## St Brigid, Wary of Ireland

Ask for us all today
The courage to do God's bidding
Whatever the world may say
The grace to be strong and valiant
The grace to be firm and true
The grace to be faithful always
To God, God's mother and you.

To celebrate her feast day today, 1<sup>st</sup> February the girls of Coláiste Bríde have organised the 12 Noon Mass and after Mass will lead the congregation on procession to St. Brigid's Well. The procession will leave the church at 1pm and all are welcome to join in – just a short walk off the Boot Road.

## CANDLEMAS DAY – THE CHRISTIAN FESTIVAL OF LIGHT – 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY

This ancient festival marks the mid-point of winter, half way between the shortest day and spring equinox, to celebrate the increase strength of the life giving sun as winter gave way to spring.

In Christian celebration candles that were to be used for church were brought in and blessed. Before Jesus came it was as if everyone was "in the dark". We talk of Jesus as "the light of the world" and we light candles to remind us of this.

Tomorrow, Monday, we continue the tradition of the Blessing of candles. Candles are on sale in the parish shop at €1 each. These can be left in the basket provided with your name attached and then after they are blessed can be collected. Please feel free to bring your own candle. A blessed candle in the home is used when the Blessed Sacrament is brought to the sick or indeed at any time as a consolation when the need arises.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €1,600 – your contributions this week

## ROUND TOWER GAA DINNER DANCE

Round Tower GAA Club Dinner Dance 2015 will take place Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February in the Red Cow Moran Hotel. Tickets priced at €45 include four-course meal and live music. Tickets available by contacting Annette at 087 2827631 or further information is available at www.roundtower.ie.

## **CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMEN**

We are trying to make this a fun club with lots of fun and laughter, as I always say, when you laugh the world laughs with you, but when you cry .. you cry alone, and hopefully, this will never happen to any of you, we are all at the end of a phone, so if any of you ever feel like this, pick up the phone... 086 3274323, and we have a great committee.

Anyway enough being sad, I just think January does that to us all, February next week, and all the little buds will start coming up, a few day trips to put a smile one our faces

Thank you Rita for your dance class today, well you all had a good time, with smiles on your faces....

I have a limited number of tickets left for Benefit Night in The Laurels for 10th February, so please contact me a.s.a.p.

Just before I finish, a Very 75 Birthday to Noeleen Mockler, also a Big happy birthday to Tom and Morgan O Flaherty

Clare

#### 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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## "FROM PARENT TO CHILD"

I gave you life but cannot live it for you
I can teach you things but I cannot make you learn
I can give you directions but cannot be there to lead you
I can allow you freedom but I cannot account for it

I can take you to church but I cannot make you believe I can teach you right from wrong but I cannot always decide for you

I can buy you beautiful clothes but I cannot make you beautiful inside

I can offer you advice but I cannot accept it for you

I can give you love but I cannot force it upon you I can teach you to share but I cannot make you unselfish I can teach you respect but I cannot force you to show honour

I can advice you about friends but I cannot choose them for you

I can pray for you but I cannot make you walk with God I can teach you about Jesus but I cannot make Jesus your Lord

I can tell you how to live but I cannot give you Eternal Life (Courtesy Fr. Padraig)

## LENTEN HOUR OF PRAYER

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> February, 8pm to 9pm there will be an hour of prayer with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers for healing and individual blessings finishing with Benediction at 9pm.

You are invited to come to this hour of prayer where we will gather to pray with you and for you as we ask the healing hand of the Lord to touch and strengthen us.

All welcome!

## **BAPTISMS**

Congratulations and welcome to

Tynan James Hetherton, Wongabel St. Queensland

Alina Jamina Czyzowska, Thornfield Square Michalina Maria Czyzowska, Thornfield Square

Sophia Delgado Lovett, Cherrywood Grove Julia Mary Bracken Kennedy, Lindisfarne Green

Jill Sika Leocadie Kother, Quarryfield Court Luke Phillip Thomas Moody, Palmerstown Woods

recently Baptised.

## **NOTICES**

## Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

## Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

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.

## Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Meeting for parents in preparation for Baptism in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm, upstairs

Prayer meeting in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm, downstairs

## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February

The boys of St. Joseph's School will attend the 10am Mass

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February

**First Friday,** Masses are offered for all whose names are listed on the November Altar List of the Dead

## Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February

**First Saturday,** Fatima Devotions after 10am Mass - confessions also available.

## **ADORATION**

This Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> February Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the:

<u>Sisters' Oratory</u>: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am

(Holy Hour in the Church at 8pm)

## "BLESSING OF THROATS"

On Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, Feast of St. Blaise, throats will be blessed after all Masses – **7.30am and 10am** 

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

An Intercessory Prayer group meets to pray each Tuesday 7.30pm to 8.30pm for the Clondalkin Group of Parishes (CCPC). Please come and pray with us

Venue: <u>Parish Pastoral Centre</u> **Date:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

All are welcome.

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 10.00am John Malone

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

10.00am Kathleen Mucha, 7<sup>th</sup> An

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February

10.00am Pauline Cahill, 1<sup>st</sup> An

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February

10.00am Olive Grace, 1<sup>st</sup> An

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February

5.30pm

7.30pm (Vigil) Pearse Redmond and

Lilian Redmond

10.30am John Lynch

Ann Cullen, MM Timothy and Elizabeth Kehoe, B/day Rem Gerard and Terence Doyle, B/day Rem John Quinlan, An

# **CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions**

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January

6.30pm Mary Burke 3<sup>rd</sup> (nA) Carol Doyle 14<sup>th</sup> (An) George Brown (An)

## Sunday 1st February

11.00am Elaine Broughan (An)
Winnie Mulhare (An)
Joe Byrne (nA)
May & Christy O Connor (An)
Mary McKenna (An)
Andy Tracy (An)

## Christmas Card Sale

I wish sincerely to thank everyone who supported the sale of Christmas cards in aide of Dystonia neurological movement disorder, a cheque for €588 was sent to Dystonia Ireland of which €60 donations are included many thanks again Josephine Scannell.

## "HEAVEN IS FOR REAL"

Sacred Heart Film Club continues next Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February in the Parish Centre, St John's Drive at 7.30 p.m. with "Heaven is for Real." It recounts the true story of a small-town father who must find the courage and conviction to share his son's extraordinary, life-changing experience with the world. Starring Greg Kinnear as Todd Burpo, the real-life father whose son Colton claims to have visited Heaven during a near death experience. Fr. Mike

# PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart will be held on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February at 10.45am in the Pastoral Centre and new members always welcome

## **LOURDES 2015**

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> May - 5 nights Hotel: Jeanne D'Arc

Fare: €750 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

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Elsie Naughton and Rita Arnold

Altar Linen: Mary Leonard

**Flowers:** Teresa Greene to 6<sup>th</sup> February / Noreen King from 7<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> February (Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February)

## **INVITATION!**

The Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin "FUNERAL MINISTRY TEAM" invite all to the Village Church to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm (Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes) for the sick, dying and deceased and all are welcome

#### MONDAY CLUB

We had a great morning of music, song and dance. "Timpeall an Tighe" gave a rousing renditions of jigs, reels, hornpipes, mazurkas and waltz.

Caoimhe, a member of the group from near Ardee sang for us. Annette and Frances did a barndance. Kathleen Finan sang and recited a poem and Noel played a selection of his favourite tunes. A great time was had by all present.

A big THANK YOU to all the members of the group who came and gave their time to entertain us!

Next week we welcome Frank Hegarty who will come and teach us to make a St. Brigid's cross.

Until then take care and God Bless Kathleen R.