



# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church*

**Clonburris Parish**  **Knockmitten Parish**

## Parish Newsletter

**Sunday, 28th August 2016**



In the Gospel today, when Jesus told this story, I often wonder if it hit its intended targets. The Pharisees thought they were the upper crust in God's kingdom. They were the most religious, pious and holy people they knew, and if anyone deserved places at God's table, certainly it was them - at least in their minds. They had developed an attitude of distinction - a

culture of exclusion. But in this Gospel reading, Jesus says, "Not so fast, folks! There are other guests who are just as important as you. They might not look religious or come to mass every Sunday, and they might not have all the right table manners or be the right age, and they might not wear the best clothes or live in the best parts of the city, but I've invited them to the banquet as well." When we, like the Pharisees, think that we have a special place in God's family because of something we've done, or the particular theory we embrace, or because in our own minds we belong to the right kind of church, Jesus says, "Guess what? These other guests of mine are just as important as you are, as loved as you are, as welcome as you are." **The Good News** - That we are loved unconditionally, that we are loveable (even when we don't believe it) and that we can share that love with others - is for all. To make it more challenging - we are called to the bearers and carriers of this invitation, through our lives, our outreach, our mission, our Baptism and our faith.

The culture we live in is very good at producing popular trends. We call it 'the in thing'. It seems to be increasingly the 'in thing' to be so focused on ourselves and our own needs that we don't see the bigger picture and how we can meet the needs of others. It's the 'in thing' to focus in on ourselves and not the Other. It's the 'in thing' to even enshrine this focus as gospel in our practices, structures and behaviours - even as a church or parish community. So who do we exclude - intentionally or otherwise? Where is our invite conditional? When are we making His invite known from Sunday to Sunday to those who might never have heard it or experienced it?

It is fitting that today is the anniversary, in 1963, of Martin Luther King's inspiring **I have a dream speech** made while addressing a civil rights march at Lincoln Memorial in Washington. If you have never heard it or heard just bits, it's well worth looking up on youtube. Maybe reflect on this short excerpt during the week and ask how is my faith, my invite and my actions making the Good News of Jesus an ever present reality in our community?

*I have a dream today. I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.*

*This is our hope. This is the faith that I go back to the South with. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.*

Frank Brown PPW

### Masses

#### Clondalkin Village

**Sundays:** (Vigil) Sat 7.30pm,  
Sunday 9am (Gaeilge)  
10.30am, 12 noon (Family)  
& 5.30pm

**Weekdays** (Mon - Fri)

7.30am and 10am. Sat 10am

**First Fridays** 7.30am, 10am.

**Holy Days** 7.30pm (Vigil), 7.30am,  
10am

**Confessions** Sat 10.30 - 11am  
& 6.45 - 7.15pm

#### Clonburris

**Sundays** (Vigil) Sat 6.30 pm,

**Sunday** 11am (Family);

**Holy Days** 11am

**Confessions** Before Masses

#### Knockmitten

**Sundays** (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm,

**Sunday** 11am (For July & August)

**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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Sacristy or Office by 4.30pm

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I cycle to and from town for work and a few weeks ago had done my usual journey parking my bike just off Merrion Square. The weather had been pretty nice on the morning even if a little overcast. But the heavens opened during the day with sustained downpours. I was not looking forward to getting on a wet saddle to cycle home. So imagine my surprise and delight when I returned to my bike to find a plastic bag covering the seat with a little message on it – “A wet bike seat would have been no fun!” To the anonymous stranger who did this simple act of kindness – thanks. A real act of mercy. It made my day. – **Siobhan McT.**



**Keep your Gems of Mercy coming!!**

**Up to 250 words in length or a picture that needs no words!!**

**We would love to hear from you!!**

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or [Parishnews1@gmail.com](mailto:Parishnews1@gmail.com)**

### As promised here is a short Reflection on the WYD from 2 of our young parishioners who attended!

Although I had attended meetings and had received background information on World Youth Day, I didn't know what to expect when I began my journey. This was my first World Youth Day and I had heard so many stories from various people about their previous experiences, but I always found that I couldn't fully imagine what it would be like. I feel as though it's difficult to explain your experience to someone because it is such a unique experience. Two million people, is obviously a large number, but until you see the endless crowds of people, and multi-coloured ponchos, it's hard to imagine what the atmosphere is like. Singing and chanting in the middle of the street, with people from different countries, becomes normal and almost second nature to you. The friends you make and the experience you take from World Youth Day is amazing, and I would certainly hope to have the opportunity to return to World Youth Day in Panama in 2019.

**Sean Nolan**

For further pictures and information please check our facebook page  
**Combined Catholic Parishes Clondalkin and I or The Young Church - Dublin Pilgrims making a difference**



**The answer to last week's brainteaser—What is stuck in a corner and goes around the world? **A Stamp!!****

**This weeks' one to get you thinking!**  
**Answer next week**

What is wider than life itself  
Longer than forever  
So simple it's complicated  
Travels but never leaves the spot  
Puts others in danger but no one gets hurt  
And reaches to worlds unknown?

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MEAL	GUESTS	PARABLE
WEDDING	FRIEND	EXALTS
HUMBLER	LUNCH	RELATIONS
REPAY	COURTESY	POOR



### CLONDALKIN TOASTMASTERS OPEN EVENING



Want to develop your communication and leadership skills? Clondalkin Toastmasters will host its first gathering of the new term on **Tuesday 6th September at the Maldron Hotel, Newlands Cross**. Proceedings will begin at 8pm. Toastmasters is an internationally proven programme that enables people overcome a fear of public speaking and to develop their talents in this regard. Meetings are facilitated in a positive and supportive atmosphere, with fellow Members providing mentoring and support. Young or old are welcome. Anyone interested can just attend on the evening or speak in advance to **Mary Conlon**, Toastmasters VP of Membership, by emailing [maryconlon27@gmail.com](mailto:maryconlon27@gmail.com) or calling **085 1314032**.

