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Parish Newsletter

Sunday 25th November 2018



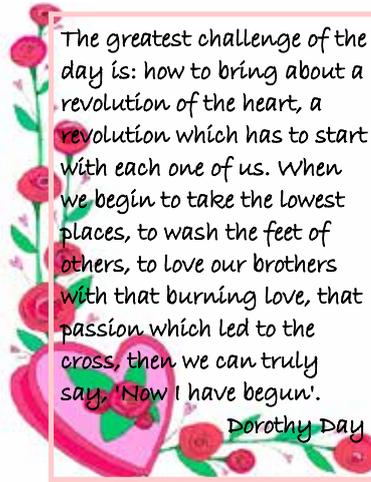
## Infectious Kindness

The first day at a new school can be confusing and disorienting—all the more so if you have to work out your travel arrangements. Last week a year 7 pupil at Holy Family Thornton, Liverpool, suddenly realized he was on the wrong bus home.

He had no money or phone and the bus was rapidly taking him further away from his destination. With nobody to turn to, he started quietly crying.

It would have been easy to look the other way. Fortunately, his new school mates were on hand. An older pupil, Tom O'Brien, aged 15, asked what the problem was. When he understood the situation, O'Brien gave the younger lad £10 note and told him to get a taxi. "it's OK mate, don't worry, O'Brien reportedly said. "You'll be home soon". And when the boy got out of the bus two other Holy Family pupils came with him to make sure he got home safely.

It's a modern Good Samaritan story in its own small way. And we should be glad that a Catholic School has helped to instill these principles. It's easy to roll one's eyes at the word "**KINDNESS**"



The greatest challenge of the day is: how to bring about a revolution of the heart, a revolution which has to start with each one of us. When we begin to take the lowest places, to wash the feet of others, to love our brothers with that burning love, that passion which led to the cross, then we can truly say, 'Now I have begun'.

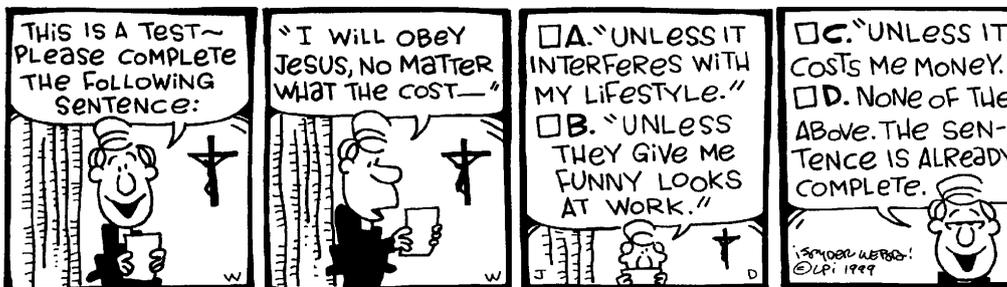
Dorothy Day

and it is true that niceness is not a substitute for the great virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity. But such small acts are nevertheless a reflection of God's Love.

That habit of kindness is something we could all try harder to build up. Like any virtue, it strengthens or weakens over time depending on whether we practice it. As O'Brien's father commented on Facebook, "It isn't out of character for Tom. I am a youth centre manager and he and his mates help out there .....He knows what to do around people who need help".

What's more, *kindness is infectious*. The Liverpool Echo reports that the taxi didn't charge for the journey!

Fr. Padraig (From Catholic Herald)



## 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: Angela Minihan  
 Church Cleaners: Kitty Egan, Angela McCreevey & Veronica Bayly  
 Flowers: No flowers for Advent

**Monday 26th November - Miraculous Medal Novena** after 10am Mass and Rosary.  
**Tuesday 27th November - CCPC Intercessory Prayer** for Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes. This Tuesday Intercessory Group meeting in Pastoral Centre **7.30-8.30pm**. All welcome.  
**Wednesday 28th November - Charismatic Prayer Group** *Our Lady Queen of Peace*. This Wednesday **Missionary Rosary 7.30pm** in Parish Pastoral Centre. **8.00pm Prayer Meeting**. Visitors especially welcome.  
**Thursday 29th November - Adoration Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.**  
*Morning:* In the Church **10.45-11.45am**  
*Evening:* In the Church **7.00-8.00pm**. All welcome.

