

CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR 9 CLONDALKIN PARISHES

This Tuesday evening 29th 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

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 27th January 2016

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family of Tom Cassidy of Oakwood wish to thank all who supported him during his illness and after his death. Thanks for all the letters of sympathy and Masses offered for Tom.

Mass has been offered for all your intentions.

Cassidy Family

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, Group Organiser.

"THANK YOU" ST MARTHA'S GUILD

Every parish should boast of "A St. Martha's Guild" especially one like ours! All the cleaning teams combined including guests to give the church its annual clean-up last Wednesday afternoon.

The church was a hive of activity and the results show. On behalf of all of us we say "THANK YOU"

BALLYFERMOT FOLK GROUP

The Ballyfermot Folk Group, have been fundraising over the past few years for various charities (Simon, Pieta House) through our carol singing each Christmas.

This year we have decided to channel our efforts to more local based causes and so we have chosen the following - Clondalkin Helping Homeless, Help 4 The Homeless Ballyfermot and Penny Dinners, Meath St.

We have written & recorded a song titled "Home For Christmas" based on the topic and aim to sell 2,000 copies with all proceeds going to the 3 charities. The CD is available in the Parish Shop for the next few weeks. Cost €5

Gerry Simpson

AN IRISH CHRISTMAS PRAYER

"The Light of the Christmas Star to you
The warmth of home and hearth to you
The cheer and good will of friends to you
The love of the Son and God's Peace to you"

On behalf of the Newsletter Team we wish all parishioners, visitors to the Parish Website and our contributors "Nollag Shona libh go léir" "Happy Christmas Season"

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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WELCOME AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a time of welcoming. People welcome home family and friends who live overseas, neighbours welcome neighbours for a seasonal drink. We remember our families and friends who are overseas especially those for whom this is their first Christmas away from home. We welcome those spending their first Christmas with us here in Clondalkin and our parishioners from other lands who are now an integral part of our worshipping community. The first Christmas was a little different. There was no welcome for the couple from Nazareth who were expecting their child. Their only refuge was a place where the animals were kept: not the most healthy or hygienic place to give birth. God's chosen people and those waiting for a Messiah were not the first to welcome him. Instead it was the outsiders, the shepherds and those who travelled from afar, who greeted the baby with joy.

How will the Christ child be welcomed this Christmas? Will there be space amongst the celebrations and gift-giving to receive the gift of a child who has the power to transform and heal, to comfort and disturb? Where will we encounter the Christ who lives among us – in those who are less fortunate than ourselves and those who have made Clondalkin their home?

There are parish calendars for our visitors so please take one with you. A new initiative started last year is Evening Prayer of the Church at 7.30pm Christmas Night, all are welcome. On behalf of the Parish Team I wish you and yours wherever you may be a Happy and Holy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Fr. Damian Farnon
Moderator Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to:

Kian Sean Van der Meer,
Veersemeerstraat, 2652JL Berkel en
Rodenrijs, The Netherlands.

who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

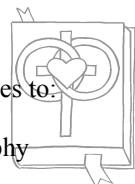


WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Emma Stokes and Jason Murphy

who received the Sacrament of Marriage



ADORATION

This Thursday 31st December there will be
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **in
the Church:** :

Morning: 10.45am to 11.45am, and

Evening: 7pm to 9pm.

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

NOTICES

**There will be no 7.30am Mass until 4th
January 2016**

Monday 28th December

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am
Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 29th 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.

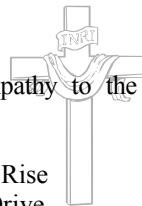
Thursday 31st December

Last Lights Ceremony at 4.00pm

DEATHS

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

Maeve McCooey, Monastery Rise
David Tyndall, St Bridgets, Drive
Thomas Mc Donnell, Boot Road.
Paddy Delaney, Cappaghmore.



recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 28th December

10.00am Michael McDermott

Tuesday 29th December

10.00am Keogh Family Living and
Dead

Wednesday 30th December

10.00am Joseph McCarthy, B/day Rem

Thursday 31st December

10.00am Percy Reeves

Friday 1st January 2016

10.00am All whose names are on the
Altar List of the Dead

Saturday 2nd January 2016

10.00am Catherine and Louis Delgado

Sunday 3rd January 2016

7.30pm (Vigil) Kathleen Roebuck MM.
Bridget Leydon, 10th An
Gerry Fallon and the
deceased members of the
Fallon Family
Cyril Storan
10.30am David and Ellen Minogue
Ciaran O'Connell
James Crahan,
Tom O'Neill
12.00 Noon Martin McLoughlin Jnr.
Noel and Carmel Holton.

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Thursday 24th December

9.00pm Decased members of Clonburris
Parish.

Friday 25th December

11.00am Deceased members of Clonburris
Parish.

Saturday 26th December

6,30pm Donal O'Reilly An.

Sunday 27th December

11.00am Aidan Dardis M.M.

We Wish all our parishioners a very Happy
Christmas

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Betty Byrne and Rebecca Duggan

Altar Linen: Kay Lee

Decoration of the church: Just maintenance
– watering of flowers

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Please note: New Rosters now available
for collection from the Sacristy

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.

EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday 30th December the
Missionary Rosary will be recited at 7.30pm
before the Prayer Meeting at 8pm in the
Parish Pastoral Centre. All are welcome

MONDAY CLUB

We ended 2015 with a Christmas Party.
After the usual refreshments we had a visit
from Santa himself (Kieran Walsh). He
distributed little gifts for everyone, Santa,
thank you, you did a brilliant job.

It was great to see Joe and Mary
Leonard and Kathleen Murray, our
quizmaster, and welcome to Pat Connell,
Sr Anne, parish pastoral workers Christina
Malone and Frank Browne join us. We
finished the party with singing and music.

Thanks a million to all who contributed
to the Monday Club by way of talks,
demonstrations, music, donations of gifts/
prizes, contributing so generously to the
Our Lady's Hospice, & Children's
Hospital, Localise for their party and gifts
at St Valentine and Halloween, Joan,
Alan, Anne Brett, Josie and Collette for all
your help support and guidance, use of the
Pastoral Centre, and everyone who comes
making it so enjoyable.

Thanks a million for the beautiful
bouquet of flowers and card. It's much
appreciated.

In case anyone is interested, Johann
Strauss gala concert on Saturday 30
January in Concert Hall. There is a 20%
discount for group of 10 or more. If
anyone interested let me as soon as
possible. Tickets will have to be booked
and paid for before 30 December.

We will be back on Monday 11
January 2016.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas
and Peaceful Healthy New Year.

Kathleen R