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overtime during the mission and to our altar servers who served the Mass of the Holy Spirit.

Finally, to all who joined us for any part of the mission and who were open to the Holy Spirit working through the gifts and testimonies of Catherine, John and Neill, may the God of Surprises bless you and keep you in His love forever.

Fr. Damian.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The "SHARE" collection at all Masses this weekend will be replaced by "Christmas Appeal". All monies donated goes to the families in need in our community so that they too can participate more fully in the Christmas Spirit. Your generosity as always greatly appreciated!

BEITHILÍN BEO 2015

Muintir Chrónáin once again invite everyone to our 11th Annual Beithilín Beo - Live Crib, complete with young actors playing traditional roles of Mary, Joseph, shepherds and kings, and a newborn baby playing the central role of An Leabh Íosa, and real live animals. There is no dialogue in the presentation but it is choreographed to specially chosen Eastern music.

Beithilín Beo is again produced by Brian ÓGaibhín and Aisteoirí Chrónáin, and directed by Oisín MacTiarnáin.

Don't miss this opportunity to recapture a real sense of the true spirit of Christmas. The venue is Áras Chrónáin, Orchard Road, on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th December, 2pm - 6pm.

Refreshments served.

Admission is free but all donations gratefully accepted.

Bígi linn gan teip - fáilte roimh cách.

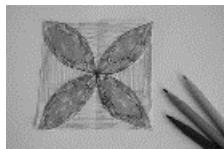
YOUTH 2000

YOUTH 2000 invites all young adults between ages 16 – 35 to a Catholic weekend Retreat taking place from 18th to 20th December at Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This will be an exciting weekend attracting over 600 young people from all over the country.

What to expect? Good fun, excellent speakers, inspiring talks and workshops, prayer, fantastic live music, group activities, youth masses, Adoration, a Healing Service, games, lots of time to chill out and meet new people.

The weekend is organised by young people for young people. Parental consent is essential for all those under 18. All meals are provided for and accommodation is on site. **Don't let money be an obstacle:** just bring a donation and a sleeping bag. Newcomers very welcome. There will be free buses picking up from various areas throughout the country. **Booking is essential.** For more information on the event or to book see www.youth2000.ie or phone 01675369

CHILDREN'S CRISTMAS ART



We will have colouring pages available from the Parish Shop for you to take away today

and colour in time for Christmas. Please return them as soon as possible so that we can mount them so that they will look their best. Fr. Damian has a gift for every ENTRANT!

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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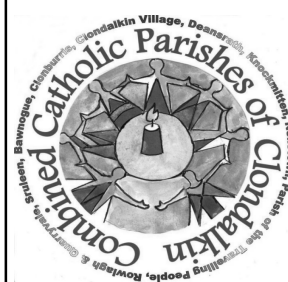
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AN ABUNDANCE OF GRACE

Having witnessed in the Parish of Saint Jude, Willington the effect of the Mission led by the Saint Patrick's Community, I suggested to our Parish Pastoral Council that we might host the Mission here in Clondalkin. The PPC accepted my suggestion and to my surprise the only date free before next April was the week just gone by. Divine providence aligned the beginning of the Year of Mercy and our own special Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception. I hope that all who attended the Mission in part or in whole gained some graces.

A grace I experienced this week was that I remained calm and didn't get tetchy at all, something that can happen when I find myself under pressure. I think it was because so many people offered their time and talents so thank you to the following:

Firstly, to the members of the PPC who assisted in the preparation, Fran Byrne who co-ordinated the distribution of the flyers to every home in the parish, Margaret, Sean, Gerry, Celia and Josephine in the sacristy and hospitality ministry, Fr. Séamus who very kindly hosted the team in his house and fed them too. To Fathers Des, Shán and Pádraig who took on extra duties and Fathers Michael from Sruleen and Eamonn from Lucan South who joined us for the Evening of Mercy. To all our ministers who re-arranged their schedules and in particular the 12.00 Gospel Group who re-arranged their practice. Part of the Mission is to visit the schools so a big thank you to the RE co-ordinators in our primary and secondary schools who invited the Mission Team into their schools. Bert and Margaret Brown provided the music ministry every day. Mary Farrell and her team in the shop who did a lot of

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ADORATION

This Thursday 17th December there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Morning: in the Sisters' Oratory 10.45am to 11.45am

Evening: in the Church 7pm to 9pm and all welcome.

EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday, 16th December the Rosary, Mysteries of Light at 7.30pm before the Prayer Meeting at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre and all are welcome

ADULT CATECHISM STUDIES

The study group have now completed Part One of the Catechism. We will resume studies on Wednesday 13th January 2016 with Part Two, The Celebration of the Christian Mystery-Liturgy and the Sacraments.

Ronan

NOTICES

Monday 7th December

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 8th 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.

Thursday 17th December

The boys of St. Joseph's School will be in attendance at 10am Mass for their Christmas celebration

Friday 18th December

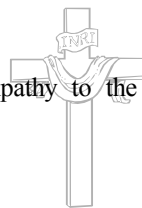
The 2nd and 6th class girls of Scoil Áine will be in attendance at the 10am Mass

DEATHS

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

Kathleen Nolan, Booth Rd

recently deceased. May she rest in peace.



ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 14th December

7.30am Phyllis McGrath, 1st An, husband Colin and their daughter Wendy
10.00am John Ledwidge
Delia Courtney and Kitty Murphy

Thursday 17th December

7.30am Pauline Hudson
10.00am John Scully

Saturday 19th December

10.00am Christopher Stapleton

Sunday 20th December

7.30pm (Vigil) Rita Connolly
Jack and Katie Fitzgerald and deceased members of their family
Patrick and Mary Cosgrave
Patricia Kelly, MM
9.00am Ronan Heddernan
10.30am James Norton, Jr
Mary Kirwan and Geraldine Lernihan
Maureen and Frank King
Brigid Brannigan
Edward and Mary Brannigan
12 Noon Eilish Hynes
Thomas Murphy, 2nd An
William Brannigan, 4th An
Sr. Catherine and deceased members of Fowley Family
George McDonnell, 4th An
Renato Arnold
Stephen West, 1st An
Mary and Patrick Hendley
Ger Cosgrave, MM
5.30pm Bridget Brannigan, 10th An
Bridie and Paddy O'Brien

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 12th December

6.30pm Adam McGuinness B.Rem and 2nd An.

Sunday 13th December

11.00am Thomas and Mary Tully An.
Mellisa Tully An.

Baptism

Congratulations to Sophie Lily Kearney who was Baptised after 11am Mass on Sunday

CCPC INTERCESSORY GROUP

This Tuesday evening 15th December Intercessory Group praying in Parish Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm to 8.30pm all are welcome

CAROL SERVICE

A Festive Christmas Carol Service, featuring Clondalkin Youth Band with National Soprano Singer, Maeve Corroon will take place tomorrow, 14th December at 7.30pm to 8.30pm here in the Viullage Church.

All are welcome, admission is free but a donations for the Capuchin Day Care Centre for the homeless is appreciated.

REPOSITORY

We still have the Parish Christmas Remembrance cards available selling for 3 cards €2. The intentions of the recipients of these cards will be remembered at all Masses celebrated in the parish on Christmas Day.

Also available are a variety of other Christmas cards, Mass cards, cards for all occasions and religious items suitable for Christmas.

Feel free to come in and browse at your ease after all Masses today
Mary Farrell

CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Teresa Coyne

No flowers, only maintenance of Advent Wreath

Cleaning: All teams combining to give the Church its usual annual good clean up. All materials will be supplied. We hope as many as possible will help – Wednesday 16th December at 2.30pm. Windows, doors, Altars are all crying out for attention!

MONDAY CLUB

There was a large attendance in the Monday Club this week where we all enjoyed the usual tea/coffee.

We had a lovely "Thank You" card from Áine Mhic Mhátuna thanking us for the flowers and card sent to her on the occasion of her 100th Birthday. We had hoped Áine would have been able to come to the Club but due to unforeseen circumstances she was unable to come. She expressed a hope that she will in the New Year. Áine, you will be most welcome whenever you decide, God willing!

There was a great response to the forthcoming event of the Clondalkin Senior Citizens. It promises to be a great evening.

There was plenty of artistic talent shown today as there were some very nice cards and calendars made by all present. They were made from old Christmas cards, but unfortunately time was too short to explore a few different twists and folds. I am sorry about the shortage of calendars, but for some reason this year they were very difficult to get. The usual chain of shops I buy from had difficulty sourcing them and only could come up with four packs. Well done all!

"Thank you" Collette, Joan, Josie and Alan for all your help and you all for making the morning so enjoyable.

Next week we have "Timpeall na Tithe" traditional music group.

Kathleen R