

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SAYS “THANKS”

The local Conference of St. Vincent de Paul thanks the Monday Club for their very generous donation of €380 – the proceeds from the sale of Breda Grace’s book.

Gerry Plunkett, president of Clondalkin Conference, accepting €3,200 – the proceeds of the recent Charity Bridge Tournament in Newland’s Golf Club – reminded those taking part of the hardships of many families in the Clondalkin area and thanked them for their generous contribution not alone now but during the year and assured them that all monies will go directly to those in need in time for Christmas.

CLONDALKIN CRAFT FAIR

The annual Craft Fair will be held today 9th December - 12 to 5pm in Áras Chrónáin. There will be a great variety of crafts on show. Please call in and support local artists. Admission is €1

CROSSCARE/CYC INVITATION

Invitation to Priests, parish pastoral workers and parishes

As you no doubt are aware Crosscare and Catholic Youth Care are combining their forces in 2013. We intend on developing a strategy that will be designed to make the maximum impact of our services for those in need, young and old, across the Archdiocese.

We are holding an open day in Clonliffe College on 13th December between 12.00noon and 6.00pm on the 3rd floor (66 wing). The direct work of both organisations will be displayed and discussed. We would very much appreciate if you or any interested people from your parishes would come and visit the displays and let us know your thoughts and ideas.

Please come and learn about all of the range of services both Crosscare and CYC provide and let your views be known.

GALLERY NEWS

The Gallery Choir will again be singing in the evening on December 19th in Clondalkin Library. The “Carol Night” has now become a regular event. It is a way of gathering local people together, not only to listen to the carols but also enjoy the company of others. The Library staff serves refreshments on the night and it all adds to the general atmosphere of relaxation.

At the end of Mass the choir will sing the lovely hymn “O Come, O Come Emanuel”. This is a traditional hymn that dates back to the 8th Century. Although originally in Latin, the tune is now sung to the words by John Neale, an Anglican priest who founded the Society of St. Margaret dedicated to nursing the sick at a time when the role of women in the Church was not encouraged.

Phyllis

CHILDREN’S CORNER

Aimee Gilbert is this week’s winner. Congratulations Aimee! Your prize is waiting to be picked up by you from the Sacristy after Mass today

THIS WEEK’S QUIZ



Yesterday we celebrated a beautiful feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady, (born without sin). Our Lady under this title appeared to a 14 year old girl. What was the girl’s name?

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

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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KA PUT E RUHA, KA HAO TE RANGATAHI

I came across an article by Fr. Sean O Brien a Mill Hill missionary who ministered among the Maori people of New Zealand. In the article he used some Maori proverbs that could be applied to the Church in Ireland today. Archbishop Martin said that the Congress set a marker for all who wish to go by the name ‘Catholic’ and want to live up to that name, and to really be seen to be what they say they are. A Maori proverb comes to mind ‘*ekore e Piri te uku kit e rino*’ (clay will not cling to iron). In other words ‘do not pretend to be what you say you are not, because the clay disguise will fall off!’ Echoing similar views of our own approach to building Church here in Clondalkin, renewing ourselves and the Church is the task of each and every individual: ‘*he waka akenoa*’ (a canoe we are all in with no exception). The full article is available in the Winter 2012 edition of Saint Joseph’s Advocate

During the week we had two advent carol services. The twelve o clock Gospel choir joined with the staff and students of Coláiste Bríd for a wonderful evening of prayer, music, reflection and drama. On Thursday it was the turn of the staff and students of Moyle Park College to lead us in song and word towards the Nativity. Thanks to all involved.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Linda Sweeney and David Doyle
Amanda McGough and Killian Leydon

recently married.

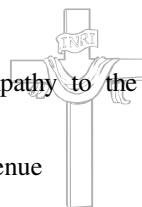


DEATHS

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

Bart Lawes, Lindersfarne Avenue

recently deceased. May he rest in peace.



