

#### What's in a name?

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus ask a question - 'Who do people say that I am?' The disciples gave various answers but He makes the question more direct, "Who do YOU say that I am?" We live in an age of immediate communication and social media, an age where there is great pressure to be what others think we should be. There is pressure on our youth to live up to unattainable images of body types, fashions and ideals and in this, identity can be lost. It seems that individuals and communities are becoming more and more faceless as the focus is on the anonymous individual to be something they can never be. But we are a community, a family of faith. We celebrate the uniqueness and beauty of the individual, created and unconditionally loved by God - "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, ... I loved you" - And as a community of faith we are to be known by our love, compassion, caring and support not because

it's a good thing to do but because, as Christians, that is who we are! This is our identity. As St Paul says, 'Where there is love, there is God... God is Love.

So what's in a name? - To answer Jesus' question truly for ourselves compels a response from us. To truly know who Jesus is, to truly know His name compels us to be love, to be compassion for others. To care and be love for others is to make sure that no one in our community is isolated, anonymous, faceless or nameless. My father once told me that a person dies twice - when we physically die and secondly when our name is spoken by someone for the last time. Each person's story matters, each name matters.





On Monday last, World Suicide Prevention Day, I had

the privilege of being involved in two very memorable and moving events as our community in Clondalkin showed an outpouring of solidarity and support, remembering people whom we have lost through suicide

and those who have

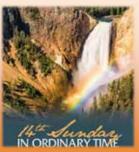
been left behind. There was the planting of the Tree of Hope at the side of our Church and later that evening the placing of names of those lost through suicide,

written on hearts, in the Remembrance Garden in Rowlagh. Each event sought to give a place for people to remember their loved ones lost through suicide and to be a beacon of support in a community for those who suffer with depression & mental health issues. The trellis of hearts stands as a powerful symbol of

the lives, stories and names behind each heart and to a community that cares so deeply. So, as a community of faith, let us be love in all that we say and do.

Let no one in our community be nameless. Frank Brown, Parish Pastoral Worker





### 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 & 5.45 - 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: Parishnewsletter1@gmail.com. Office, Sacristy, by Tuesday not later than 4.30pm

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CHURCH DUTY Altar Linen: Vera Pidgeon	Thank	Village Church Sunday 16th Sept
Church Cleaners: Betty Byrne & Rebecca Duggan	you	<b>6.30pm Vigil</b> Brian Kenny (MM), Cyril Murphy (An),
Church Cleaners:Betty Byrne & Rebecca Duggan Flowers:Nuala Kendellan (Sept)Monday 17th Sept - Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.Tuesday 18th Sept - CCPC Intercessory Prayer for Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes. This Tuesday Intercessory Group meeting in Parish Centre 7.30-8 All welcome.Wednesday 19th Sept - Charismatic Prayer Grout Lady Queen of Peace. This Wednesday Prayer Meet Parish Centre commencing 8.00pm. Visitors especies welcome.Thursday 20th Sept - Adoration.Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Morning: In the Sisters' Oratory 10.45 to 11.45am. 	This Week 3.30pm. up Our seting in ally	
Summer break on <b>Monday 17th</b> Septer Sruleen Parish Church <b>7.30-8.30pm.</b> Apologies for incorrect information in last week's Newsl	ember in	12noon Niamh McDonnell (An), Peg Dooley (20th An), Patricia Gordon (17th An), Kathleen & Thomas O'Neill (An) Clonburris
Students from 2nd Year in <b>Coláiste Bríde</b> will the 10am Mass on Tuesday18th Septemb Students from <b>Scoil Íde</b> will attend 10am Ma Thursday 20th September to mark the start of new school year.	oer. ss on	Sunday 16th Sept @ 11.00am Rosaleen Williams (B'day Rem) Monday Club 10 September 2018 - We had an Irish Morning in the club with our special guest of honour Fr Bala who is returning home to his native India next week. Fr Bala
Recently Married		has been coming to our parish for a number of years helping out our priests here while they get a break or at busy times. He
Ann Marie O'Brien & Mark Ada Una Maguire & Ciaran O'Conno		is a regular visitor to the Monday Club so it was fitting that we should say "Thank You Fr Bala". The members of Timpeall na Tithe:
CATHERINE DEEGAN We remember her loved ones at this ti	ime	Maire, Charlotte, Annette, Claire, Wendy & Thomas came to play for us. They played a wide selection of tunes, jigs, reels, hornpipes, polkas,
MOYLE PARK COLLEGE - OPEN E The College is hosting an Open Eveni Wednesday 3rd October from 6p 8pm. All welcome. Fiona Quigley 089 447 5	ng on om to	and of course Minnie's favourite, "Shoe the Donkey" to be renamed "Minnie's Donkey". Sr. Anne took up Fr Bala to dance so they did a good attempt to do the mazurka. Wendy sang the "Sally Gardens accompanied by Thomas on guitar. She also told us in song of all the produce and items one can get in Lidl and Aldi. This is a very
Saturday 22nd September in Sacred Primary School, Sruleen—fundraiser f Basketball, Clondalkin. Doors open at 7.30pm—bingo ready to 8pm. Books are €10 and jackpot she Melissa 0872843567	or Lion's o start at	popular song that needs a good performer and Wendy did it justice. She also sang "Are you Right there Michael" which was thoroughly enjoyed by everybody and again a brilliant performance. "Thank You" to you all for coming along to play and entertain. It is truly appreciated. Noel played a few tunes on his harmonica and also played the Connamara Cradle Song accompanied by everyone singing along. We presented Fr Bala with a donation to aid him in his
DANIEL KENNA, Cherrywood Park KEEVA OLIVIA FINN, Millpark, ELLIOT JONES, Station Road, FIADH AILÍS BYRNE, Castle Grove HOLLY GLENNON, St. John's Cresce RUNE ROSE CULLETON, Mill Cour Congratulations and welcome	e ent, rt Ave	work back home. He thanked everyone for all the help he received, also for the friendship and prayers. Please keep up the prayers for him. We wish you a safe journey home and May God Bless you. There is a new DVD of the work in his current parish showing first-hand the difficult conditions for both him and his parishioners. We will show this in the club at a future date. We wish Kay O'Neill a very Hap- py 90th Birthday. Sorry Kay I did not know that in time, however we will celebrate later. Next week
Joan is back in Clondakin Library on doing her monthly craft class. For Se the group will be doing crochet. Th lasts one hour and thirty minut	ptember e class	hopefully Joan will be in the hot seat with a quiz. Hopefully they won't be too difficult. On Monday 24 September we will be hosting the Coffee Morning in aid of the Hospice. So please support this

