

## HELP NEEDED FOR CHURCH DECORATION FOR CHRISTMAS

Interested in adding the special touch to the church for the special occasion of Christmas? Please join the team tomorrow after 10am Mass and Rosary. Because we are still in Advent the church can't be decorated until after 10am Mass on Christmas Eve. Getting the decorations ready will just be carried out to hurry the proceedings on Christmas Eve

## NO PRAYER GROUP MEETING

No Prayer Group meeting on Christmas Day, but will resume on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> January – Feast of Mary, Mother of God, at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre and all are welcome

## APPRECIATION

Go raibh míle maith agat to all my friends for their huge generosity at the time of my accident, in sending me Mass Bouquets and other gestures of support. To put it mildly, I am deeply appreciative and hold you all in my daily Mass and prayers.

Breda Grace

## LAST LIGHTS CEREMONY

As the curtains are drawn down on year 2013 all are invited to a special ceremony here in the church at 4pm in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and the church in silence, lit by candle light to celebrate the year in its final few hours, reflect on the blessings bestowed, remember loved ones who are sick and those gone home and all the changes that few months can make.

In quiet adoration we look forward to a New Year full of promises and depending on God's Providence as we dedicate our loved ones, church and community to His loving care.

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – CONFERENCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank all parishioners who so generously contributed to our collection which amounted to €9,935 cash and €1,800 in cheques. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated and makes such a difference to so many families here in our own community

We also acknowledge €2,650 from Newlands Bridge Club whose loyalty and generosity are also much appreciated.

Rita Carroll

## “THANK YOU”

A couple of weeks back a plea went out for volunteers to come to give the church its annual good clean up and as usual the generosity of people amazes us. On behalf of us who take it as read that the church will always be kept in the condition we have become accustomed to: we say a sincere thank you and we do appreciate your generosity.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

There are still plenty of colouring pages for you to get your imagination going from the Parish Shop. Veronica will be mounting them on Christmas Eve after 10am Mass and we would love to see a great variety of your master pieces.

Fr. Damian has a prize for each **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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# PARISH NEWS

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## PERSON OF THE WEEK

Last week I wrote about Time Magazine choosing Pope Francis as their Person of the Year. This week we focus on Jesus whose birth we celebrate on Wednesday. Yesterday was the shortest day, indeed the days at this time of year are short of light. This combined with continuing recessionary news and further afield natural disasters and continuing conflict can cause some people to think that we are in a time of extreme darkness

Jesus is the light of the world and to the world. We too can continue to be the light to the world in different ways. A few examples, the very generous response to the Saint Vincent DePaul collection and the Crosscare Foodbank appeal. Last Sunday in the Green Isle Hotel musicians who often sing at Funerals in the nine churches of Clondalkin along with the staff of Massey Brothers gave a gala concert to support families in need this Christmas. The response to our brothers and sisters in Syria and the Philippines is another practical example of light conquering darkness.

In the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans we read *“It is now the hour for you to wake from your sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith. The night is far spent; the day draws near. Let us cast off the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light.”*

On behalf of the parish team I wish you and yours a very peaceful Christmas. As always a special welcome home to those living overseas and to those spending their first Christmas in Clondalkin.

Fr. D

## NO ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will not be held on Thursday, St Stephen's Day but will resume on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January** in the **Sisters' Oratory**: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am: **and from** 7pm to 9pm and all are welcome

## HAPPY CHRISTMAS

We wish all our readers and contributors a **VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS**. Newsletter Team

### CHRISTMAS DAY SCHEDULE – VILLAGE CHURCH

7.30pm, (Vigil) Christmas Eve with Youth Band  
Blessing of Crib, 9.45pm, Christmas Eve Mass of Nativity, 10.00pm, Christmas Eve First Mass, Christmas morning, 9am as Gaeilge  
Masses following: 10.30am and 12 noon  
Please note: No 5.30pm Mass  
*All Masses are offered for the intentions of Parishioners and all who received the Parish Remembrance Christmas Cards`*

