

Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris # Knockmitten

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 18th November 2018

As we approach the end of the liturgical year the readings today remind of us this aspect of Jesus' teaching: His insistence on the urgency of our situation and the need to decide. Faith is a gift, but, like any gift it is our choice to acknowledge, unwrap, use, lose or ignore it.



So today's Gospel faces us with a simple but difficult challenge. Does our faith make a difference to the life that we live? What is the essence of our faith? Would others know the faith we have by the lives that we lead? Does our community of faith have a compassionate and loving impact in the lives of others – our family, our friends and our community? Does it matter? For me faith is one of the greatest gifts we have been given and it is one of the greatest gifts we can nurture in our children. In a world where there is such injustice and suffering our faith assures us that no matter how dark things may seem we are never alone - that we are truly loved, loveable and capable of sharing that love with others. Our hope is real and not a placebo comfort. Do I have it all together... definitely not! Faith is a journey and my own has and continues to have many ups and downs, doubts and questions but today, in our community, this message of faith needed more than ever – People sleeping on our streets, Mental health issues, the closure of the Direct Provision centre, families housed in hotels, ... the list goes on and is unfortunately growing. Faced with the enormity of issues we can feel helpless and powerless. But in God there is always hope and love is the power we have. Our faith compels us to respond. As Teresa of Avila said, "Christ has no body now but yours, no hands or feet on earth but yours. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet with which he goes to do good. Yours are his eyes, yours are his ears – we are his body!" So who is the Christ you are to others? What is the challenge today's reading asks of your faith?

In the reading when asked about the signs of things to come, Jesus gave no long homily, but just looked at the fig tree and said you know from this when Summer and winter is coming. In the same way we can sense His presence in our lives in different ways. We have to be open to and respond to Christ who is always presents to us, constantly reaching out to us even when we are not present to Him! This week be aware and open to your God touching your life and the lives of others each day. And, in faith, in whatever simple way, respond.

Frank Brown, Parish Pastoral Worker



Masses

Clondalkin Village

Sundays: (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm

Sunday 9am Gaeilge) 10.30am (Choral), 12 noon (Family) & 5.30pm (Signed ISL)

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

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CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Vera Pidgeon

Veronica Bayly, Bernardine Wynne, Church Cleaners:

Tracy Whelan & Josephine Hearty

Flowers: Jacinta (for November)

Monday 19th November - Miraculous Medal

Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 20th November - CCPC Intercessory

Prayer for Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes. This Tuesday Intercessory Group meeting in Pastoral Centre **7.30-8.30pm**. All welcome.

Wednesday 21st November - Charismatic Prayer Group

Our Lady Queen of Peace. This Wednesday in Parish Pastoral

Centre **8.00pm** Prayer Meeting. Visitors especially welcome.

Thursday 22nd November - Adoration Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Morning: In the Church 10.45-11.45am Evening: In the Church **7pm to 8pm.** All welcome.



We had a very good attendance in the club this morning despite the late start due to a funeral. We were going to have bingo but everything got off to a later start. Everybody appeared to be enjoying a good chat we did not have it.

We presented our birthday girl Anne with a potted plant and wished Joan a belated happy birthday celebrated during the week. We sent Aine

McMathuna a birthday card on the occasion of her 104th Birthday. May all of you have a great year ahead and wish you happiness and health.

I got tickets for the Tea Dance in the Red Cow Inn and gave them out to those who requested them.

We are approaching the Social Inclusion week for 19 to 25 November there are a number of activities happening around Clondalkin and Tallaght areas. Each week I will mention the activities for various locations e.g. on Monday 19 to Friday 23 November there is:

"Around the World in 7 Days" in Clondalkin Youth Service, Monastery Road 10.00am to 6.00pm. This event explores the histories, culture and traditions of the ethnic communities in Clondalkin. As we are becoming a multicultural community it will be a great opportunity to learn about them.

Monday 19 November

Open Day in Aras Chronain, Clondalkin 10.00 – 11.30am. A guided tour of this magnificent 18th century building, and information on services provided in Aras Chronain. On the same day there is "Improve your Cupla Focal", an introduction to the Irish Language. 1.30 – 3pm. Contact Brian O Gaibhin 457 4847.

We finished up the morning with music and a sing-song. Noel played a lovely selection of tunes on his harmonica and whistle, and Sadie sang "Dublin in the Rare Old Times" As Presentation Day is coming up we will invite our special guests on Monday to celebrate their day with us. Thank Collette, Joan and Stephen for all your help too. Kathleen R

Until next week take care.



May Redmond, Newlands.

We extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to her family, many friends and neighbours. May she rest in peace!

Do not give to the poor expecting to get their gratitude so that you can feel good about yourself. If you do, your giving will be thin and short-lived, and that is not what the poor need; it will only impoverish them further. Give only if you have something you must give; give only if you are someone for whom giving is its own reward. Dorothy Day Sunday 18th November

Village Church

6.30pm Vigil Margaret Doyle (25th An)

Special Intention, Nuala Bismilla (An), Frank Keane Snr

9.00am Wendy McGrath (An) 10.30am Walter & Elizabeth Fortune

Kevin Farrell (7th An), 12noon

Amy O'Shea (23rd B'day Rem & 20th An), Michael Finnegan (RD), Nellie & Colm Finnegan (An)

1.00pm Mass for the African Community

Monday 19th November

10.00am Dolores Nolan (An)

