



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris Parish  **Knockmitten Parish**

Sunday, 7th August 2016

Parish Newsletter



Busy Marthas and Meditative Marys

The story of Jesus' visit to Martha and Mary is one of the most powerful in the Bible. It always gets a reaction especially from the sizeable number of people who support Martha and think she gets a raw deal. There are a number of angles we can approach this story from. The most usual is that it addresses the dilemma of the contemplative life versus the active life. Yes, it's about that but there is another element to it that often goes unnoticed. Whether we are active or contemplative in the spiritual life there is the issue of being harmonious versus that of being fragmented, the issue of focus and the issue of distraction. Distraction is one of our most serious problems in being Christians because first it is the root cause of fragmentation and second there is so much of it around today. Jesus says in today's Gospel, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and distracted by many things whereas only one thing is needed and Mary has chosen the better part". What Jesus is saying is that Martha is fragmented in her activity and Mary is in harmony in her contemplation. If roles were reversed and Mary was the busy one doing the hospitality, she would be focused and if Martha was sitting with the Lord she would be distracted even in her contemplation. The most telling sign that Martha is not in a good place is that she even tells God what to do. "Hey, you, Jesus, tell that sister of mine to get up and help me". If I find myself telling God what to do, then it's time to realize that I am not in a good place in my own spiritual life. It's something that can happen to all of us - we can be distracted and fragmented even in times of quiet prayer. And we can be in focused harmony even when we are engaged in busy activities. St. Martha is the patron of cooks and cookery can be a very stressful and distracting activity - just look at an episode of "Masterchef" on RTE. So, in our Mass today, we pray for her intercession to help us discern the correct balance between prayer and action, to help us to be in harmony and focused both in our contemplation and our activity. We pray especially for those whose lives are overstressed and fragmented that they will be open to choosing the one thing necessary - the presence of Jesus among us. Lord hear us.

Fr. Padraig

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

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Newly Baptised

Congratulations and welcome to:

Clondalkin

Jack James Chapman, Laurel Park

Clonburris

**Cara Irene Hogan
Huey David Donegan**

who were baptised on Sunday after Mass



We extend our deepest sympathy to
the families and friends of

**Julie Gough, Woodford Grove
Sean O hUaithne, Leyland Avenue**

recently deceased.

HOOR OF PRAYER

There will be an Hour of Prayer with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers for healing and individual blessing with Benediction at 9.00pm on Thursday 11th August in the village Church.

You are invited to come to this Hour of Prayer where we will gather to pray with you and for you as we ask the healing hand of the Lord to touch and strengthen us.

All are welcome.

CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen:	Mary Leonard
Cleaning:	Betty Byrne and Rebecca Duggan
Flowers:	Nuala Kendellan (for August)
Newsletter:	Jim Flood

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Clondalkin Village:

Sunday 7th August

7.30pm Vigil Patrick Plunkett (48th An)
George Guilfoyle (Birthday Rem)

Wed 10th August

7.30am Dessie McDermott (An)

Friday 12th August

10.00am John Mulholland (An)

Sunday 14th August

10.30am Mary Minogue (Birthday Rem)

Clonburris:

Sunday 7th August

6.30pm Vigil Paul Bradshaw (Birthday Rem)
Kathleen & Thomas Murphy (An)

11.00am

Rosemary McKenna (An)
Ann Henry (An)
William Tully (An)
Patrick Aherne (An)
Margaret Bagnell (Recently Dec'd)

This Week

IN VILLAGE CHURCH

Monday 8th August

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass & Rosary.

Tuesday 9th August

Legion of Mary in Convent at 11am—new members welcome.

Wednesday 10th August

CCPC Intercessory Prayer in Pastoral Centre—7.30 to 8.30pm

Prayer Group in Pastoral Centre. **Note: 7.30pm start with Rosary before prayer meeting at 8.00pm.**

Thursday 11th August

Eucharistic Adoration in the Church 10.45 to 11.45am.

