ST VINCENT DE PAUL SAYS THANKS CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The local Conference of St. Vincent de Paul acknowledges with many thanks €13,900 contributed at all Masses two weeks ago. They assure everyone that the money is well spent and people in need will now have a more enjoyable Christmas.

"FROM THE MONASTERY TO THE BOOT"

A Bicentennial History of the Monastery School (St. Joseph's National School) written by Gerry Flanagan, Malachy McVeigh and Tommy Keogh is available for sale (\notin 20) at the Parish Shop, Mannions, Castle View and Opening Minds (Wise Owl), Tower Rd – a beautiful Christmas gift.

GALLERY NEWS

There are so many different compositions that express the meaning of Christmas that it is difficult to make a choice. There are the great works of Bach who composed the Christmas Oratorio and Handel's Messiah that is a perennial favourite, to the simple plain chat, Puer natus est, traditional Irish airs such as Suabtrai na Maighdine and popular pieces like Jingle Bella and the friendly, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer. At Christmas time to leave out Silent Night and Away in a Manger would surely constitutes an error of omission.

Like most choirs "O Holy Night" is often included in the Christmas choice of carols. The composer, Adolphe Adam was born in Paris in 1758. His father who was a pianist and teacher was firmly set against the idea of his son becoming a musician. Despite the opposition Adam eventually entered the Paris Conservatoire winning many prizes for composition. "O Holy Night" has become an international favourite and is said to have been the first music broadcast on radio. Phyllis Christmas, time to reflect before we make plans! First, where did that year go??? in my case I blinked and it was gone!!!

It's hard to believe our members attended nearly 50 Tuesday morning meetings in the Round Tower GAA Club. We were entertained by many guests with advice on how to cope with our busy lives. Some members passed away during the year and are missed, but not forgotten.

By the time we read this, our Christmas Party in the Red Cow will have brought the curtain down on the years activities. On Tuesday 8th January 2013, we

On Tuesday 8^{th} January 2013, we commence a New Year programme full of exciting outings, plus plenty more of the fun we enjoyed during 2012.

Happy Christmas to all God Bless Thomas

CHILDREN'S CORNER

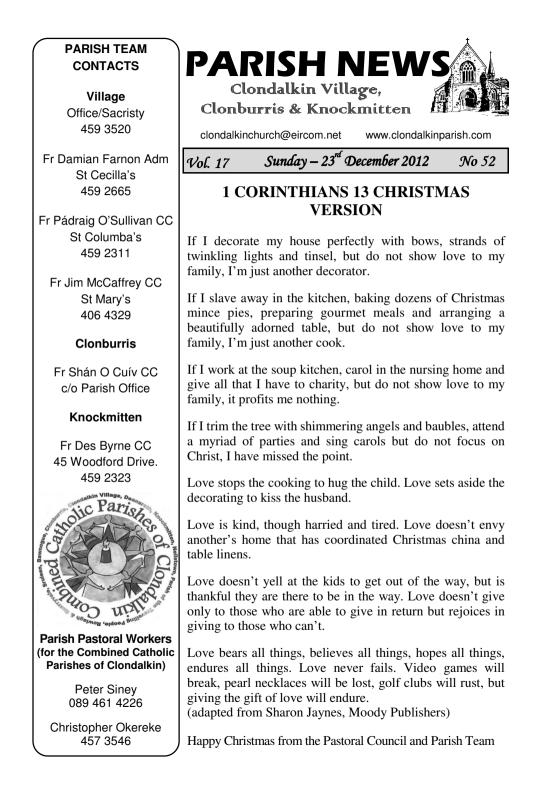
We have received some lovely coloured pictures for display. I understand we ran out of colouring sheets last weekend but we have some available at the back of the church. We will accept any picture of your choice, suitable for Christmas if the ones we have are not to your liking.

We will need them by tomorrow morning at the latest for Veronica to set up the display. Fr. Damian has a gift for all <u>entrants.</u>

We wish you a very happy Christmas and thank you for taking part in all the quizzes during the year and we want you to continue during the coming year!!

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.



ADORATION

This Thursday 27th December Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in: CHURCH: morning only from after 10.00am Mass to 11.45am and all are welcome. PS: no evening Adoration

CHURCH DUTY

All duties will resume on January 1st 2013. Again we thank all the people involved in making sure the church has always looked well – a fitting place for worship.

