

## SIGNING OF BOOKS

Gerry Flanagan will sign copies of his book "from the Monastery to the Boot" after 7.30pm Mass on Saturday in the Pastoral Centre.

## CLONDALKIN CRAFT FAIR

The annual Craft Fair will be held next Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December - 12 to 5pm in Áras Chrónáin. Please call in and support local artists. Admission is €1

## EXPLORING THE MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

We have learned that the Mass has four distinct parts, (1) Introduction – coming together of the assembly (2) Liturgy of the Word (3) Liturgy of the Eucharist (4) Concluding Rite.

We have dealt with two parts and we now concentrate on Liturgy of the Word. The Liturgy consists:

1. Reading from the Old and New Testament and the Acts of the Apostles. To emphasise the presence of God in the Word the readings take place from a designated area that is used only for this purpose, we call the Ambo. The Word is read slowly and clearly ending with a pause and then "The Word of the Lord". The Assembly listens and to facilitate this "listening" it is recommended the discarding of the Mass leaflets.
2. Recitation of the Psalms – the Psalms would have been familiar and prayed by Christ. The word "Response" is not a part of the psalms and is not used
3. Creed – signifying the response of the assembly to the "Word"
4. Prayers of the Faithful – the assembly intercedes for all humanity, the church worldwide and those who have died. The priest gathers up these petitions and presents them to God.

Many of the recommendations will come into effect in the near future.

## "CROSSCARE" SAYS THANKS

"CROSSCARE" acknowledges with thanks €4,905, your contributions of 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> September. They say that it is with your help and support that they continue to reach out to the needy in the diocese.

## CLONDALKIN ANIMAL AID

Coffee morning in aid of Clondalkin Animal Aid will be held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 91 Boot Road, from 10.30am to 12.30. Please come along, have a cuppa, a bikkie and a chat. There will also be a raffle for some great prizes. All monies raised will go entirely to the charity. Mary 4594018 or Claire 4592514

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Colette Kisapamungo is this week's winner. Congratulations Colette! Your prize is waiting to be picked up by you from the Sacristy after Mass today.

### THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

Today is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. We have the Advent wreath. Can you tell what does the pink candle stand for?



Ask Fr. Damian, Fr. Padraig or Padraig!!

Your entries by email Tuesday evening –  
ellenteresacoyne@eircom.net or by Wednesday morning to the Sacristy!

### CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Notices and submissions for the Newsletter must be received before 10.30am on **WEDNESDAY** morning to be considered for inclusion into that week's edition. Envelopes marked "PARISH NEWSLETTER" should be left into the Sacristy or Parish Office.

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# PARISH NEWS

Clondalkin Village,  
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## FR PADRAIG SHARES QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

- Q. I am puzzled that the Gospel at the start of Advent is about the end of the world. What has this to do with preparation for Christmas?
- A. Advent is a season preparing for the coming of Christ. The first focus of Advent is on the future coming of Christ, that is, at the end of each person's life. The Church's liturgical year begins by reminding us where the journey of life will finish. Our lives began with God our Creator and will return to God. It's like the line of a circle which ends precisely where it began. As Advent advances the liturgy taps into the spirituality of the Jewish people awaiting the Messiah. The last week before Christmas brings us to the people who would be associated with the birth of Jesus.
- Q. Why should we pray for our dead? If they are in heaven they don't need our prayers, and if they are in hell, there is no redemption.
- A. You are missing the consoling doctrine of purgatory, the purifying transition from earthly imperfections to divine glory. The mercy of God grants this process of purification to all who die in God's grace but are not yet perfectly reflecting the holiness and glory of God. As members of the one body of Christ, we assist one another by prayers, personal sacrifices and acts of charity.

Fr O'Flynn OFM (Intercom Mag)

## BAPTISMS



Congratulations and welcome to:

Zoe Megan McGrath, Cherrywood Crescent  
Leo John Seery, Monastery Gate Grren  
Lucy Michelle Nolan, Hansted Park, Lucan

recently Baptised .

## FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €1,980 – your contributions this week.

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, Feast of the Immaculate Conception holds a special fondness for us in Clondalkin. Our church is dedicated to Our Lady under this title. It is a holy day of obligation and Masses are as follows:

Vigil Mass at 7.30pm, Friday 7<sup>th</sup>  
10.00am on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December

## CHURCH DUTY

**Cleaning:** Bernardine Wynne, Veronica Bayly, Tracey Whelan and Josephine Hearty

**Altar Linen:** Deirdre Alexander

**Flowers:** Maura Gaffney

## NOTICES

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 7.30pm. New members are welcome

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

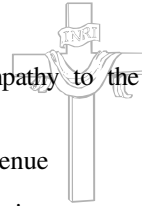
Lectio Divina under the guidance of Sr. Anne in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass and Rosary

## DEATHS

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:

Bernie Brady, Wheatfield Avenue

recently deceased. May she rest in peace.



## ADORATION

This Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> December Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be:

Sisters' Oratory: after 10am Mass to 11.45am  
Sisters' Oratory: 7pm to 9pm and all are welcome

(School Confessions in the Church)

## CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Christmas Novena begins now. There are copies of the Novena at the back of the church.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

7.30am John, Mary and Paddy  
Drugan

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December

7.30pm (Vigil) Peg and John Lynch  
10.00am Evelyn Jones, B/day Rem  
Mary Watchorn, MM  
Arthur and Marjorie  
Harrington

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December

7.30pm (Vigil) Peter and Annie Nixon  
Mary Ashe, 1<sup>st</sup> An  
Frank Keane, Sr.  
Mary, James and Sylvia  
Thornbury  
9.00am Alec Doran  
10.30am Tommy and Sheila Murphy  
12 noon Patricia Kelly  
Tommy and Hettie Tobin  
5.30pm Carmel McDermott, 1<sup>st</sup> An

## CLONBURRIS

### Mass Intentions

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December

6.30pm Eileen Mullins An

### Competition Winner

Congratulations to this week's winners Cormac and Ciaran Gavin. Your prize can be collected after Mass today.

## CAROL SERVICES

Like to get into the Christmas Spirit well then we are well catered for.

**On Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30pm here in the church performances by Coláiste Bride and Clondalkin Gospel Choir will be held. Admission is free but donations in aid of St. Vincent de Paul welcomed

**On Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> December** at 7pm the students of Moyle Park will hold their Carol Service in the church and again all are welcome.

## CHURCH SHOP

The Parish Christmas cards are now on sale in the parish shop. These have proved very popular down the years. The recipients of the card are prayed for on Christmas day. Also available are various assortments of other cards, Irish Catholic paper, Advent calendars and gifts suitable for Christmas presents. Please feel free to call in after Mass and browse at your ease.

## GALLERY NEWS

The hymn today "How brightly shines the morning star" was 1<sup>st</sup> published in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. It is an allegorical reference to Jesus who is identified with the morning star according to Rev 22.16. Despite its brevity the hymn appears to invoke all the wonder of the Magi who followed the star to Bethlehem.

Phyllis

## COME LET US ADORE HIM

Candlelight Vigil with Rosary and Carols at the CRIB

in  
O'Connell Street  
on

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIFT SUNDAY

St. Vincent de Paul local conference will take up their annual appeal next Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December. The collection replaces the Share Collection. They tell us that funds were never more needed and again asks for your generosity.

## MONDAY CLUB

Kathleen cleverly produced a picture round of "logos and symbols" last week. There were the ones we see every day such as the banks, HSE, etc and we were unable to answer all ten questions. Naturally there was much laughter when the answers were read. It just goes to show how unobservant we are and how Kathleen in her wisdom challenges us to keep paying attention to the world around us. On a walk through the village we pass some lovely buildings and eyesores – unfortunately it's the ugly thing we remember. Let's try and see more beauty in our surroundings – life is not all bad. We had a lively quiz with a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place. Another round of questions for tables 3 and 5 and the eventual winners were Una Murphy, Noel Wall and Joan Steed.

Next week we shall be musically entertained by Betty and her friends who will have us singing and clapping along to some lively Irish airs. Do come along!

**Year of Faith thought:** get more involved with parish activities

Joan Steed