The Assumption gives humanity hope and consolation that what Jesus did for his mother, he will also do for us at the end of time. At his second coming he will rouse the dead and take his faithful followers into everlasting joy of his presence where there will be no more suffering and every tear will be wiped away. So in other words Mary's Assumption was like a preview of the good things that are to come. She was the first human being and she won't be the last to be assumed by God into Heaven. Someone had to be the first and why not Mary, the Mother of God?

Fr. Padraig

# CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS CONFERENCE (ages 18 – 40)

All Hallows College, Dublin on the 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

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

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

#### **BEGINNING EXPERIENCE!**

This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship.

Coping effectively with bereavement is a skill we can all learn. A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you. Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge – not weakness

Next Coping Programme will be held in Carmelite Community Centre, Whitefriar St, (Aungier St) for 7 Wednesday Evenings at 7.15pm commencing 9th September 2015

Next Residential Weekend 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015 in All Hallows College, Drumcondra.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks € 1,686– your contributions this week

# PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

The Pilgrimage will take place **Thursday 1**<sup>st</sup> **October 2015.** The price of €1,099 includes return flights from Dublin, 4 nights on full board basis in San Giovanni, 3 nights in Rome on B&B basis, luxury coach and a guide. Our Fr. Damian will accompany the pilgrimage as spiritual director.

Interested? Call Fr. Damian or Imelda Farrell – 01 4965357 /087 2402756

# CLONDALKIN HISTORY SOCIETY LECTURE

"Clondalkin Paper Mills on the River Camac" lecture by Patrick Rioch McElinn will be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August in Áras Chrónáin at 7.30pm and all are welcome

# WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 IN KRAKOW

The Archdiocese of Dublin is offering the opportunity for young people aged 16-30 to come to World Youth Day (WYD) in Krakow in July 2016.

The diocese is bringing two groups: teenagers (16-18) and Young Adults (over 18s). Places are limited.

If you need more information, have any questions or wish to book your place please go to www.evangelisation.ie

# **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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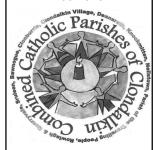
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# **PARISH NEWS**

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#### THE ASSUMPTION AND SACRED TRADITION

The Assumption is an example of how divine revelation consists both of the written word of God (the Bible) and the unwritten word of God (Sacred Tradition). The Biblical writers could not write everything down. God is so big and we are so puny that no written word could ever capture the entirety of who God is and how He relates to us.

So in matters where the bible is silent the church's Sacred Tradition steps in to determine what is taught.

Tradition is important not just to the Church but also to secular society. It is as the great English writer G.K. Chesterton put it "the democracy of the dead" – the wisdom of the ages past which help anchor our present in an ever changing world. And yet tradition has been a source of conflict and debate especially over the last 200 years. There are those of a sophisticated intellectual mind-set who view tradition negatively. They see it as inhibiting further progress and yet the truth is that it is worth preserving for the continuity and perspective it gives to past, present and future. Tradition is the essential foundation on which future progress rests.

As it so happens there is a biblical allusion to the Assumption in Revelation 12: 1 where the evangelist John says "A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and on her head a crown of 12 stars"

The Assumption is also linked to the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. This states that Mary was preserved free from the consequences of sin – namely from death which is the separation of body and soul. That being the case the Eastern Catholic Churches use the term "Dormition" which means "falling asleep" rather than the term "death" to account for what happened to Mary before he Assumption. Because Mary willingly joined her Son's suffering on the cross, the logical conclusion is that she followed Jesus into Heaven at the end of her life.

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#### **BAPTISMS**

Congratulations and welcome to

Aodán Patrick Desmond. The Bungalow. New Rd

Lauren Mary Lyons, South East, Calgary, Canada

Luca Mario Incrocci, Cherrywood Villas Zac James McHugh, Riversdale Avenue Naoise Emma Keegan, Moyle Crescent Erin Catherine Webb, Corkagh View

who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

#### **ADORATION**

This Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

# PONTIFICAL IRISH COLLEGE IN **ROME – PILGRIMAGE PROGAMME**

'A Time for Priests' - ongoing formation course in Prayer, preaching, call and service, from  $14^{th} - 18^{th}$  September.

'Handing on the Faith Today' – a course for parishioners, includes a series of talks, liturgies and guided visits to significant Churches and Basilicas as well as an opportunity to attend a General Audience with Pope Francis, from 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September. For more information, email: ufficio@irishcollege.org or visit: www.irishcollege.org

#### **NOTICES**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August

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

#### WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Kiera Laura Finegan and Colin Christopher Freeman Leanne Haverty and Mark Keane Francesca Byrne and Carl Murphy

who received the Sacrament of Marriage

# **DEATHS**

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

Eileen Coates, Cappaghmore John Mulholland, St. Brigid's Cottages

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

#### **CHURCH DUTY**

Cleaning: Betty Byrne, Rebecca Duggan

and Marie

Altar Linen: Kay Lee

Flowers: Elizabeth Mary from 28<sup>th</sup> August

(Wedding Saturday)

# ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August

10.00am Ned Byrne

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August

7.30pm (Vigil) Paddy Fitzgerald and

deceased members of

Fitzgerald Family

Joan Mary Greenaway, recently deceased, sister

of Anne Territt. Newlands

Dannie Behan 10.30am

> Olive Corcoran Liz Walsh, 3<sup>rd</sup> An

Vincent Lernihan

Mary Connolly 12 noon John Davis, 8<sup>th</sup> An

Michael Maguire

# **CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Kathleen Markey An. 11.30am

Stephen Morris An. Nora Byrne An. Danny Byrne An. Pauline Fallon 3<sup>rd</sup> An.

# **CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER** FOR 9 CLONDALKIN PARISHES

This Tuesday evening 25<sup>th</sup> 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

# EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> August the Missionary Rosary will be recited at 7.30pm before Prayer Meeting at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre and all are welcome.

#### **FATIMA PILGRIMAGE 2015**

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> 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

#### HAMMOND ORGAN AVAILABLE

The Diocesan Liturgical Resource Centre has received an offer of a Hammond Spinet Aurora Model Organ - one octave of pedals and two 44 note keyboards. It is in perfect working order.

Enquiries to Grainne at 01 8087554.

#### UNBELIEF

There is no unbelief.

Whoever plants a seed beneath the sod And waits to see it push away the clod He trusts in God.

Whoever says, when clouds are in the sky "Be patient, heart; light breaketh by-andbv."

Trusts the Most High

Whoever sees, 'neath winter's fields of snow.

The silent harvest of the future grow, God's power must know.

Whoever lies down on his couch to sleep Content to lock each sense in slumber deep Knows God will keep.

"The Whoever says, "Tomorrow," Unknown"

"The Future," trusts the Power alone He dares disown.

The heart that looks on when the eyelids close.

And dares to live when life has only woes, God's comfort knows

There is no unbelief:

And day by day, and night unconsciously, The heart lives by that faith the lips deny. God knoweth why!

The poem by Elizabeth York Case is dedicated to Fr. Seamus who is preparing the ground in his garden to sow the shamrock seed to have a plentiful supply of our national plant in time for St. Patrick's day next year - my definition again of optimism.

The shamrock was truly appreciated by all and we look forward to a repeat performance.

"Many thanks" Fr. Seamus!