



# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church*

**Clonburris**  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

**Sunday 2nd December 2018**



**Advent & Christmas** can pass by many of us and we have little time for the main event and people of the mystery. Or we can hit it in spots. It's so busy and often with very worthwhile events for the family. So the four weeks we begin today can ensure we don't miss it. There is an urgency in our Scriptures today. They invite us to a spiritual tune-up at the start of our new liturgical year. They invite us to wait for our King who is to come...

Waiting. We're not very good at that anymore. Maybe we never were. We get frustrated if we have to wait for any length of time. Waiting feels like time wasted and who can afford to waste time these days? But maybe a little waiting is a good thing. We spend a fair amount of time teaching our children how to wait - "No, you can't have sweets just before dinner". So, we already know that there are benefits to waiting. What if we changed our thinking about waiting - Waiting then becomes an activity, and a pretty helpful one at that. Waiting reminds us that we are not the centre of the universe; that God is in control, that life is a gift and that the present matters. By actively waiting, we are able to reflect more carefully on what really matters during Advent. By actively waiting, we are preparing our hearts for Jesus to be born anew in them and delightfully surprise us.

So what/Who are we waiting for? Throughout the Mass today and every Mass we hear marks of the Kingdom of Jesus - holiness, justice, reconciliation and more. This is the type of people we are called to be. He is the King who embodies the qualities of the Kingdom. He calls us to be like him - no more, no less. He will be the friend, our accompaniment in the worst of times. Jesus is the one who has shared all our lives. People could watch him and say that things couldn't get much worse for him, born in a borrowed bed with crucifixion ahead of him. We may expect that our leaders will share the difficult times with us. Jesus promises little except peace, truth, compassion and love. His followers will not be the powerful ones of the city nor of the country. Like Him they will be men and women for others. And love is their power!!

This **advent** realise that the Jesus we wait for works from the inside out, from people's goodness and love; not from any constitution from on high. Any reforms of the church like the reforms needed at the moment - church and abuse, church and education, true collaboration, ... - means a renewal from the inside out. Media will not renew the church, leaders cannot renew parishes, unless we find Christ at the centre of prayer, life, works and ministry. The renewal starts with me, in my waiting.

So, as we begin our Advent Journey, remember that the God who loves you deeply is waiting with open arms for you to open the doors of your heart and be open to being surprised.

*Frank Brown, PPW*

*"Christmas is built upon a beautiful and intentional paradox; that the birth of the homeless should be celebrated in every home."*

*G.K. Chesterton*

## Masses

### Clondalkin Village

**Sundays:** (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm  
Sunday 9am Gaeilge)  
10.30am (Choral),  
12 noon (Family) &  
5.30pm

**Weekdays** (Mon - Fri) 7.30am  
and 10am. Sat 10am

**First Fridays** 7.30am, 10am.  
**Holy Days** 6.30pm (Vigil),  
7.30am and 10.00am

**Confessions** Sat 10.30 - 11am &  
5.45pm-6.15pm

### Clonburris

**Sundays** (Vigil) Sat 6.30 pm  
**Sunday** 11am  
**Holy Days** 11am and 6.30pm

### Knockmitten

**Sundays** (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm  
**Sunday:** 10.00am & 12noon (Family)  
**Weekdays** Mon to Fri 9.30am  
**Holy Days** (Vigil) 6.30pm;  
Holy Day 11am  
**Confessions** Sat 6pm & by request

## Parish Office Hours

**Clondalkin:** Mon-Fri 9:30 - 12:30  
**Clonburris:** Contact through Village  
**Knockmitten:** Mon-Fri Mass times

### Submissions for Newsletter:

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## CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Vera Pidgeon  
Church Cleaners: Rita Arnold  
No flowers for Advent. Help needed to dismantle the November Remembrance Garden Monday morning.



**Monday 3rd December - Miraculous Medal Novena** after 10am Mass and Rosary.

**Tuesday 4th December - CCPC Intercessory Prayer** for Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes.

This Tuesday Intercessory Group meeting in Pastoral Centre **7.30-8.30pm**. All welcome.

**Wednesday 5th December - Charismatic Prayer Group**

*Our Lady Queen of Peace*. This Wednesday in Parish Pastoral Centre **8.00pm Prayer Meeting**. Visitors especially welcome.

**Thursday 6th December - Adoration Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.**

*Morning*: In the Church **10.45-11.45am**

*Evening*: In the Church **8.00pm Healing Mass** (with anointing of the sick). All welcome.

This Week



**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**  
(Holy Day of Obligation)  
**Saturday 8th December**

### Mass Times

Village Church: **6.30pm (Vigil), 7.30am and 10.00am**

Clonburris: **11.00am and 6.30pm**

Knockmitten: **6.30pm (Vigil) and 11.00am**



The family of the late Joseph Ledwidge would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy and kindness that we have received. Thanks to our friends, neighbours and colleagues who attended his funeral, sent cards and condolences and arranged masses. We also wish to acknowledge the caring hands of the doctors, nurses and carers who looked after Joe during his time in Tal-laght and Peamount hospitals. May he Rest in Peace. The holy sacrifice of Mass has been offered for your intentions.

