going, gone" he said.

The astounded crowd cheered but some of them cried "What changed its worth, what make it so valuable" they asked. "The touch of a master's hand" came the reply.

No matter how troubled, how messy or how exasperating a person's life is all will be well in it's own good time.

If we persevere and remain faithful God will turn our troubles inside out – the touch of the Master's Hand

Fr. Padraig (Ref. Myra Brooks Welsh)

TIDY TOWNS FUNDRAISER

The Tidy Towns Committee is holding an "Afternoon Tea" in the Laurels on Wednesday next, 19^{th} August from 3pm to 5pm and welcome all the support possible. Admission is $\notin 5$

Mary Dardis

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS CONFERENCE (ages 18 – 40)

All Hallows College, Dublin on the 29^{th} & 30^{th} August 2015.

2 days non-residential: €40 Residential: €55

Contact Liam: 086 8888918 Declan: 085 8032848 www.facebook.com/deus.patria

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

As part of the four hundredth anniversary of the Parish we will have some special events this year. Saint Killian, our patron was a native of Mullagh, County Cavan.

We are having a pilgrimage to Mullagh on Saturday the 10^{th} of October.

The following Sunday the 18th October, Mission Sunday, the Papal Nuncio will celebrate the 12.00 Mass here in the Village.

Please put both dates in your diary.

VOLUNTEERS FOR DONOR CARE CENTRE

Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services has two truly special facilities, Harold's Cross and Blackrock Hospice, where specialist care is provided for people with a range of needs from rehabilitation to end of life care.

We require a number of volunteers to assist in our Donor Care Centre, helping to make calls to our supporters in relations to upcoming events including Ireland's Biggest Morning in September and our Light up a Life event in December. Training will be provided.

If you have a few hours to spare any day during the next few months, it would be great if you could help. All you need is to have basic computers skills and enjoy dealing with the public.

Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services, Harold's Cross

IRISH HEART FOUNDATION ANNUAL STROKE AWARDS

Nominations are now open for the annual Irish Heart Foundation "Life after Stroke" Awards. These awards celebrate the incredible courage and determination of those affected by stroke. They are also an opportunity to recognise the unfailing commitment of the families and carers who work tirelessly to help stroke survivors rebuild their lives. Presentations will be made in November at a gala ceremony hosted by MC Marty Whelan. To nominate someone you know, contact Emma-Jane 01 6346925 or go to www.stroke.ie . Closing date is Friday 11th September.

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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The story is told of a grandmother baking a cake while the granddaughter looks on. All grandmothers know that children can be very profound and her granddaughter asks the RBQ (real big questions) "Why suffering, earthquakes, famine – why does God allow it"

Grandma says God brings good out of suffering – He turns evil inside out and makes it good. She then says to her granddaughter "Eat the flour" – "Yuk nobody eats flour"

"Eat the raw eggs" – "Yuk, nobody eats raw eggs"

"Eat the salt" – "yuk, nobody eats salt"....

"Beat the eggs, wet the flour and mix them carefully. Put them in the oven and hey presto a beautiful delicious cake". The original ingredients could not be eaten by anyone. But in spite of the "yuks" factor in these original ingredients there is good in them. When they are combined in their proper combination, proportions and placed for a certain amount of time in an oven by a skilled cook like the grandmother in our story the result comes out in a most unexpected way. Her granddaughter was happy to eat the delicious cake that came out of the whole process. God is like the grandmother – He brings good out of suffering, He turns misfortune inside out and makes good out of it. All in its own good time and often in a way we don't expect. The touch of a Master's Hand.

The story is told "A dusty battered old violin was being auctioned along with other antiques that were cleared out of a derelict house. As it went up for bidding, there were no takers, nobody wanted such an apparently useless musical instrument.

