

NEWS FROM INDIA – FR BALA REPORTS

Last week Fr. Bala Baptised 30 children and gave First Holy Communion to 30 in his new Church. Last Saturday the Bishop inaugurated the new Church and confirmed 60 people! Thank God completion of the new Church was made possible through a very generous donation by a Dublin parishioner. Our dedicated commitment in the Prayer Group is to try to raise money for funding the education of some children – to try to break the poverty cycle in his very poor Mission area. We make a collection every 1st Wednesday of the month in our Prayer Group for the children. If anyone in the wider community could help with this in any way, we would be most grateful if you could contact any member of the Prayer group.

Claire O'Connell

CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Vera Pidgeon

Flowers: no flowers for advent

CHRISTMAS YOUTH RETREAT 2000

Christmas Youth Retreat Youth 2000 Ireland will be holding their annual Christmas youth retreat in Newbridge College from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th December 2014. Over 500 young people aged 16-35 are expected to attend this donation only event, with all newcomers welcome. The weekend consists of an action packed programme including prayer, workshops, drama, inspirational talks, testimonies, music, games and chill out time. It's a great opportunity to learn more about your Catholic faith and to meet other young people. Please book online if you are interested & bring a sleeping bag if you wish to avail of on-site accommodation. Retreat starts with registration on Friday at 8.00pm. Free buses also available! For more info check out www.youth2000.ie & see us on facebook

"THANK YOU"

Please accept my sincere gratitude for the many Mass cards, get well cards, best wishes and prayers I received from my many friends in the Church during my recent illness. I am now well on the road to recovery. In appreciation Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

Betty Byrne

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Well I hope you all enjoyed yourselves on Sunday last at Newlands Golf Club. "Thanks you Gay, Treacy and all the staff at Newlands for making our night so special. "Thanks" to Brian McElroy for your kind donation and to all our guests for attending.

"Thank" Pandinis Restaurant, Clares Italian Restaurant, Cobys Jewellers, Padraic Mannix, Cribbens Butchers and Joan Tuthill Also "thanks" to all our singers for fabulous performances, sorry if I forgot anyone!

Well what a morning we had, fantastic entertainment from West Dublin Campus Choir, staff of Wheatfield and Cloverhill Prison, this was their first performance outside the Prison, thank you ladies and gentlemen for a wonderful morning. It was a little tribute to Maura Mannix whose late husband Matt was a highly respected Prison Governor, much loved by his family and friends, and thank you Maura for your performance with the Choir.

Anyone who gave their names to Mary Dardis to attend lunch at Youth Reach next Tuesday 9th, please don't let the girls down as they are going to a lot of trouble to cook for you. Anyone who can't attend please let me know next Tuesday morning.

Clare

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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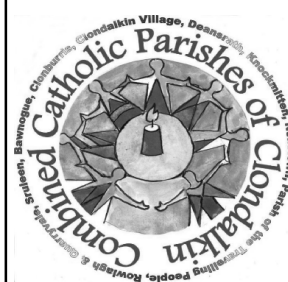
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"WISDOM FROM THE GULAG"

The most well known Russian dissident during the Soviet era was Alexander Solzhenitsyn. A talented writer he was imprisoned in the infamous Gulag and later exiled to Britain after he won a Nobel Prize for literature. He was a serious embarrassment to the Communist authorities and his books were a significant factor in the fall of Marxism. The following is Solzhenitsyn's reflection on the wisdom of gratitude and the futility of envy:

"You have the right to arrange your own life under the blue sky and the hot sun, to get drink of water, to stretch, to travel wherever you like...."

What about the main thing in life, all it's riddles? If you want, I'll spell it out for you right now:

Do not pursue what is illusionary – property and position: all that is gained at the expense of your nerves, decade after decade and is confiscated in one fell night. Live with a steady superiority over life...don't be afraid of misfortune and do not yearn after happiness: it is, after all, the same: the bitter doesn't last forever, and the sweet never fills the cup to overflowing.

It is enough if you don't freeze in the cold and if thirst and hunger don't claw at your insides. If your back isn't broken, if your feet can walk, if both arms can bend, if both eyes can see, if both ears hear, then whom should you envy? And why?

Your envy of others devour us most of all. Rub your eyes and purify your heart – and prize above all else in the world those you love you and who wish you well. Do not hurt them or scold them and never part from any of them in anger; after all, you simply do not know: it might be your last act..."