Tuesday 20th November

Patrick Delaney & dec'd family members 10.00am

Wednesday 21st November 10.00am Teresa Verso (MM) Thursday 22nd November

Pat & Kathleen Duggan (An) 10.00am

Saturday 24th November

Mass for dec'd members of the Legion of 10.00am

Mary worldwide - active and auxiliary

Sunday 25th November

6.30pm Vigil Joe Fitzgibbon (5th An)

Robert Mills (MM)

9.00am Eileen & Josephine Hogan (An) 12noon

Jim Monaghan, Dan White (An), Mary Reilly (An), Kathleen McDonnell (An)

Clonburris

Saturday @ 6.30pm

Harry O'Brien (An), Patrick Roe (An)

Sunday @ 11.00am

Patrick Farrelly (An), Marie Morris (An), Stephen Morris (An), Stephen Morris Jnr (An)



The family of the late Kathleen (Kay) Buckley, Castle Park wish to acknowledge with gratitude the many expressions of sympathy and gestures of Kindness shown to us during our recent bereavement. Thank you to the many friends, neighbours,

colleagues and well-wishers who attended the funeral service and also those who telephoned, sent floral tributes, cards, and messages of condolence we are truly grateful. A special "thank you" all the members of the various Bridge Clubs that Kathleen was a member of. To those who helped in any way, your contribution made our loss more bearable. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions. May she Rest in Peace.



All are invited to Mass for all who died during the year on Friday November 30th at 7.30pm.

Invitations have gone out to the families of the deceased parishioners. If by any chance someone is omitted we need you to pass the word. A member of the family of each deceased parishioner will present a

lighted candle in his/her memory. Candles will be provided. The invitation is extended to everyone who would like to attend regardless of where and when deaths of loved ones took place.



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



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Photo by Joyson Joy shows the New Ministers of the Eucharist being commissioned and being presented with their certificates of Commission by Fr. Pat Rogers and Pat Connell coordinator at 10.30am last Sunday.

Our congratulations and appreciation to the New Ministers who have generously volunteered their time and service.

"I would maintain that "thanks "are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder." G.K. Chestevton

Please spread the word - Our 5:30pm mass on Sunday is now Signed (ISL) for all deaf or hearing impaired members in our community. You can also look in on this on our parish webcam!!

Seventeen Transition Year students from Coláiste Chillian, Nangor Road, are hoping to travel with Nurture Africa for 12 days in April 2019 to volunteer with the community, schools and children in the town of Nansana, Uganda. As each student has to raise €2000 to participate in this amazing opportunity, we are holding a Cake Sale after all Masses on Sunday 25th November to raise much needed funds. We would really appreciate your support.

BLOOD DONATION CLINIC

Green Isle Hotel, Clondalkin Wed 28th November 2018 - 3.00-5.00pm & 7.00-9.00pm Thursday 29th November 2018 - 5.00-8.30pm LoCall 1850 731 137 Thank you to those who donated unwanted glasses to Specsavers following their recent appeal. We cannot take any more donations here in the Parish Office so please bring your old glasses to Specsavers store in Liffey Valley Shopping Centre if you want to pass them on for the benefit of others.



Wednesday 21st November is the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We extend our greetings to and wish God's blessing on the Presentation Sisters on this their Feast Day.

The Sisters will join the congregation at the 10am Mass that morning. We will have the opportunity to thank the Sisters who have been serving us in the Parish since 1865

HOTA 2017?

The Christian tradition speaks of a moment of judgment in which we become who we are once and for all. In death we are thrust out into God. Some find themselves at home with God. That is where they belong – in heaven. Others are not yet ready for God and they experience the purification that we call purgatory. Others still find that they do not belong with God at all but that have nowhere else to go and so they are

stuck – as stuck in death as they were in life. Yes, that much at least no one will want to dispute: You don't have to wait for death to experience hell. Hell is the reality of a great many people's lives here and now: cut off from God, cut off from their true selves, cut off from those around them in the isolation of compulsion and fantasy. Fr James O'Kane,

November 20th is Universal Children's Day - Lá Uilíoch na Leanbh

United Nation's Universal Children's Day was established in 1954 and is celebrated on November 20th each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare. November 20th is an important date as it is the date in 1959 when the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. It is also the date in 1989 when the UN General assembly adopted the Convention of the Rights of the Child. It is also the date in 1989 when the UN General assembly adopted the Convention of the Rights of the Child.

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Mothers and fathers, teachers, nurses and doctors, government leaders and civil society activists, religious and community elders, corporate moguls and media professionals as well as young people and children themselves can play an important part in making Universal Children's Day relevant for their societies, communities and nations. Universal Children's Day offers each of us an inspirational entry-point to advocate, promote and celebrate children's rights, translating into dialogues and actions that will build a better world for Children.

2018: Children are taking over and turning the world blue! This year the world is going blue! We want to build a world where every child is in school, safe from harm and can fulfil their potential, and we know you do too.

World Children's Day - a day for children, by children - is almost here and we want you to take part. Get involved and **#GoBlue**Celebrate by wearing **blue clothing or accessories** and share with the world on social media

Take part in the World's Largest Lesson - http://worldslargestlesson.globalgoals.org/make-every-school-safe-to-learn/
Transform your website and social media platforms by turning them blue for the day
See more on how you can participate in World Children's Day: www.unicef.org/world-childrens-day



GiannaCare, positive care in a crisis pregnancy, are having an information meeting on **Friday 23rd Nov at 8pm** in the Pastoral Ctr. All Welcome. For more info www.giannacare.ie or call 01 5322116



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