

**CLONBURRIS
Mass Intentions**

Saturday 29th December

6.30pm Deceased members of Murphy Family.

Sunday 30th December

11.00am Deceased members of Gleeson and O'Doherty Families.

We wish all our Parishioners a very happy and peaceful New Year.

ADORATION

This Thursday, 3rd January Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

In the CHURCH: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am

In the SISTERS'S ORATORY: 7pm to 9pm and all are welcome

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Kitty Egan, Angela McCreevey, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Veronica Bayly and May Stynes

The cleaning teams wish Elsie a speedy recovery

Altar Linen: Mary Jenkins

Flowers: No flowers until after 6th January.

NOTICES

Monday 31st December

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday 2nd January

The prayer group meet in the Pastoral Centre at 8.00pm (downstairs). All are welcome.

DEATHS

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

Kathleen Murphy, St Brigid's Road

recently deceased. May she rest in peace.

PARISH WEBSITE

The Parish Website is up and running and can be visited on www.clondalkinparish.com

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 31st December

10.00am Percy Reeves

Tuesday 1st January 2013

10.00am Peg and Greg Pidgeon

Wednesday 2nd January

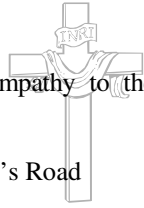
10.00am Special Intention

Friday 4th January

10.00am Tom and Nellie Cassidy

Sunday 6th January

7.30am (Vigil) Cyril Storan
Phillis Hurrell MM
Bill Forftune
Jim Stynes. Christmas Remembrance for the deceased members of the Breen and Stynes families
10.30am Ciaran O'Carroll
James Crehan and
Thomas O'Neill
Mary Coughlan
Sean Fagan B/Day Rem
Brigid Gill
12 Noon Joseph Morton 7th An
Martin and Kevin
McInerney
Kitty Brett
Brigid Leydon
Martin McLoughlin Jnr.



**THE HOLY FAMILY:
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family today.

The devotion to the Holy Family was born in Bethlehem, together with the Baby Jesus. The shepherds went to adore the Child and, at the same time, they gave honour to His family. Later, in a similar way, the three wise men came from the East to adore and give honour to the newborn King with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that would be safeguarded by His family.

Today's celebration demonstrates Christ's humility and obedience with respect to the fourth commandment, whilst also highlighting the loving care that His parents exercised in His keeping.

We can go further to affirm that in a certain sense Christ, Himself, was the first devotee of His family. He showed His devotion to His mother and foster father by submitting Himself, with infinite humility, to the duty of filial obedience towards them. This is what St Bernard of Clairvaux said in this regard, 'God, to whom angels submit themselves and who principalities and powers obey, was subject to Mary; and not only to Mary but Joseph also for Mary's sake [...]. God obeyed a human creature; this is humility without precedent. A human creature commands God; it is sublime beyond measure.' (First Homily on the 'Missus Est').

Looking at the Holy Family, we see the love, the protection, and the diligent care that they gave to the Redeemer. We can not fail to feel uneasiness, perhaps a shameful thought, for the times in which we have not rendered the appropriate care and attention to the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask for forgiveness and do penance for all the sacrilegious acts and

the lack of respect that are committed in front of the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask the Lord, through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, for a greater love for their Son Incarnate, who has decided to remain here on earth with us every day until the end of time.

From the Congregation for the Clergy

GALLERY NEWS

The venue for the 'Carol Night in Clondalkin Library' was in a building built with money donated by a Scottish-American businessman - Andrew Carnegie. A total of 2,5019 libraries were built between 1883 and 1929. As a result of his generosity Clondalkin library was completed in 1910. It is an imposing building with elements of Church and Castle architecture. Andrew Carnegie was a philanthropist and was a passionate believer that everyone should have equal opportunity and access to learning. Libraries have proved to be a wonderful resource for knowledge. The Gallery choir on the 19th December sang a mixture of old and new carols and the library staff very kindly supplied refreshment to the appreciative audience. Once again our efforts have been rewarded by a kind benefactor and the money received will go to charity.

Music has the ability to unite and inspire many different types of artists. Not only have composers expressed, through their medium, the wonder of Christmas but also painters, writers and poets. Patrick Kavanagh, in his poem "A Christmas Childhood", evokes a powerful imageThe light between the ricks of hay and straw was a hole in Heaven's gable... Outside the cow-house my mother made the music of milking / The light of her stable-lamp was a star / And the frost of Bethlehem made it twinkle.

Phyllis.