ADORATION

This Thursday, 13th 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)

EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday 12th December the Rosary - Mysteries of Light will be recited in the Prayer Group at 7.30pm prior to Prayer Meeting starting at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre and all are welcome.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

Please pray for Michael Ryder, (Pat's father) Belgard Road whose anniversary occurred Thursday 6th December and is included in 12 noon Mass today.

NOTICES

Monday 10th December

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

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

Tuesday 11th December

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

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: All teams on Tuesday at 2.30pm

Altar Linen: Teresa Coyne

Flowers: no flowers for Advent

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 10th December

7.30am Teresa and Thomas Foley, and deceased members of the Foley Family

Wednesday 12th December

10.00am Chris Stapleton, Christmas Rem

Thursday 13th December

7.30am Molly and Christopher Hannon
10.00am Edward Kessack
Lisa Sexton

Friday 14th December

10.00am John and Esther Ledwidge

Sunday 16th December

7.30pm (Vigil) Marie Kearney
Marion Corliss, 4th An
Paddy and Bridie O'Brien
10.30am John, Peter, Lucy, Susan
Corcoran and Olive Rec. Dec
Renato Arnold
12 noon Eilish Hynes
Sr. Catherine Fowley
Thomas Mulhall, B/day Rem
Annie Ward and Mulhall and
Lyons Families
Deceased members of Floraville
Estate and all who are sick
5.30pm Joe, Nancy and Patsy Murphy
Rita Connolly and James Garty

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 8th December

6.30pm Paddy and Rita Shanahan An.
Eileen Denton An

Sunday 9th December

11.00am Joan Jordan An.
Mary Ashe An.
Richard and Michael O'Brien An.
Michael and Margaret Mulheir An.

Competition Winner

Congratulations to this week's winner Dylan Wall. Your prize can be collected after Mass today.

YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT

The Youth Retreat will be held next weekend, Friday 14th to 16th December in Newbridge. Over 500 are expected to attend this donation only event. The weekend will include prayer, workshops, drama, inspirational talks, testimonies, music, games and chill out time. Please book on line if you are interested and bring a sleeping bag if you wish to stay. For more information check out www.youth2000ie or call 6753690 -0858289231

SOUTH COUNTY DUBLIN

On Wednesday 12th December a talk on "Preparing for Christmas" will be held in Bloomfield Care Centre, Rathfarnham at 7pm to 9pm. Attendance at the Café is FREE www.bloomfield/acscd.ie

ANNUAL CHURCH CLEAN UP

"Many hands make light work" will be put to the test **Wednesday next at 2.30pm**. The Church is in need of a good clean up in time for Christmas. All cleaning teams are "invited" as well as many other willing hands. Having the clean up during day light hours is suitable to many people who find it difficult to come out at night when it's cold and dark and the more there are, the quicker we will be. All materials will be supplied.

COME LET US ADORE HIM

Candlelight Vigil with Rosary and Carols at the CRIB

in

O'Connell Street

on

Saturday 15th December at 4pm.

ADVENT WREATH

You may have wondered why the white candle is part of the Advent wreath. It is a reminder for us that we are waiting the birth of the Christ Child. Its position surrounded by the purple and pink candles reminds us of our waiting, preparation and reparation in readiness for the coming. At the 1st Mass for Christmas the wreath is transformed into a beautiful Christmas wreath. The Christ candle burns signifying Christ with us and the decorations surrounding it signifies our joy, thanksgiving and praise as we sing with the angels "Hosanna in the Highest".

MONDAY CLUB

On a cold and frosty morning nothing cheered us up more than the jigs, reels and hornpipes brilliantly played by Betty, Annette, Maire, Claire, Olive and Brian. Brian also entertained us with his selection of very funny songs. Our own Noel gave us a few renditions on his mouth organ. A lovely time was had by all and we practically skipped out the door as the session ended. What a very talented group of musicians they are and how fortunate we are that they so generously gave us so much of their time.

Next week Susan Knight will entertain us with some seasonal poetry. Please come along.

Thought for Year of Faith: please give generously to those less fortunate at our annual St. Vincent De Paul collection today.

Joan Steed