

**“BE READY”
CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK**

In the last Newsletter we were looking at the first 11 chapters of Genesis and how they relate to the Gospel and our lives today.

Adam and Eve used their free will to go their own way. They chose to listen to the words of the deceiver and liar instead of God and God let them do it. And in their shame and confusion God found what they had done and more or less said “all right, you want to know and decide for yourselves what is good and evil. I will let you, out of my love for you. You will be capable of knowing and doing great good but you will also know evil – evil suffered and evil inflicted” - and so death entered the world and with it suffering and evil. That is why Jesus admonished us to be READY because every day could be our last. But Christians who take their faith seriously are not terrorised by death – it is not something we actually seek, but when it does come we look on it as a homecoming. It was a tradition in Ireland not so long ago to pray for the grace of a happy death and so in our Mass today we pray for the grace of a happy death, at peace with ourselves, at peace with our families and at peace with God and that we will enter his everlasting presence where every tear is wiped away and all suffering ends.

Fr. Padraig

**ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL JOINS THE
10AM MASS GOERS!**

We look forward and welcome the boys of St. Joseph’s school as they join us for Mass on Thursday next.

TIDY TOWNS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday 20th December at 8 o'clock in Round Tower G A A club Boot Road.

Come join us celebrate a very successful year with music and light refreshments.

All welcome.

PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND

New Planned Giving boxes for 2014 have now been delivered in the Parish. Please note we have a new numbering system that will differ from the box number you may have had last year. This new system does not apply to those parishioners contributing by Standing Order, their box numbers remain the same. With renewed thanks for your continued generosity and with every good wish for Christmas and the New Year!

Planned Giving Committee

COMMUNITY CARE FOUNDATION

Massey Brothers proudly presents an evening of Christmas Music and music from stage and screen will be held this evening in Green Isle at 7.15pm

Tickets at €20 will be available at the door and will include mulled wine reception.

CHILDREN’S CORNER

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

COLOURING EXHIBITION

It is now a tradition that we have an art exhibition featuring Christmas scenes in the Church all over Christmas. There is a variety of pictures for you to choose in the Parish Shop. Please take one or more and colour it nicely and return it in time for Veronica to mount them. Fr. Damian has a gift for each **ENTRANT**.

If you want to draw and colour your own favourite please feel free. We look forward to as many lovely pictures as possible!!



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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POPE FRANCIS MAN OF THE YEAR

After only nine months since his election as Pope, Time Magazine has chosen Francis as Person of the Year for 2013. In doing so, Time highlights the enormous impact Francis has made on the world. The leading article mentions that, on March 13, when Jorge Bergoglio inherited the throne of St. Peter—keeper of the keys to the kingdom of heaven—he made a request of the world: Pray for me. His letter of retirement as bishop of Buenos Aires, a requirement of all bishops 75 and older, was already on file in a Vatican office, awaiting approval. Friends in Argentina had perceived him to be slowing down, like a spent force. In an instant, he was a new man, calling himself Francis after the humble saint from Assisi.

In the introduction to his first Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, the Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis writes: “The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church’s journey in years to come.”

I would highly recommend this apostolic exhortation to you. A link is available via our parish website - www.clondalkinparish.com

Fr. Damian

WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Deirdre Corless and Paul Gallagher
Gemma Moody and Christopher Meade

recently married.



ADORATION

This Thursday 19th December, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the **Sisters' Oratory**: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am, and from 7pm to 9pm. All are welcome.

PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Penitential Service in preparation for Christmas will be held on Tuesday, 17th December at 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

Christmas Programme of Church events, calendar and envelope for Christmas dues are now being delivered to all homes in the parish. If you still have not received your they are available from the shop, sacristy or Sacred Heart Altar.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rebecca Duggan and Betty Byrne
Altar Linen: Mary O'Neill
(Church in use all week mornings for schools, Wedding Friday)

NOTICES

Monday 16th December
Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 17th December
Lectio Divina under the direction of Sr. Anne in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass.

QUIET TIME IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

The Prayer Group will be having a quiet time in the presence of the Eucharistic Lord this Wednesday, 18th December in the Pastoral Centre. All welcome to join us and we would love many to come and be with us in Adoration

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 16th December
7.30am Teresa and Thomas Foley

Tuesday 17th December
10.00am John Scully

Wednesday 18th December
10.00am Guihen Family

Friday 20th December
7.30am John, Mary & Henry Alward

Saturday 21st December
10.00am James, Christine and Thomas Moore, Christmas Rem

Sunday 22nd December
7.30pm (Vigil) Maureen and Frank King
Jack and Katie Fitzgerald
Patrick and Mary Cosgrove
Bridie and Paddy O'Brien
Rita Connolly
George, Olive and Brian Tully
Robert Hudson
9.00am
10.30am James Norton, Snr
Bridget Brannigan
Mary Kirwan, Rose Plunkett
Geraldine Lernihán
Jean McSweeney
Donal Moffat, 9th An
12 Noon Joe Timmons, Christmas Rem
Renato Arnold,
William O'Neill
Karl Walshe, Lena Devaney
William Brannigan, 2nd An
Deceased members of
Harvey and Walshe Families
George McDonnell
5.30pm Bridget Brannigan, 8th An

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 14th December

6.30pm Elizabeth O'Sullivan A.
Simon Mc Donnell C.R.
Margaret McDonnell Snr & Jnr C.R.
Marcella and Noel Dignam C.R.
Lena and Colin Hill C.R.
John Heffernan C.R.
Catherine and Edward Tuite C.R.
Adam Mc Guinness R.D.

Sunday 15th December

11.00am Bill Molloy An.
Joe Gleeson A.
Pat Aherne C.R.
Dan Aherne C.R.
Mary Deegan An.

Competition Winner

Congratulations to Jessica Kenny competition winner, your prize can be collected after Mass.

BEITHILÍN BEO



Come and experience the magic of the real message of Christmas at the annual presentation of Beithilin Beo - Living Crib at Áras Chrónáin on Saturday 14th Dec and Sunday 15th Dec from 2pm each day. **FREE OF CHARGE**
Then enjoy seasonal refreshments with family, neighbours and friends.
Fáilte roimh cách!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DIVINE MERCY CHURCH
LUCAN SOUTH

Presents a Christmas concert, featuring the Seasonal & Spiritual music of ALAN BRERETON on Wednesday 18th December at 8pm.
Tickets €10 or bring the family for only €20.

LOURDES 2014

Date: 7th May – 5nights

Hotel: Jeanne D'Arc

Fare: €735 per person sharing
As we are limited to 30 places early booking is advisable.
Booking forms are available in the Sacristy, Parish Shop and Office

FAITH FORMATION –ADVENT TALKS

The last in this series of Faith Development talks continue next Wednesday at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre and anyone interested is welcome.

CAROL SINGING IN THE LIBRARY

The Library will host the Annual Carol Service, in the Library, tomorrow, Monday 16th at 7pm. It will feature St. John's Choir and our own 10.30am Sunday Choir. Invitation open to all and refreshments will be served – mulled wine and mince pies!!

MONDAY CLUB

We had a great response to our invitation to come and see a DVD of the "Holy Land" with a talk by our own Fr. Damian last Monday. Thank you Fr for your time and explanation of the way the different religious deal with the history of the area.
Our visitors not only enjoyed the DVD they were delighted with the homemade biscuits sent over by Sean Browne. Sean, thank you so much for your generosity! Not to be out done some of our visitors brought along cakes!!

Operation Transformation will be starting in the New Year!

Our Christmas party morning is next Monday, 16th December so come along and get into the spirit of Christmas with some nice food and entertainment

Joan