: Tuesday 12th August and all are welcome

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK

The Annual Novena to Our Lady of Knock commences on Thursday 14th August and continues to 21st, Feast of Queenship of Mary. Novena prayer will be available and will be lead by the person leading the Rosary

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 11th August

7.30am Dessie McDermott
10.00am Dermot McGann, B/day Rem

Thursday 14th August

7.30am Anastatia and Leo Murphy
10.00am Mary Minogue, B/day Rem

Sunday 17th August

7.30pm (Vigil) Anthony Heevy
James and Pat Heeny
10.30am Sheila Graham
Rose O'Connell
Mai O'Neill
12 noon William and Bridget Rogers

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 9th August

6.30pm Paul Bradshaw An.

Sunday 10th August

11.00 Ann Henry An.
Bernie Mulholland An.
Joe Walsh An

Competition Winner

Congratulations to Dylan Wall competition winners your prize can be collected after Mass on Sunday.

DEFINITION OF OPTISIMISM

The Dictionary says: An optimistic person thinks the best possible thing will happen, and hopes for it even if it's not likely.

My definition: Sowing shamrock seed in August to have lots available for St. Patrick's Day – next March!!

Fr. Seamus has taken on the task of not alone planting the seed but of caring for it and hoping for a healthy crop in time for St. Patrick's Day. We promise we won't annoy him as to the progress or otherwise!

PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG

There's still time 'to do' the Lough Derg Three Day Pilgrimage. "Lough Derg is where my soul is given renewed energy.

It is where I meet God and where I feel most at peace." Wednesday 13th August is the last day pilgrims can commence the Three Day Pilgrimage.

One Day Retreats recommence on 17th August.

Kildare Pilgrimage 13th – 15th August. Contact Michael Sammon 087 6697902

Bus Eireann Service ex. Dublin Fridays Tuesdays inclusive until 12th August

For further information contact Maureen or Sharon on Tel 071 9861518 or email info@loughderg.org

CHURCH DUTY

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

Altar Linen: Deirdre Alexander

Flowers: Aileen Skelton – 8th August to 21st and Maura Gaffney- 22nd August

Altar Linen Ministers: Please note the only way to notify when on duty for Altar Linen Duty is by inclusion in the Newsletter each week. We are using the list Anne Cahill left. We have found that the linen has not been picked up over the last few weeks.

The people who do the flowers acknowledge with thanks €20 donation from Jim.

(Wedding on Saturday)

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

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

Refugees.

That refugees, forced by violence to abandon their homes, may find a generous welcome and the protection of their rights.

Oceania.

That Christians in Oceania may joyfully announce the faith to all the people of that region.