With the school year starting again, and lots of new little ones starting out, we would like to remind parishioners that your children *(and their parents)* are **ALWAYS** welcome here in our Churches.

Why not pop in and say a little prayer on your way to or from school?



Dear Parents of our Young Parishioners,  
Our parish enthusiastically welcomes your growing family to fully celebrate with us.  
**Mass messages:**  
- Before: Gird and the mercy is little children. Don't feel you have to topress in God's house.  
- Sit towards the front or side or by it is easier for little ones to see and hear.  
- Quietly explain the parts of the Mass.  
- Sing the hymns, pray the prayers, and say the responses.  
- Children learn from your example.  
- If you feel you must leave Mass with your child, please note that we have a soundproof side chapel that you are welcome to bring your children into. Please don't stop bringing your child to Mass - as Jesus said "Let the children come to me".  
**Play Learn Love**  
A Note to all Parishioners:  
The presence of children is a gift to our Church. Use all of us, they are members of the Body of Christ and a treasure of the parish and of our Church. Please welcome our children and their parents, and give them a big smile of encouragement!



### Parent's 31 Days of Prayer for your Children

As parent's thoughts (especially those with children returning to school in the next few weeks) are firmly focused on their children and what they need. This is a small prayer resource for parents that gives a small thought/prayer a day for your child over 31 days. To view, download and/or print it go to the website – [www.clondalkinparish.com](http://www.clondalkinparish.com) or take a leaflet from the back of the Church.

**Let's make September a Parent's month of prayer for their children in our parish!**



World youth day was an experience you can't explain, it was a truly amazing week and I'd do it again in a heartbeat, I met some amazing people I'll never forget.  
**Emily O Reilly**





Congratulations  
& welcome to

### Clondalkin Church

**Tadhg Sean Lonergan, Riversdale Avenue**  
**Robyn Herd, Alpine Heights.**  
**Darragh Francis Sean Chaney, Monastery Heath Square**  
**Daniel John Courtney, Belgard Road, Newlands Cross**  
**Ivy Molly Connell, Church View, Greenpark**  
**Faye Louise Burke, Ashwood Lawns**  
**Harvey James Howard, Hayworth Mews, Ongar**

Clonburris      **Rhys O'Brien**

Who received the Sacrament of Baptism!



We pray for  
**Margaret Dempsey, St. Brigid's Cottages**  
**Noel Shirley, Castle Close**  
recently deceased

*Our deepest sympathies and our prayers to  
their grieving families and friends at this time.*

### PARISH DIARY 2018

**The Parish diary for 2018 will  
be available from **Sept 5th**.**

**Anyone wishing to book a  
wedding may do so through  
the Parish Office.**

**The Office is open from 9.30am to  
12.30pm Monday to Friday  
(closed Bank Holidays)  
Tel: (01) 459 3520.**



### CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Hi Everybody,  
We will be back to normal *next Tuesday*  
**30th August**. I hope you all had a  
lovely Summer break. There was no need to water the  
gardens with all the rain! Regards, *Clare*.



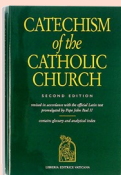
### CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen:	Angela Minahan
Flowers:	Elizabeth Mary Doyle
Cleaning:	Rita Arnold
Newsletter:	Jim Flood



### ADULT CATHECHISM STUDIES

A meeting of Spiritual Directors, Facilitators  
and Assignment Students will take place on  
**Sat 17th Sept** at Our Lady's Shrine, Knock,  
which will include an address by Most  
Reverend Alphonsus Cullinan, Bishop of  
Waterford and Lismore and a presentation by Dr. Marie  
Cooke, Maryvale Institute.  
Meanwhile, our group will begin a new year of study of  
the Catechism on the **7th September**. *Ronan Leydon*



## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### Village Church

#### Sunday 28th August

7.30pm (vigil) Paddy Fitzgerald and deceased  
Members of Fitzgerald Family  
Fr. Sean Cassidy

10.30am Conor and Alice Hogan, Robbie and Bob Dillon  
Jimmy McMahon (9th An)

12.noon Michael Hynes, Mary and Joe Connolly  
Sr. Rose Martin, 1st anniversary  
Josephine and Edmund Calvely  
Michael Maguire, Bernard J. Tully  
Margaret & Bernard Tully Snr  
Jimmy McMahon (9th An)

#### Saturday 3rd September

11.30am Nancy (Noreen) Byrne (Memorial)

#### Sunday 4th September

7.30pm (vigil) Anne Guilfoyle (1st An)  
10.30am Patrick (P.J.) Minogue (An)

### Clonburris

#### Sunday 28th August

11.00am Martin Byrne (An)  
Eddie Tully (An)

## This Week

IN THE VILLAGE

### Tuesday 30th August

CCPC Intercessory Prayer for 9 Clondalkin Parishes in  
Pastoral Centre—7.30 to 8.30pm.

### Wednesday 31st August

10.45am—St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society meeting  
downstairs in Pastoral Centre.

7.30pm—Charismatic Prayer Group meeting in Pastoral  
Centre. Missionary Rosary recited 7.30pm before Prayer  
Meeting at 8.00pm. **All welcome.**

### Thursday 1st September

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
10.45—11.45am In the Church  
8.00—9.00pm Hour of Prayer in Church  
**All welcome.**

### PLEASE NOTE

### CEMETERY SUNDAY

Mass and Blessing of graves in **Esker Cemetery** is  
today at 3pm – weather permitting!

