

EVENING PRAYER AT 7.30PM ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Most places close down on the evening of Christmas day but our Church will be open at 6.45pm for the celebration of Evening Prayer at 7.30pm.

Afterwards, the Parish Centre will be open for about an hour for refreshments. So, if you are at a loose end at about 7.30pm on Christmas Day you are welcome to join us in the Church and in the Parish Centre as we celebrate Evening Prayer on the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord.

CAROL SERVICE AS GAELIGE

"There will be a carol service as Gaeilge at 8.45a.m. on Christmas morning before the Aifreann Gaeilge.

Words will be provided. Beidh seirbhís Carúil ar siúl ag 8.45 r.n. Lá Nollag. Fáilte roimh cách."

LOURDES 2016 7th to 12th MAY

It became necessary to source an alternative Travel Agent for our 2016 Pilgrimage. We have negotiated a good package with MARIAN Pilgrimages and details are as follows:

- Hotel: 4* Eliseo (close to St Joseph's Gate)
- Fare: €725 (all inclusive) per person sharing and single room supplement is €150.

There is a discount of €50 on the above fares for those who pay the €50 non-refundable deposit before the 29th January next. This makes the fare quite attractive, so why not avail of this offer and book early.

Booking forms will be available shortly.

Finally, Fr Shán O'Cuív will again be our Spiritual Director.

Padraig Doyle

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

On Tuesday last we had a sing song with Pasty Sheppard doing MC and what a good job he did. We have wonderful talent. Thanks Jim, Joe and Bobby for the music. We are closed for Christmas and will re-open on Tuesday 5th January, and Please God we will have a wonderful year in 2016. I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas.

Regards Clare

VACANCY FOR SCHOOL BUS ESCORT CASA CATERINA SPECIAL SCHOOL Ratoath Road, Cabra, D.7

School Bus Escort required for school transport from Clondalkin to Cabra for immediate start.
(€11.69 p.h. – must have junior cert / fetac level 3/ Garda Vetting)

Contact casacaterina.ias@eircom.net OR Phone Principal @ [8385326](tel:8385326) for further details (Mon, Wed, Frid before 2pm)

CHILDREN'S CRISTMAS ART



There are still colouring sheets available from the Shop so you still have time to participate.

You must return your coloured pictures by Wednesday so that Veronica will have time to mount them and display them for Christmas day!

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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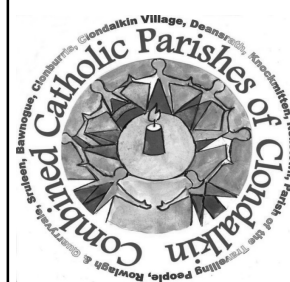
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ARE WE THERE YET??

I was helping Mrs Farnon take down some Christmas decorations and a "boing" sound came from a box. It was a little Santa that my late Father bought in a pound shop many years ago. As a family we put up our decorations later than most so hearing the "boing" sound reminded me that we are making progress through Advent. Tradition is a major part of preparing for Christmas and we hosted a Carol Service here on Monday night led by the Clondalkin Youth Band. A collection was held for the Capuchin day centre and €1,571 was raised. The young folk of Clondalkin Localise were also out on Monday visiting the Clondalkin Homeless Group to hand over some gifts. The Saint Vincent De Paul Society thanks parishioners who were very generous, all monies collected at the Masses and cheques left into the parish office or sacristy. These traditional acts of generosity are in my humble opinion an integral part of our Advent journey.

Penance Services for Advent

There will be two Penance Service on Monday 21st, 7.30pm in Sruleen Church and in Neilstown Church at 7.30pm and in our own Church on Tuesday 22nd at 7.30pm.

For those of you who will be travelling this Christmas I wish you a safe journey and to those who have travelled from near and far to join us this Christmas, a warm word of welcome. Many families including my own have family living overseas, we keep them in the prayers and remind them to tune in to the Parish website and join us for Mass, Evening Prayer on Christmas Day at 7.30pm and the last lights ceremony on New Year's Eve at 4pm.