ROUND TOWERS

Round Towers are towers of a type but there are also one in the Isle of to the seventh or whilst their pur- thought that they bell towers or both – only God the Monday Club



early Medieval stone found mainly in Ireland two in Scotland and Man. They date back eighth century, and pose is not certain, it is may have been used as places of refuge or knows. Back in 2008 had, as guest speaker,

Monica McGill from Shaw Trust, who took us back to our own Round Tower which dominated the monastic settlement of St Cronan aka St Mochua way back then.

It all began on a green field site with a community of monks and scribes whose lives were dedicated to prayer, learning and teaching. Monica had us wondering about the size, scope, abilities and skills of the workforce; about their raw materials and tools; their basic architectural plans. This settlement was meant to provide a safe habitation for the indigenous population, their herds and flocks; but most importantly it was to be a place of prayer, worship and learning. Hence the bell tower, the Church and, as one who pursues the possibilities, a school and infirmary. Obviously a wide range of skilled and talented people were employed in this enterprise. Apart from builders, hewers of wood and drawers of water, there had to be food producers and cooks, herdsmen and huntsmen, herbalists and apothecaries.

It was from this place, and others, eg Clonfert and Clonmacnoise, that missionaries set forth to evangelise the pagan countries of Europe and beyond and earned for us the name of the Island of Saints and Scholars. This is Clondalkin's heritage, the source of our pride of place.

It shouldn't be too surprising that a distinguished and titled Englishman who had a huge interest in ancient architecture, one Sir John Betjeman, poet and poet laureate, doyan of British aristocratic society, when during WW2 was posted to Ireland by the Ministry of Information in order to report on the state of affairs in this neutral country, used the opportunity in his travels to see a lot of our ancient heritage.

According to our informant, he found Ireland to be 'the most perfect place on Earth'. Clondalkin was included in that sentiment! He was so enthralled by our round tower and other antiquities that he returned again and again.

Breda Grace

"GOD OF ALL CREATION"

These words prayed at all Masses seemed to take on a deeper meaning at the Mass celebrated at St. Brigid's Well on Saturday 30th July last at 7am.

The well site was an ideal setting and was not lost on the people gathered there. Morning was new, the old ash tree with it's gnarled trunk defied the ravages of time and sprouted out its finery in new greens and gold. Bird song mingled with happy human voices and with one voice echoed the "Glory of God"

Mass celebrated by Fr. Mike Ruddy has now become an annual event and is hosted by the parishioners of Sruleen Parish.

Peter who keeps the well always looking splendid brushed away our votes of appreciation and asked that Newland's Garden Centre be especially thanked for their donation of flowers which adorned the "Altar" and the mat for Fr's knees.

The cuppa, biscuits and buns were welcome and served joyfully by members of Sruleen Parish.

Photos generously supplied by Tommy Keogh who had just returned from holidays the previous evening.

Teresa



MONDAY CLUB

On Monday 19 of us went to Cobh for the day's outing. We got the 9am train to cork and then got a train to Cobh. On arrival we had a walk around for a breath of sea air and view the harbour and the fabulous hanging baskets of petunias which added so much colour.

We went for lunch to the Commodore Hotel, afterwards we visited the Heritage Centre, St. Colman's Cathedral, Titanic Centre and some of us took a spin on the little train which took us all around Cobh. The driver was a very knowledgeable guide who pointed out all the places of interest and told us the history of Cobh adding humour where appropriate - Heritage Centre, attached to Cobh Railway, depicting scenes and sounds and information of passengers who were on the Titanic and some on Lusitania ship torpedoed in May 1915, Spike Island was a Monastic Settlement and until 2004 it was a prison.

Cobh harbour is the second largest in the world and some of the huge passenger liners come into Cobh. The also hosted the "Tall Ships" festival in 1991.

There is much history, so many places and things to do in Cobh that it would be impossible to do in a few days let alone one day. We headed back for the train to Dublin after a lovely day's visit. Thanks to all who came along and made the day so enjoyable for all concerned.

We will be back in the Club on Monday 8th—till then take care.

Kathleen R.

Photos courtesy Joe Leonard (Apologies—due to lack of space these photos will be held over to next week's newsletter).