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hell broke loose in the killing of millions of people, the destruction of lives and property, the genocides, the abuse of millions of prisoners and refugees. And yet it came to an end, it spun itself out, it was contained. We could ask ourselves why isn't it World War all the time, why did the upheaval and mayhem not continue? Because good will always prevail – we've had peace in Europe now for 60 years – that in itself is a miracle. All the more extraordinary is that forgiveness and reconciliation between former enemies became a reality.

I conclude with a reflection from St. Francis de Sales: "Do not look forward anxiously to what may happen tomorrow, the same everlasting Lord who take care of you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. He will either shield you from suffering or give you unflinching strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations!

Fr. Padraig

### OUR APPRECIATION

"Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sé" this adage was well and truly proven last Sunday the Feast of St. Brigid.

The girls of Transition Year accompanied by Michelle Dooley organised the liturgy for the 12 Mass celebrated by Fr. Seamús and music supplied by our Gospel Choir. The traditional Crosses of rushes were in plentiful supply and after Mass all were invited to the Pastoral Centre for tea and biscuits organised by the girls. The brave and hardy adults faced the cold winter sunshine but the girls and teacher didn't hesitate.

The well was restored by South Dublin Co. Council in 1995 and has since been maintained by volunteers to whom we say "thank you"

Tommy Keogh's photos of the day are available on our website – address on the front of the Newsletter

### NEW PARENT AND CHILD GROUP IN ÁRAS CHRÓNÁIN

A new play group for parents and pre-school kids is starting in Áras Chrónáin. 'Clann Sidhe - Grúpa Spraoi' will be meeting every second Saturday at 10.30am starting 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. The group is for parents who are raising their children through Irish and parents who want to speak more Irish to their little ones. For more details ring Brian in the Áras on 457 4847 or email [brian@araschronain.ie](mailto:brian@araschronain.ie).

### CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Thank you Frank and Bertie for a great day of music and song on Tuesday last," I felt like a young one again, all we have to think in our heads is we are. NOT OLD, WE ARE JUST GETTING OLDER.... the dancing was great, a blast from the past.

I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February for our BENEFIT NIGHT for Margaret Wignall in Laurels. Clondalkin 4pm to 8pm, which will be a wonderful night, dinner and music for €10! Not many tickets left, so if you want a ticket, just let us know.

Well, as our Secretary Mick Daly told you, we are going to have a great YEAR with loads of DAY TRIPS, and maybe a FEW NIGHTS away, so watch this space,

We wish a VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Tom O'Flaherty, Morgan O'Flaherty, Noeleen Mockler, Fintan Mulally.

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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# PARISH NEWS

Clondalkin Village,  
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### OUR TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS

St Paul in his 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to the Corinthians tells us "trials of every sort come to us but we are not discouraged, we are left without an answer, but we do not despair. We are persecuted but not abandoned, knocked down but not crushed. In the ups and downs of life periods like this come to all of us and sometimes it seems as though we can be overwhelmed by the suffering and evil of the world. There are a few things we can remember when we are caught up in the storms of life and trying to persevere in our faith. First we have to accept that trials will come to everyone at some time in their life. There are periods when prayer is easy and God seems very close. Everything goes well. Then there are times when nothing seems to go right. Prayer is a struggle and God seems far away. It is a good rule of thumb to be aware that God's help in a time of trial is given at the moment of need and not before. Grace is given when we are at or near rock bottom and if we are open to receiving God's grace suffering can strengthen us rather than break us – it brings forth courage, forbearance, generosity, faithfulness. These things come about when we are not dependant on the sweetness of good feelings that we get when everything goes right but rather in the absence of good feelings, in times of adversity and challenge. Most miracles happen slowly. In our courageous, patient perseverance of past suffering we have much to offer those who suffer now. A recovered addict is often the best help for those who are trapped in addiction now, those who have experienced a physical illness are often the best resource for those who are ill now. A person who has experienced bereavement is often the best support for those going through the loss of a loved one.