Fr. Damian

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to



Ella Rose Lawlor, Palmerston Woods
Gioia Esther Halle N'Sourkpoe,
Cherrywood Park,
Keeva May Renwick, Wild Oak Ave,
Armstrong Creek, Victoria, Australia.
Erica Rita Murphy, Castle Park.

who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rita Arnold

Altar Linen: Marie Harrington

Decoration of the church: the full team
after 10am Mass on Wednesday 23rd
December after 10am Mass and Rosary

CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR 9 CLONDALKIN PARISHES

This Tuesday evening 22nd December
Intercessory Group praying in the Parish
Pastoral Centre 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Come along if you can to join us in praying
for the needs of our whole group of parishes

NOTICES

Monday 21st December

10.00am Scoil Áine School Mass
Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am
Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 22nd December

10.00am Collaiste Killian School Mass
Lectio Divina under the direction of St.
Anne in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass.
The Legion of Mary meets in the Convent
at 11.00am. New members are welcome.
7.30pm Penitential Service

Thursday 24th December

Confessions from 10.30am to 11.00am and
3.00pm to 4.00pm

DEATHS

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

Matthew Farrelly, Castle Avenue,
Padraig Faughnan, Laurel Park.

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY

The next meeting will be held on
Wednesday, 23rd December at 10.45am in
the Pastoral Centre. All are welcome.

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 21st December

10.00am Christina, James, Thomas &
Madge Moore

Tuesday 22nd December

7.30am Mary and Henry Aylward
10.00am Hannah and Dan Brady

Wednesday 23rd December

7.30am Séamus Egan

Thursday 24th December

7.30am Michael and Nuala Lawlor

Friday 25th December

All Masses offered for
Parishioners Intentions

Sunday 27th December

10.30am Christopher, Lillian &
Brendan Behan
Mamie Craven, An & B/day Rem
Doreen Rackley
Beatrice "Lilly" Smith, 2nd An
Patrick Smith 27th An
12.00 Noon Nora Sheredeg 8th An
Esther Callaghan
Tony O'Neill,
Johnny Delaney 20th An,
Madaline Hodgins
Elizabeth & Nicholas West

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 19th December

6.30pm Elizabeth O'Sullivan An.

Sunday 20th December

11.00am Bill Moloy An.
Joe Gleeson An.
Deceased members of Downey
Family, Hanlon Family and
O'Brien Family.
Joseph Byrne An
Clara Byrne An.
Stephaine Watts An

Baptism

Congratulations to Oscar Collins who was
Baptised after 11am Mass on Sunday.

PRAYER GROUP TIME OF ADORATION

Wednesday 23rd December there will be
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the
Parish Centre 8.15 – 9.15pm

Please come aside from the hustle and
bustle of Christmas preparations and join
us if you can. All welcome!

1916 SPECIAL EDITION OF THE IRISH CATHOLIC!

To mark the centenary of the 1916 Easter
Rising, The Irish Catholic newspaper has
published a special edition and it is now on
sale in the Parish Shop. The 40-page edition
of the paper sets the context for the centenary
celebrations and looks at some of the
neglected aspects of the celebrations
including the humanitarian role of the Pro-
Cathedral, how parishes coped with the
carnage, the Catholic Faith of the leaders, the
Church's reaction to the rising, insights from
the Dublin Diocesan archive and reflections
from Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, Mary
Kenny and Martin Mansergh.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF CEREMONIES

All homes in the Parish should now have
received the Christmas Schedule of
Ceremonies". If you have not received
yours they are available from the Parish
Shop and Sacristy

Reminder: Christmas dues for the
support of our Priests are now being
accepted. Please drop them into the
Sacristy or Parish Shop

MONDAY CLUB

Despite the wet morning there was a full
house in the club. It was great to see Fr
Séamus come and join us for a cuppa and
chat. We had plenty to choose from
biscuits, mince pies and delicious Victoria
Sponge baked by Elsie, and mince pies by
Sean Browne.

South Dublin County Council re-
launched the Endeavor Awards recently, and
after a visit from Frank Price, who
encouraged us to enter we got our club
registered to enter. There were 140 groups
entered from sports clubs, women's groups,
youth clubs etc. The Awards Ceremony was
held in Red Cow Moran hotel on Friday last,
but unfortunately we were not lucky enough
to get an award. Better luck next time. Thank
you Frank for all your help to get the
application entered in time.

We welcomed Timpeall na Tithe
Music Group - Maire, Annette, Charlotte,
Claire who were kind enough to come and
entertain us with some Irish Traditional
Music. Noel played a few tunes on his
harmonica. Thank you Noel. Don't forget
you have a gig next week.

Thank You Elsie for the Victoria
Sponge, Sean for the mince pies, Alan for
setting tables and Colettee, Joan and Josie,
and all who attended for contributing to
the very enjoyable morning.

Until next week take care. Kathleen R