This Week



**Monday Club**  
 We had a large crowd in the club this morning. We welcomed our guests of honour, the Presentation Sisters to celebrate their forthcoming feast day on Wednesday 21 November being the Feast Day of the Presentation of Our Lady. It was wonderful that they all got to come in and chat to all in the club and enjoy the tea and cake. Most probably would know most of the sisters from schools if they had children attending and it was a wonderful opportunity to sit and chat and get to meet some whom they may not have met before. We wish each of them a very Happy Feast Day and may Mary our Mother in Heaven watch over and protect them always. Afternoon Tea Dance in Red Cow Inn 4-7pm on Thursday 22 November please don't forget to go those of you who have tickets. They are scarce.



We had a lovely sing-song to finish off the morning. Maureen started us off by singing the Guy Mitchell song "She wears red feathers", followed by Noel who played a wide selection of tunes on his whistle and harmonica. Sadie sang her "Dublin in the Rare Old Times, some Sonny Knowles songs, followed by Sr

Stacia who recited a poem about Autumn Leaves. Kate sang "Will you go lassie go", Sr Anne sang the "Grandfather Clock". Next week is our social inclusion coffee morning as part of the Social Inclusion Week. As part of the Social Inclusion Week we hope to have Ljiljana Matkovic come to tell us about herself and her country. The Log Book for names and donations for Fr Bala is still in the club for anyone wishing to donate and have their name included in the foundations of the church when it is built. Thanks to Stephen, Collette and Joan for all their help with setting tables, teas/coffees and clear up and of course to you all for making the morning so happy and pleasant for everyone.

Until next week take care  
**Kathleen R**

*photos—Eddie*

**Village Church**  
**Sunday 25th November**  
**6.30pm Vigil** Joe Fitzgibbon (5th An), Robert & Joan Crookes (An), Robert Mills (MM), Martin Whelan (An)  
**9.00am** Eileen & Josephine Hogan (An)  
**10.30am** George Browne (An)  
**12noon** Jim Monaghan, Dan White (An), Mary Reilly (An), Kathleen McDonnell (An), Bridget Baffett (4th An), Dave Mitchell (14th An)  
**Monday 26th November**  
**10.00am** Thomas Feighery (13th An)  
**Tuesday 27th November**  
**10.00am** Martha Ferris (100 B/day Rem)  
**Wednesday 28th November**  
**10.00am** Denis Flanagan (An)  
**Thursday 29th November**  
**7.30am** Carmel Lynch (An)  
**Friday 30th November**  
**7.30pm** Mass for deceased parishioners  
**Sunday 2nd December**  
**6.30pm Vigil** Joseph Ledwidge (1st An), Nora & Gay Keogh (An), Kathleen & Johnny Roebuck (An)  
**10.30am** Matthew Minogue (An), Vera Phelan (1st An) and Thomas Phelan (Rem)  
**12noon** Nancy & Michael Murphy (An), Nicholas, Simon & George McNulty (An), Maura Mernagh (An), Olive Smith (12th An), Maurice Collins (An), Joe, Nancy & Pat Murphy (An)  
**Clonburrís**  
**Saturday 24th November @ 6.30pm**  
 Aidan Keeley (B/day Rem), Patrick McGovern (An)



**In Remembrance**  
 As November draws to a close our thoughts turn to our loved ones who died since last November.  
 On Friday 30th at 7.30pm Mass will be offered for deceased Parishioners, their families and loved ones. During the Mass when the name of the deceased person is called a member of his/her family will come forward to present a lighted candle—candles provided. Invitations have gone out but you do not need an invitation to attend or present a candle. Please spread the word!

**CLONDALKIN HISTORY SOCIETY**  
**Crannoga: The Irish built Artificial Islands in Lakes**  
*Illustrated talk by John Dolan* Monday 26th November 2018 in Áras Chrónáin, Watery Lane, at 8.00pm.  
 Admission: €5 non members. All Welcome.  
**Josephine Byrne, Secretary**

**ANN ADAIR, Greenpark Drive**  
 We remember her family and friends at this time



*Thank you*  
 The family of the late Eleanor Goodwin, Beech Row, wish to thank all who attended the funeral Mass of our dear Mam as well as those who sent cards and flowers.  
 A special "thank you" to Fr. Pdraig for his support and to Dr. Lynch for the care given to Mam. Your prayers and support are very much appreciated and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society**  
 will meet on Wednesday 28th November at 10.45am in the Pastoral Centre.  
 New members always welcome.