It also helps to see the big picture. The great wonder is not that there is so much evil in the world but that there is so much good. Evil does not prevail – it ultimately burns itself out in its own self destruction, it is contained even though it remains present in the world. The greatest catastrophe in the history of humanity was the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War – a time when it seemed all

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## ADORATION

This Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the:

**Church:** from after 10am Mass to 11.45am

**Church:** 7pm to 9pm

All are welcome

## EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February the Rosary – Mysteries of Light – will be recited at 7.30pm before the Prayer Meeting at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre and all are welcome

## ANNUAL COLLECTION IN AID OF “ACCORD”

**ACCORD** is Ireland's leading nationwide agency supporting marriage and relationships for over 50 years through its 58 Centres and 1,000+ personnel. Our aim is to help couples prepare for, achieve and sustain their marriage and family relationships, to offer ongoing relationship support and assist them in times of difficulty or crisis.

To enable **ACCORD** to continue providing this service they ask for your continued financial assistance. Next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February the **SHARE** collection will be replaced by the collection for **ACCORD** and again your generosity and support are very much appreciated.

## NOTICES

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</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.

## DEATHS

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

James Power, Monastery Heath Court  
Maeve Whiston, Castle Park

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

## 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:** Parish Pastoral Centre

**Date:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

All are welcome

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €2,420 – your contributions this week

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

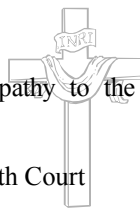
7.30am Anthony and Mary Murphy  
10.00am Imelda Gilleran, B/day Rem

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

7.30am Peg Kelly  
10.00am Michael Dwyer

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February

7.30pm (Vigil) Frank Sr and Frank Jr  
Keane, B/day Rem  
10.30am Belinda Fitzsimons  
Imelda Gilleran, B/day Rem  
John Fannin, 12<sup>th</sup> An  
Michael Lernihan and  
Michael Lynch  
12 Noon Sheila Barry  
Tom Delaney, B/day Rem  
Bridget Walsh, 20<sup>th</sup> An  
Alan Bradbury  
Chrissie and Peter Delaney



## CLONBURRIS

### Mass Intentions

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

6.30pm James O'Brien An.  
Fr. Gabriel Hassett An.  
Emer O'Cuiv An.  
France Pittan An.  
Rita Shanahan An.  
Alan Kinsella An.

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February

11am Kathleen Gooley An.  
John Byrne An.  
Jim Chester An.

## 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 2pm**, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, for the sick, dying and deceased and all are welcome

## ST BRIGID'S FEAST DAY – SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY

St Brigid's Well on Boot Road was a hive of activity at the weekend when hundreds of people visited the well on the Feast Day of St. Brigid.

Father Pearse from Srulleen parish attended at the first ceremony with the Boot Road Residents Assoc. He blessed the St Brigid's crosses.

This ceremony was followed by Father Seamus from the main parish church and the pupils from Colaiste Bride who did some readings.

On Monday it was the turn of the young pupils from St Bernadette's Junior National School with Principal Breeda Boner and their teachers who came with a full bus load of pupils on their annual visit to the well.

Tommy Keogh

## 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:** Rebecca Duggan Betty Byrne

**Altar Linen:** Catherine Sherwin

**Flowers:** Noreen King from 7<sup>th</sup> February to 17<sup>th</sup> February

(Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February)

## CELEBRATING ST VALENTINE'S DAY WITH THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

All are invited to tea/coffee on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> after 7:30pm Mass. It is also Valentine's Day so we hope to make lovely cakes for the occasion.

Veronica

## MONDAY CLUB

Sorry for the slow boil for the tea but it was all the nicer after the wait - “Watch kettle never boils”! A welcome to Frank and Anna Hegarty to the club! It was great to see Frank and Anna after a long absence. Frank came to teach us how to make St. Brigid's Cross. It was a bit tricky at first but with Frank's patience and teaching skills we all got a beautiful cross made. “Thank you” Frank for your time and to Gay Allen who helped Frank get the rushes. Condolences extended to Peggy Murphy on the recent sudden death of her brother Anthony.

Next week we welcome Mary Elizabeth Doyle

Take care, stay warm and God bless

Kathleen R