*Thanking The Lord* In appreciation for request granted through the intercession of prayers offered.

*Gerard Treacy*



**Lectio Divina**, a time to contemplate Scripture, led by Sr. Anne, takes place each Tuesday in the Parish Centre after 10am Mass and Rosary.

The local branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold their annual Christmas appeal at all Masses on **Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th December**.

All monies donated goes to those in need in the greater Clondalkin area. **Please give generously**

### Recently Baptised - Welcome to...

**Chloe Gráinne Downey & Liam Frank Downey**,  
*St. Brigid's Drive*

**Hunter Lee Byrne**, Watery Lane

**Sarah Boron**, Woodford Downs

**David Boron**, Woodford Downs



**Mass with anointing of the Sick** will take place on the Thursday **6th December at 8pm**. All are welcome. If you know a house-bound parishioner who may appreciate joining us on that night would you arrange transport to and from the Mass.

*"You are stronger than you know, braver than you think, And more loved than you can imagine!"*



## Village Church

### Sunday 2nd December

**6.30pm Vigil** Joseph Ledwidge (1st An), Nora & Gay Keogh (An), Kathleen & Johnny Roebuck (An), Bernard & Sarah McVeigh & dec'd family members

Laurence O'Brien (3rd An)

**10.30am** Matthew Minogue (An), Vera Phelan (1st An) and Thomas Phelan (Rem), Mary Ashe (An), Barbara & Jim McDonagh (An)

**12noon** Nancy & Michael Murphy (An),

Nichlos, Simon & George McNulty (An), Maura Mernagh (An), Olive Smith (12th An), Maurice Collins (An), Joe, Nancy & Pat Murphy (An)

**5.30pm** Joe Murphy & Pat Murphy

### Monday 3rd December

**10.00am** Christina Moore (An)

### Tuesday 4th December

**10.00am** Elsie Naughton (B'day Rem)

### Wednesday 5th December

**10.00am** Hinda Duff (An), Tommy & Sheila Murphy Martin Gerard Stokes, 17th an

**Thursday 6th**—Martin Gerard Stokes, 17th an

### Friday 7th December

**7.30am and 10.00am** Mass for those on the Altar List of the Dead

### Saturday 8th December -

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**10.00am** Evelyn Jones (B'day Rem)

Blessing of Expectant Parents

### Sunday 9th December

**6.30pm (Vigil)** Peg & Daniel Lynch, Peter Nixon Teresa Gilsean (An), Enie Fitzgerald (An) and dec'd members of the Fitzgerald Family, Mary, Jim and Sylvia Thornbury

**10.30am** James (Jnr) & Alice Norton, Michael Ryder (An) & Anne Ryder and family

**12noon** Tommy Swayne (1st An),

Marion Corless (10th An), Phyllis Hurrell (6th An), Bridie Murphy (25th An), Jack Murphy (34th An), Eugene McNamara (2nd An), Tom, Kathleen, Mary & Noel McNamara, Maura Spollen & dec'd family members

### Clonburris

### Sunday 2nd December @ 11.00am

Ellie Williams (An) and deceased members of the Williams family.



Archbishop Martin is once again seeking support for a Parish Food Appeal this week-end to support the work of the **Crosscare Foodbanks**.

The generosity of parishioners in last year's food appeal meant that 10,000 emergency hampers were distributed to those most in need before Christmas. **Crosscare** work with many individuals and families throughout the Archdiocese who are struggling to make ends meet. The Food Banks provide support with essential food and household items. This year Crosscare are asking that collections be held on one weekend only on Sunday December 1st. This will allow them to distribute hampers in good time for Christmas to hundreds of families.

### Items that are most needed at this time are:

Toiletries and cleaning products, Non-perishable food Festive foods Because notice of request was received too late for inclusion in last week's Newsletter items will be accepted during the coming week and will be forwarded on in time to reach those in need for Christmas.

Pioneer Association will meet on **Friday 7th December** in the Parish Centre at 10.45am





## Monday Club 26 November 2018

Today we had the coffee morning as part of the Social Inclusion Week which was from the 19 to 26 November, but this was the earliest date we could fit it in. We had a good crowd attending. Welcome back to Kathy and Peggy who have not been here for a while.

We had a lovely "Thank You" card from the Presentation Sisters thanking us for the Monday Club Morning we had last week when they came into the club to celebrate their feast day of the Presentation of Our Lady with us. It was a lovely morning and enjoyed by all.