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





Congratulations to Muintir Chrónáin on winning their category at the All Ireland **Pride of Place** awards at Cork City Hall on Saturday last. Clondalkin was well represented with the Round Tower Heritage Group entry of the Heritage Centre Brú Chrónain reaching the final in their category, The eventual winner was Moneygall Obama Plaza., Co. Offally. **Annual General Meeting of Clondalkin Tidy Towns** will be held in the Maldron Hotel at Newlands Cross on Wednesday 28th November at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to attend .  
Photo: Clondalkin Groups , Muintir Chronain and the Round Tower Heritage Group.  
*Tommy Keogh*

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.



*You are invited.* All Bridge players—to a Charity Bridge Night in Newlands Golf Club at 7.30pm in aid of our Local Branch of St. Vincent de Paul. No partner needed. Admission €10 per person and please bring an item suitable for Raffle. All monies raised go to help families in need in the wider Clondalkin area in time for Christmas.



*Recently Married Congratulations!*  
**Sorcha Moloney and Peter Freeman**  
**Susanne Stokes and Patrick McDonagh**



With the evenings well and truly closed in the Church will close at 4.30pm weekdays.

There will be a collection after all Masses on **Sunday 2nd December** for the support of Irish pilgrims planning to attend World Youth Day in Panama City in January 2019.



The pupils from Scoil Íde will join the congregation at 10am Mass on Friday 30th Nov



Those who are too good, too gentle, too sincere, too meek, too humble, end up, as a rule, exploited and mocked, sacrificed on the altar of expediency. So it is in the kingdoms of this world. The world knows that too much goodness leads to the cross and takes time off from its obsession with personal and collective security to laugh heartily at such naivety. The *truth* that the world cannot perceive is that goodness leads through the cross to resurrection and life. Pilate thought to survive, but he survived only to live wretchedly and die another day. The secret of Jesus is that those who are willing to die today to the selfish demands of survival at any price will live forever... It is Jesus, not Pilate, who is truly free. *Fr James O'Kane,*

## Prayer in the Days before Advent

My brother, Jesus. It happens every year. I think that this will be the year that I have a reflective Advent. I look forward to Sunday & this new season, Jesus. But all around me are the signs *rushing me* to Christmas & some kind of celebration that equates spending with love. I need your help. I want to *slow my world down*. This year, more than ever, *I need Advent*, these weeks of reflection & longing for hope in the darkness. Jesus, this year, *help me to have that longing*. Help me to feel it in my heart & be aware of the hunger & thirst in my own soul. Deep down, I know there is something missing in my life, but I can't quite reach for it. I can't get what is missing. Help me to gift myself space & time. I know it is about you, Jesus.

You are not missing from my life, but I might be missing the awareness of all of the places you are present there. May I be present to you & instead of searching, recognise that you are beside me always; leading, comforting & loving. *Be with me*, my dear friend.

*Guide me* in these weeks to what you want to show me this Advent. Help me to be vulnerable enough to ask you to lead me to the place of my own weakness, the very place where I will find you the most deeply embedded in my heart, loving me without limits.

May I allow myself, for at least one moment, to truly feel this love &



*may it transform me. Amen*



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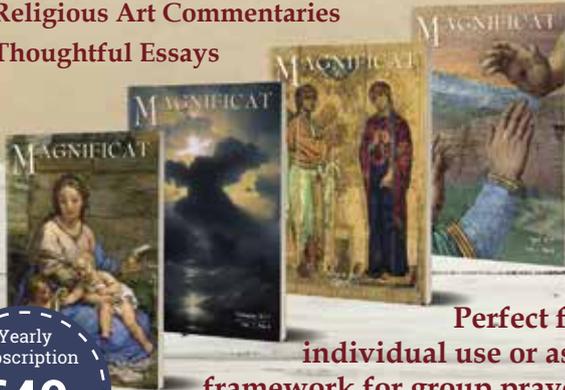
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