### CLONBURRIS:

First Mass of Christmas at 9pm, 24<sup>th</sup> 11am on Christmas Day

### KNOCKMITTEN:

First Mass of Christmas 5pm (children) and Vigil Mass at 6.30pm – Christmas Eve 10am and 12 noon on Christmas Day

## NOTICES

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

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

## DEATHS

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

John Egan, St. Brigid's Rd  
Thomas Murphy, Woodford Rise

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

7.30am Seamus Egan, 6<sup>th</sup> An  
10.00am Chris Stapleton, Christmas Rem

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

**No 7.30am Mass**  
10.00am Seamus Egan, 6<sup>th</sup> An

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December – St. Stephen's Day

**No 7.30am Mass**  
10.00am Anthony Boyce and deceased members of the family

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December

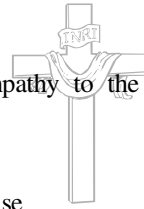
**No 7.30am Mass**  
10.00am Michael McDermott

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am Christopher, Lillian and Brendan Behan

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December

7.30pm (Vigil) Tony O'Neill  
Joe Fitzgibbon, MM  
10.30am Doreen Rackley  
Doreen, Michael Rackley, Christmas Rem  
George Browne, MM  
12 Noon Johnny Delaney  
Evelyn and Bill Brennan  
Nora Sheridan, 6<sup>th</sup> December  
Gerry Fallon and deceased members of Fallon Family  
Madeline Hodgins, 10<sup>th</sup> An



## CLONBURRIS

### Mass Intentions

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

11.00am Joseph Byrne An  
Clara Byrne An.  
Stephaine Watts An.  
Pauline Curneen An.

### Baptism

Congratulations to Ciaran William Nolan who was Baptised last Saturday night.

## CHRISTMAS DUES

Christmas dues in aid of our priests are now accepted in Shop, Sacristy or box provided in the Sanctuary

### CHRISTMAS GREETING FROM FR. JIM

Fr. Jim sends Christmas greetings to his friends in Clondalkin. He is unable to send Christmas cards this year but will remember us all in his prayers and Masses during the Holy Season. His address is Spiritan House, Kimmage Manor, Dublin 12. He would be glad to hear from you.

## WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

A **Eucharistic Vigil** will be held in our Village Church on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2014** commencing with Mass at 7.30pm and concluding with Benediction at 9.45pm

### CELEBRANTS:

Fr. Damian and Fr. Anthony Little C.S.Sp and Fr. Piaras Mac Loughlainn CC

## CROSSCARE SAYS "THANKS"

Conor Hickey, director of Crosscare acknowledges with thanks €3,975 – the amount contributed by parishioners for the Annual Appeal on the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> September.

## LOURDES 2014

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> 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

## GREETINGS FROM FR JOHN

Fr. John Wall sends his best wishes to all his friends here in Clondalkin. There is no snow yet in Enniskerry but it is getting very chilly. He has many happy memories of his time here and wishes everyone all the best.

## CHURCH DUTY

**Cleaning:** Bernardine Wynne, Tracy Whelan, Veronica Bayly and Josephine Hearty

**Altar Linen:** Deirdre Alexander

## MONDAY CLUB

Thanks to all the gifts received from friends and some of our own Monday morning regulars. We had a great party last week. The "air" was very festive with lots of Christmas decorations which helped to make it a very merry time. Lots of entertainment from our talented group and plenty of helpers so no one person had too much to do. Thanks to everyone involved.

On a different note we remembered past time and friends who are no longer with us, some who have gone to their eternal rest and also those who through illness/old age can no longer be part of our group.

To our many friends and donors we wish a very blessed and peaceful Christmas and hope we will all meet again soon.

We hope to be back on 13<sup>th</sup> January and meantime have a safe and happy New Year

Joan