As part of the Social Inclusion Week we were blessed to welcome Ljliljana from Croatia, and Suki from Hong Kong. Ljliljana told us about her coming to Ireland just over three years ago with her husband and son not knowing any English, but now she is very well able to

speak. Ljliljana is a writer and has many books published in her country. She is currently writing another book and also writes articles for a women's magazine back in Croatia. She is also an artist creating different objects using paper. She is currently working on an elephant.

Suki who is from Hong Kong came to Ireland many years ago, and like Ljliljana did not speak English and had difficulty communicating, but through perseverance has mastered the language perfectly. Suki has reared her children here and are now adults pursuing careers of their own. Suki is a Christian and believes in God. Suki is a talented artist in painting and she does beautiful work in quelling. This is an art form creating pictures and other objects from shredded paper. She has won prizes in competitions for her work too. In the new year she will come again bringing with her some of the items she has made.

"Thank You" Ljliljana and Suki for coming this morning. We enjoyed your company and sharing your stories with us. You both did an excellent job.

Thank You Stephen, Martin, Collette and Joan for all your help and to you all for making the morning so enjoyable.

As Christmas is fast approaching we will try to make Christmas Cards next week. Until then take care.

*Kathleen R.*



## Are you a senior citizen?

If so, the students in Coláiste Bride would like to invite you to our senior citizens club. It's on every Friday at 12.15. (apart from school holidays) We will have a cuppa and a chat and take part in various activities like yoga, gardening, baking, knitting.

We hope to see you there!



**Newlands Garden Centre** surprised us in nominating the Church as recipient of "Passing on this Bouquet" during the week. We assure them that the bouquet was passed on to a person we know who appreciated it and enjoyed it.

We thank the staff of Newlands Garden Centre for their



The Parish Shop is open after all Masses today and after 10am Mass during the week. Our Parish Remembrance Christmas cards are available - 3 cards for €2. Recipients of the cards are remembered at all Masses on Christmas Day. Also on sale, cards for all occasions, gifts suitable for Christmas, a variety of religious items and Irish Catholic. Please feel free to drop in and browse at your leisure.



Today the countdown to Christmas begins. The evergreens used for the wreath itself are a reminder of continuous life. The circle is also a sign of everlasting life as well as the eternity of God.



The four candles mark the Sundays of Advent. The purple candles are reminders that this should be a time of prayer and sacrifice to prepare us for the second coming of Christ. On the third Sunday, the pink candle is lit to announce Gaudete Sunday, a Sunday of rejoicing for Christ is coming near. With the lighting of that candle, the light has won out over the darkness.

The white candle in the center representing Christ, is lit on Christmas Eve as a remembrance of Christ coming into the world. The light of the candles invite us to quiet ourselves during this busy time and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. It provides an invitation to wait and pray in hopeful anticipation for the coming of Christ.



**Craft Fair in Aras Chronaín** 12 to 5pm today.

A variety of crafts by local artists will be on display and for sale. Please do drop and support local endeavor!

## CONNECTING THE PARISH AND YOUNG PEOPLE

As the Pope John Paul II Award welcomes its twelfth year of participants, it is vital to reflect on the opportunities the Award creates. Starting in 2006 in the Diocese of Derry, the Award was spearheaded by Fr. Paul Farren, Director of the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre. The Award quickly established itself in several schools in the diocese. Since then, it has flourished throughout Ireland and Britain. Now running in 23 dioceses in Ireland and two in Britain, dioceses recognise the potential of the Award to engage 16 - 18 year olds in their faith at a critical juncture in their lives.



The Pope John Paul II Award is a faith achievement award for young people between the age of 16 and 18. It is non-competitive, inclusive, flexible and voluntary.

It enables participants to take an active part in the life of their Church - in the

life of their community and society. It enables young people become more aware of the teaching and role of the Catholic Church in the world and to engage at a deep level with Christ.

From the outset, the vision of the Award was clear - to recognise and empower young people to be actively involved in their parish and community. With over 3,500 now enrolling each year and over 25,000 having completed the Award since 2006, the energy generated by the Award is easily discernible.

For more on the Pope John Paul II Awards, see this week's *Cornerstone*



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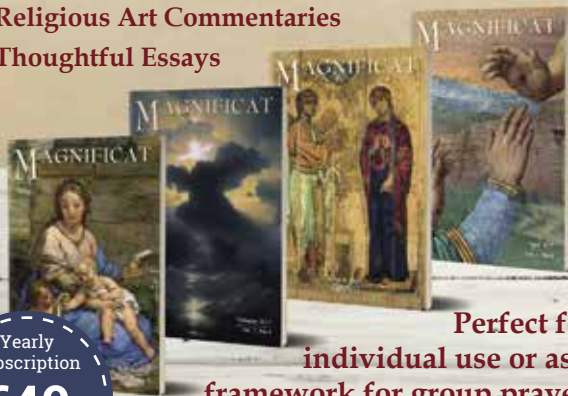
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