Fr. Pádraig

ADORATION

This Thursday, 11th December, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the:

Sisters Oratory: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am (School Mass in Church)

Church: from 7pm to 9pm

All are welcome.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Tomorrow, 8th December, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 7.30am and 10am and in Clonburris at 6.30pm

EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday 10th December Evening Prayer of the Church for Advent will be recited in the Prayer group at 7.45pm prior to Prayer Meeting starting at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre.

Please try to come early. All are welcome

CONSOLE – NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION

Console was established in 2002 by Paul Kelly after he had experienced the grief of losing a loved one by Suicide.

CONSOLE (the suicide helpline) can be contacted by phoning 1800 247247 or text the word HELP to 51444.

NOTICES

Monday 8th December

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 9th December

Lectio Divina under the direction of Sr. Anne in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass.

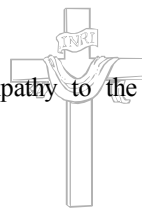
The Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 11.00am. New members are welcome.

DEATHS

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

David Mitchell, Cappamore

recently deceased. May he rest in peace.



INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

An Intercessory Prayer group meets to pray each Tuesday 7.30pm to 8.30pm for the Clondalkin Group of Parishes (CCPC). Please come and pray with us

Venue: Clondalkin Pastoral Centre

Date: Tuesday 9th December. All are welcome

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 8th December

10.00am William, Ann and Thomas Jenkins
Michael, Katie and William Gleeson and deceased members of both families

Tuesday 9th December

10.00am Pat and Kathleen Duggan

Saturday 13th December

10.00am Chris Stapleton, Christmas Rem
Lisa Sexton, 19th An

Sunday 14th December

7.30pm (Vigil) Marie Kearney
Ml. And Anne Ryder
Rita Connolly
Molly and Christopher Hannon
10.00am Anne and Matthew Ryan
12 noon Thomas Murphy, 1st An
Jean Fitzgerald, Rem
Maura Spollen, 2nd An and all members of the Spollen Family
Patricia Kelly
5.30pm Noel Worth

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6th December

6.30pm Nancy Heffernan An.

Sunday 7th December

11.00am Regina Hanlon An.
Margaret Donoghue An.
Joseph Donoghue R.D.

ENROLEMENT

Enrolement is now taking place for Our Lady Queen of the Apostles, Clonburris National School. If you require an enrolment form please call to the School or phone 01-4573636. Enrolement finishes at end of January and places will be allocated in February 2015.

DIOCESAN FOOD APPEAL FOR CROSSCARE

Parishioners are asked to bring non-perishable food items to Churches across the Archdiocese this weekend, 6th and 7th December only. The need for supplies for Crosscare food banks is growing in the weeks leading up to Christmas so your support for this once off food appeal would be greatly appreciated. Parishes should contact Valerie Cummins at 01-8365040 or e-mail vcummins@crosscare.ie this week to arrange prompt collection of food items.

FEATURE ON THE LEGION OF MARY

EWTN has created a new special series entitled "The Church Universal". The series will consist of about 20 half-hour episodes.

The Legion of Mary has two of the episodes, numbers 6 and 13. Episode 6 will feature Finola Kennedy on the subject of the founder of the Legion of Mary, Frank Duff and is scheduled on Sunday 7th December at 8pm. with repeats on Monday 8th December and Saturday 13th December at 3am.

ANNUAL CHURCH "BIG CLEAN UP"

All the teams and friends and anyone willing to help are invited to come along to the Church on WEDNESDAY 10th December at 2.30pm

The Altars and other areas need attention so as to have the church looking splendid for Christmas. All materials will be supplied

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Next Sunday, 14th December, the Share Collection will be replaced by a collection in aid of St. Vincent de Paul at all Masses. The money donated will go in its entirety to help families in need in our parish and your generosity is much appreciated.

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €1,563 – your planned giving contributions this week

MONDAY CLUB

Both our brains and our memories were put to the test with Kathleen's quiz last Monday. Kathleen is brilliant at mixing questions. We went from Christmas ones to geography and even to the extinct volcano in the Bog of Allen. Methuselah also featured in one of the answers. "Well done" to Minnie Murphy, Nora Keatley and Bríd Ní Ógain for the highest score – worth winners. "Thanks" again Kathleen for a great morning. It was lovely having such a mix of questions. We learned a lot.

Next Monday Minnie will host a musical morning featuring Christmas Choral works and popular carols for our start to the Christmas season. All welcome!

Joan