But then an elderly grey haired man came forward and picked up the violin. He dusted it down and tightened the strings. He took the bow and then played a melody pure and sweet as a carolling angel sings. When the old man had finished the stunned auctioneer took the violin and quietly asked "What am I bid now for the old violin" " A thousand dollars, who will make it two" "Two thousand now who will make it three" "Three thousand, once, twice going, (Continued on page 4)

ADORATION

This Thursday, 20th August Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the **Church: Morning**: from 10.45am to 11.45am **Evening:** from 7pm to 9pm All are welcome.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rita Arnold and Elsie Naughton Altar Linen: Mary Jenkins Flowers: Teresa Greene from 14th August (Weddings Friday and Saturday)

ANNUAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK

The Novena continues to Saturday 22nd August – Feast of the Queenship of Our Lady

On the 11^{th} of October 1954, Pope Pius XII established the Feast of the Queenship of Mary to be celebrated throughout the world, and commanded that on that day each year, the world should renew its consecration to her. The Feast came to be celebrated on 22^{nd} of August.

"The purpose of the Feast is that all may recognise more clearly and venerate more devoutly the merciful and motherly sovereignty of her who bore God in her womb" (Ven. Pius XII, Ad. Coeli Reginam).

NOTICES

Monday 17th August

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am 9.00am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 18th August

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

Wednesday 19th August12 NoonPrayer Group meet in the Pastoral Centre
at 8pm. All are welcome.5.30pm

Congratulations and best wishes to: Sinéad Redmond and Karl Carr Belinda Kerslake and John Roche Siobhán Kavanagh and Eric Larson

who received the Sacrament of Marriage recently

CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR 9 CLONDALKIN PARISHES

This Tuesday evening 18th 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

ANNIVERSARIES

Wednesday 19th August

7.30am Noel Kehoe, 21st An

Thursday 20th August 10.00am Elizabeth Whelan

Friday 21st August

10.00am Séan Fagan

Saturday 22nd August

10.00am Scelina and Danny Hannan

Sunday 23rd August

7.30pm (Vigil) Anthony Heeney James and Patrick Heeney
9.00am Bob Dillon, 30th An Robbie Dillon, 15th An Peter McCabe Joseph Nolan Conor and Alice Hogan Mamie Craven, 10th
12 Noon Ellen and John Hoare Thomas Cullen Michael Hynes
5.30pm Barry Carroll, MM

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	11.00am	Eileen Coates R.D.
Saturday 15 th August 6.30pm Emer O'Cui		

n Emer O'Cuiv B.Rem. Brian Byrne An. Rosanna Lannigan An. Frank Slattery An.

Sunday 16th August

11.00 am Elsie and Joe Kerin An. Maphie Molloy B.Rem.

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE 2015

Date: 9th to 16th September **Spiritual Director:**

Fr. Owen Lambert CSsp Hotel: Domus Pacis Fatima Fare: €765 inclusive of all taxes Single room supplement €175 Further information from: Eileen Carty, 11 Orchard Rd, Ph: 4574832

CONGRATULATION!!

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it".

Aristotle "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant".

Robert Louis Stevenson We dedicate these quotes to all who are now in receipt of the results of the Leaving Cert and reassure them that there is life after the Exams – ask anyone over 21!

We wish all the students, parents and families congratulations and pray that they will always call to mind the words of Scripture- "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". Jeremiah 29:11-13

REMINDER!

Esker Cemetery Mass Sunday 30th August at 3pm.

ADULT CATECHISM STUDIES

The Adult Studies group of the Catechism is due to resume their studies on Wednesday 2nd September. This will be Unit 2 of the course which covers The Creed, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit.

During our Annual National Gathering in Maynooth a former Catechism student who had completed the course outlined the great spiritual benefits which she believed had accrued for her family and community from involvement in the studies. Indeed, the challenges highlighted in the talk on Evangelisation at the conference will encourage the studies group to seek further enlightenment from the Catechism and to help us we hope to assist in the New Evangelisation.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church makes it clear that all its members are by virtue of Baptism called to witness to the living presence of Jesus Christ to others, and to proclaim a message of hope and salvation. It has also become clear in recent years that there is an urgent necessity for presenting this message of salvation, not only to a non-believing world, but also to many baptised members of the church, who, for all manner of reasons, have never been able to experience the loving presence of Jesus Christ in their own personal lives.

By sharing the Joy of the Gospel we can enrich our lives and the lives of others. Ronan Leydon

(Those who followed the studies at home and would like to join the group, we look forward to seeing you on the 2^{nd} September)

WEDDINGS ns and best wishes to