



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris ✚ **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 6th November 2016



Conversion and redemption are always possible and we pray for both. In the month of November we pray for the Holy Souls -

those who have gone before us in faith.

When I first went to Lough Derg twenty years ago, I was struck by the sign over the entrance which said "St. Patrick's Purgatory". Over the next three days as I did the pilgrimage it struck me that it was purgatory as I denied myself sleep, food and walked around in my bare feet. But the amazing

thing is that I wanted to do it as did the other people who were on the island. A purgatory can be attractive in pulling me out of my laziness and reinvigorating me. I was a happy man leaving Lough Derg after my three days visit and, being young and physically fit, I found it tough but doable. I don't think I'll be going again as I am a bit old now for staying up all night and denying myself food. Since then I have found other less severe purgatories that bring about conversion in me and through my prayer and self denial hopefully, bring about conversion in others. One of the most remarkable things about Lough Derg is that I wanted to do this penance. Since then it has struck me that all of us to some degree or other, even the most hedonistic, actually like a bit of purgatory in their lives. How many people do we see pushing themselves hard in a lengthy jog, sweating it out in a punishing workout or training intensely for their favourite sport? Spiritually, the results of our prayers and acts of self denial bring about many conversions-some people convert in this life and some convert in the life to come and these are the Holy Souls in Purgatory whom we pray for in November. To help us understand the theology behind this is to look at the story of the Prodigal Son.

Jesus never forced anyone to follow him or believe in him. He allowed people to reject him and walk away and in our story of the Prodigal Son, the father lets the son reject him and wander off to do his own thing.

The younger son wants to be free and for a while the freedom he has is exhilarating but freedom turns to slavery-he cannot manage without his father's love and ends up in a self imposed purgatory feeding pigs. Somebody must have been praying for him because he comes to his senses, conversion and redemption enters his life. His purgatory continues but this time he chooses to return in great humility to his father and his home - to go on his knees and confess his sins and finally to ask his father to take him back as a servant. His purgatory ends when the father receives him back with great joy. So, we too should not underestimate the power of our prayers. Conversion and redemption are always possible.

Fr. Padraig



Masses

Clondalkin Village

Sundays: (Vigil) Sat 7.30pm,
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 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 10am, 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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SAY IT IN PICTURES!



The **Halloween Party** for **Clondalkin Senior Citizens** hosted by Mary Brennan and her team of volunteers in Quinlan's. Mary thanks all who contributed in any way to make the occasion a happy one for all!!



Monday was Halloween and a bank holiday but we in the **Monday Club** stayed open and had a wonderful time with the boys and girls from LOCALISE. They were in the Pastoral Centre bright and early with their decorations and all the lovely cakes, biscuits and sweets and treats. They had the whole place transformed with spiders webs, skeletons, witches and whatever, they were also dressed up in their Halloween costumes. They had different groups of us making hats, decorating cupcakes, telling fortunes and taking photos of us with our fancy faces. Sr. Anne got the ring in the brack! Thanks to all in **LOCALISE** for all your time, thought and huge effort you put into this wonderful and thoroughly enjoyable morning. You are all a credit to yourselves, your leaders and our community. We are privileged to welcome you to the Monday Club. Welcome to our visitors and all our regulars. We all wished Kitty a Happy 80th Birthday which was last week but she could not be present then. We offer our condolences to Sr. Maura, Presentation Convent whose sister died on Sunday. Until next week **Kathleen R.**

Harvest Mass - Our theme was, "Blessed is the work of your hands".

I will never look on my hands again in the same way!
Thanks to all who made the occasion a memorable one:

Fr. Damian: for bringing the liturgy alive and meaningful

Helena: who sculpted "Hands" especially for the occasion

Frank: who organised the liturgy, wrote the prayers and joined the choir

Gospel Choir: For their uplifting singing

Ministers of the Environment: who decorated the church. *I never knew what a Vine branch looked like*

Tommy Keogh: who took the photos

Fr. Mike Ruddy: who did the research on the liturgy of Hands & most especially

You, the Parishioners who donated generously to Br. Kevin's Charity



Members of **Clondalkin Active Retirement** on hols in Spain recently!

It was time for Derek's monthly haircut!



CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Teresa Coyne

Cleaning: Kitty Egan, Angela McCreevey,
Veronica Bayly, Kathleen Fritzpatrik and May Stynes

Flowers: Noreen King for November



The Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017

takes place from 12th May to 17th May

Full information and Booking Forms
will be available shortly



On **Monday 7th November** at **2pm** in
the **Pastoral Centre** to get Parish
Christmas Remembrance Cards
ready for sale.

Mary Farrell



Conor Hickey of **crosscare** conveys his
appreciation for your generosity they received in
relation to their Annual Appeal on the weekend
of 17/18th September. Your contribution of
€ 3, 697 will go in support of the many groups in
the diocese which look after the disadvantaged in their areas.



Ciara Mulligan & Robert Shields

*Who received the Sacrament of
Marriage recently*

HOURLY OF PRAYER

The next Hour of Prayer takes place on
Thursday, **10th November from 8 to 9pm**. There
will be an hour of prayer with exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament, Prayers for healing and
individual blessing with Benediction at 9pm.

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

Fr. Padraig



Please Note: New rosters for the
Ministers of the Eucharist are now
available for collection from the Sacristy



JUST FOR KIDS !

"The answer to last weeks question
'What gets bigger the more you take
out?' Is, of course, **"A Hole"** -

my riddle for this week is -

"What can you catch but you can't throw"
Conor Quinlan age 9.

"Well done" Conor. Can anyone answer Conor's quiz -
answer by email, sacristy or office.

Fr. Damian has a gift for you and can be collected from the
Sacristy after Mass today.

Ciara



20th of November marks the
closing of the **Year of Mercy** -
We are asking **everyone** to help us
celebrate this by taking part in

MAD Sunday - *Do one good thing that day for another & share it with us!!* Check out
details on our page & get involved as an individual, group or family. **WATCH THIS SPACE!!**

Village Church



Tuesday 8th November

7.30am Vincent Kells (13th An)

Thursday 10th November

7.30am Kieran Murphy (B/day Rem)

10.00am Aidan Dardis (1st An)

Friday 11th November

7.30am Brigid Dunne (An)

10.00am Paddy Farnon (25th An)

Sunday 13th November

7.30pm Vigil Anne Doonan (1st An)

10.30am Liam Norton (An)

Bernard, Sarah, Sean and Gerald
McVeigh (An)

12 noon Kevin Farrell (5th An)

Thomas Delaney (An)

5.30pm Ciaran O'Dwyer (3rd An)

Monday 7th November

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary

Tuesday 8th November

CCPC Intercessory Prayer for

Clondalkin Parish Cluster

in Parish Pastoral Centre - 7.30 to

7.30pm. All welcome!

Lectio Divina under the direction

of Sr. Anne in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass and
Rosary

Wednesday 9th November

Charismatic Prayer Group - Our Lady Queen of Peace.

Rosary - Mysteries of Light at 7.30pm followed by Prayer
Meeting at 8.00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre.

All welcome!

Thursday 10th November

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church.

10.45 to 11.45am

Hour of Prayer - led by Fr. Padraig. 8.00-9.00pm

All welcome.



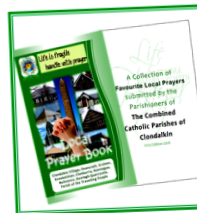
Clondalkin Village, Deansrath, Srulleen,
Knockmitten, Clonburris, Bawnogue,
Neilstown, Rowlagh-Quarryvale,
Parish of the Travelling People

You're invited!

To the Launch of
Our NEW

Local Prayer Book

A collection of the favourite, inspiring, traditional
and comforting prayers used by parishioners in
our local area



The Book will be Officially launched in
Clondalkin Village Parish Church

at the Vigil Mass on
Saturday 12th November @ 7:30pm
(with a cuppa in the pastoral Centre afterwards)

Then in the other parishes around the
CCPC the following day

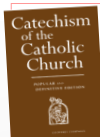
All welcome



Copies of the
Prayer Book
will be
available on
the day!!



To all our
parishioners
who submitted
prayers and
contributed to
making of this
Prayer Book!!



Adult Catechism Studies

We now start on the Ten Commandments Studies
will resume on Wed 9th November at 7.30pm
in the Presentation Convent