ENNISKERRY GREETINGS

Hello again! Could I just express my gratitude and greetings to all who sent cards and kind thoughts to me. I'm asking this little note to do a big job! I'm saying "Please take all my love and prayers and best wishes to the folks in Clondalkin for a very peaceful, healthy, happy Christmas and New Year!"

Le grá mór, Fr John Wall

NO MEETING OF PRAYER GROUP

This Wednesday night - St. Stephen's night the Prayer Group will not meet. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd January at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre and all are welcome.

SEIRBHÍS CARÚIL

There will be Carols in Irish at 8.40am on 12 noon Christmas Morning. Beidh an Cór ag canadh carúil na Nollag roimh an Aifreann Gaeilge Lá Nollag ag 8.40r.n.

NOTICES

Monday 24th December Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of: John Hughes, Monastery Heath

recently deceased. May he rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 24th December 7.30am Joe McConville

Tuesday, Christmas Day All Masses are offered for the intentions of all parishioners and the recipients of our

Parish Remembrance Christmas cards

Wednesday 26th December, St. Stephen's Day

Michael McDermott 10.00am **Donal Moffat**

Thursday 27th December

Nora Sheridan, 5th An 10.00am Ester Callaghan

Friday 28th December

10.00am

10.30am

Doreen Rackley Christopher, Lillian and Brendan Behan

Sunday 30th December

7.30pm (Vigil) Tony O'Neill Mamie Craven, B/day Rem Frank and Maureen King David and Ellen Minogue Gerry Fallon, 10th An and deceased members of Fallon Families Joe Timmons B/day Rem Johnny Delaney Charles Grey, William O'Neill Karl Walsh. Lena Devany

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 22nd December 6.30pm Theresa, John and Billy Bourke Christmas Rem. Donal O'Reilly A.

Sunday 23rd December

11.00am Bill Mollov An. Joseph Byrne An. Clara Byrne C.R. Paddy and Mary Lenehan C.Rem. Stephanie Watts C.R. Joe Gleeson An. Jack and MaryMcKenna C.R. John and Helen Murphy C.R. Deceased members of Mc Kenna and Murphy Families. Rosemary Mc Kenna C.R. Rosaleen Williams C.R. Brigid, Annie, Christopher and Patrick Downey C.R. Neil, Regina and Cornelius Hanlon C.R. Anthony O'Brien C.R. Madelaine, Shea C.R. Gerry Morgan C.R. Kathleen and Joe Fagan C.R..

MONDAY CLUB

Songs, stories and laughter set the mood for our Christmas party last Monday. We have and abundance of talent in our little group and the "craic was mighty". We were delighted that Fr. Jim came along as he has always been very involved with us since we started over ten years ago. Thanks to the generosity of Kathleen and Mary we had a free raffle with some great prizes. All in all a lovely happy ending to the year!. Lets hope that 2013 will be a good one for us all. We wish health and happiness to all our good friends. May the peace of God made man be yours in abundance this Christmas in the coming year. Joan

CAROL SERVICE IN ST. JOHN'S

The Congregation of St John's invites the congregation of the Immaculate Conception to join them for Carols by Candlelight in St John's on Sunday December 23 @ 7pm followed by seasonal refreshments. Alan Rufli

"GOAL MILE"

The organisers invite all to join in "Goal Mile" to raise funds on St. Stephen's Day in Corkagh Park at 12 noon – meet at main car park. Donation on the day

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

VILLAGE CHURCH Monday 24th December: (Christmas Eve) Mass as usual at 10am Confessions 10.30am to 11am and 3pm to 4pm First Mass of Christmas (with the Clondalkin Youth Band) at 7.30pm Blessing of Crib at 9.45pm followed by Night Mass of Christmas at 10pm

Tuesday 25th December: (Christmas Day) Aifreann na Nollaig at 9am, Choral Mass at 10.30am Gospel Mass at12 noon Please Note: No 5.30pm Mass

Wednesday 26th December: (St. Stephen's Day) to Monday 7th January The weekday daily Mass at 10am, only

KNOCKMITTEN Monday 24th December: (Christmas Eve) First Mass of Christmas (for children) at 5pm Vigil Mass of Christmas at 6.30pm

Tuesday 25th December: (Christmas Day) Mass (with Band and Choir) at 10am Christmas Day Mass at 12 noon

CLONBURRIS Monday 24th December: (Christmas Eve) First Mass of Christmas at 9pm

Tuesday 25th December: (Christmas Day) Mass at 11am

DEATHS