week, take care.

the group will be doing crochet. The class lasts one hour and thirty minutes. Booking is essential. To book telephone us at 4593315

morning as the hospice provides a great service to all who need it. Thank You Cecelia for the delicious scones you baked so early in the morning, Collette, Stephen and Martin for all your help. Until next Kathleen R



Pilgrims from Clondalkin on the Annual Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday last 8th September. The Pilgrimage was led by Fr. Padraig and the photo taken by Joe Leonard show the pilgrims just after celebration of Mass in the Apparition Church. Needless to say it rained persistently! Teresa

#### Are you looking for work but need more help? Do you work with people who would benefit from further training?

Need extra supports? National Learning Network (NLN) we provide a person-centred approach, allowing students to work at their own pace, setting

individual milestones to help each student reach their potential.

Call in for a chat with us during our OPEN DAY on Wednesday 19th September anytime from 10am to 4pm. Niall Comber, Ballyfermot National Learning Network Tel: (01) 626 9979

Photo taken by Noreen on the parish Pilgrimage to Knock on 8th September. Pope Francis gifted the Golden Rosary on his recent visit to Knock and is now on display beside the Golden Rose

gifted by Pope John Paul 11 in 1979. Also on display is the Papal Candle that was lit by Pope Francis at the Apparition Church before his silent prayer. The photo was taken while



the rain lashed down but the many photographers waited patiently for their turn to take the photo. Well worth a visit!

Clondalkin Drama Group Proudly presents a night of Loss, Love and Laughter from 25th to 29th September 7.30-9.30pm. Location: Quinlan's Black Lion Public House. Tickets: TBA MORE SINNED AGAINST THAN SINNING by Lig Dobson - BRENTON VERSUS BRENTON by David Tristram

The Parish office will be closed next week for staff straining -Sorry for any inconvenience caused

#### Need to talk to someone right now?

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If you are having a tough time and need someone to talk to right now please contact the following face-toface services:

Your local GP Out of Hours Doctor 1890 20 22 24 Your nearest A&E (Tallaght) 01 4142000 Pieta House 01 6200020 You can contact the following free helplines and text services:

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Suicide Prevention 1800 247 247

## Engaging Young People in a Parish

The Junior Parish Pastoral Council (J.P.P.C) began back in 2006 and has been going strong ever since. The council started as a way of giving young people a voice in their parish. It is for secondary school students, and consists of pupils from all four secondary schools in our area, and pupils from our neighbouring parish Kilbeggan. There is a committee consisting of Chair, Vice Chair and a Secretary. The selection of the commit-



tee has varied over the years, the most common being an interview process. The J.P.P.C has the full support of the Parish team and the P.P.C.

Over the years the Council has achieved many things and gone many places, enriching the teens' faith and leading them to a personal relationship with Jesus. The secret to the success of the J.P.P.C is to be missional, to be constantly looking at what it is that we can do as a community – always helping others – and to be fully immersed in prayer. All members of the

council are actively involved in keeping things fresh and exciting. To start a Junior Parish Pastoral Council all that is needed is young people, adult volunteers and the support of their Parish Priest. Our J.P.P.C meet weekly during the school year but every parish is different. It is a great idea for getting young people involved in their local parish, and comes highly recommended.

Annette Evans writes in this week's Cornerstone, a new section in The Irish Catholic, about the brilliant work that can be done when young people get seriously involved in their parish – as evidenced by Tullamore's Junior PPC

# **Quote of the week**

"Consider what God does and what you are doing. You will find His eyes turned towards you and perpetually fixed on you with an incomparable love."

– St. Francis de Sales

### Challenge:

During the course of the day, recollect as often as you can that you stand in the presence of God.

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