

Faith in God is marvellous, because God is reliable. It releases the blessings of God into the scenes and events of our daily lives. As we all returned to the parish pastoral centre for tea and biscuits, hosted by the transitional year students, who continue the spirit of welcome and hospitality of St. Brigid, I sensed this blessing of God upon us, as we chatted, laughed and deepened friendships with one another.

Deacon Séamus

“ACCORD”

“ACCORD” is a voluntary Catholic organisation that aims to promote a deeper understanding of Christian marriage and to offer people the means to safeguard and nourish their marriage and family relationships.

To enable this service to continue the “SHARE” collection next Sunday will be replaced by “ACCORD” and again your generosity is appreciated.

CLOTHING APPEAL FOR THE CONQUER CANCER SHOP

The local Conquer Cancer shop, on Monastery Road, is very short of stock and would greatly appreciate donations of items suitable for sale.

COLAISTE BRIDE, TRANSITION YEAR, YSI PROJECT

Hello, my name is Jade Guidon. I am a transition year student at Colaiste Bride, in Clondalkin village. My class is undertaking a project known as YSI (Young Social Innovators) in which we have to take a problem that effects our local area and do up a project from a particular angle. The issue we are trying to raise awareness about is SADS (Sudden Adult Death Syndrome) sudden unexpected death of adolescents and adults, often during sleep or whilst taking part in sport.

MEDJUGORJE 2014

Pilgrimage will depart 5th May, fare €599, which includes return flights from Dublin, 9 nights on half board basis, near St. James Church, luxury coach transfers and guide. Spiritual Director is Fr. Camillus OSM

For further details please contact Liam Cotter – 01 4928194 or 087 6281157
€50 deposit secures €599, after 17th February price €649 applies

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday 10th February: Clondalkin Young Adult Ministry, in Neilstown at 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, 11th February at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre

CHILDREN’S CORNER

Aindriú Báiceir is this week’s winner. Congratulation Aindriú! Your prize is waiting to be picked up by you from the Sacristy after Mass today

THIS WEEK’S QUIZ

You can’t help but notice that St. Valentine’s Day is on Friday 14th but did you know that St. Valentine was a Priest, martyred in 269 at Rome and was buried on the Flaminian Way. He is Patron Saint of

Your entries

Tuesday email –
ellenteresacoyno@eircom.net or
Wednesday morning to the Sacristy!

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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A BLESSING FOR EVERYONE AT ST. BRIGID’S WELL

Last Saturday, February 1st, the Feast day of St. Brigid, was the first time that I attended the blessing of a Holy Well dedicated to this great saint. I found the whole occasion to be an uplifting, faith-filled and joyful experience, despite the fact that the weather was wet and stormy.

For the occasion, Fr. Damian celebrated Mass at 10am, during which the St. Brigid’s Crosses were blessed. I was honoured to assist as the Deacon and was delighted that so many of the students from the transition year of Colaiste Bríd were able to attend the Mass. Their generous participation certainly enhanced the liturgy by doing the readings, prayer of the faithful, presentation of the gifts, music and hymns. This all added to the celebration which leaves me with no doubt that St. Brigid will bless them abundantly during their studies and future ventures in life.

After the Mass, many of those who attended processed up to St. Brigid’s Holy Well nearby, while others remained in the church to pray the rosary. In this way we were blessed to help each other in prayer and pilgrimage to the well.

As we huddled together under umbrellas and joined Fr. Damian in the blessing of the water, I was strengthened with the sense of community gathered together in faith. This small sanctuary, adorned with the symbols and signs of people’s faith, medals, rosaries, cloths and statues, momentarily became a haven of peace, hope and blessings in what sometimes can appear a dull and hopeless world.

At one point, I noticed two passers-by who stopped to look on and take photos, and I wondered what they must have thought. To those without the eyes of faith, the world must often appear empty and flat. Our gathering at the well, may have appeared absurd and meaningless to some people but for us, “faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see” (Heb 11:1).

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BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to

Deirbhle Jean McSweeney, Marlfield Tce, Kiltipper

recently Baptised.



ADORATION

This **Thursday 13th February** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the **Sisters' Oratory:**

from after 10am Mass to 11.45am, and **from** 7pm to 9pm.

All are welcome.

MASS IN THE PRAYER GROUP

This Wednesday, 12th February Fr. Shan Ó Cuiv will celebrate Mass for the sick starting at 8.15pm in the Pastoral Centre and all are welcome.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Betty Byrne and Rebecca Duggan
Altar Linen; Kay Lee

Flowers: Maura Gaffney 7th to 21st February

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL BOYS JOIN US FOR MASS

On Thursday next the 10'clock Mass goes welcome the boys of St. Joseph's when they join us for the celebration of Mass. Their enthusiasm and joy are addictive!

NOTICES

Monday 10th February

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 11th February

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

DEATHS

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

John Byrne, James Connolly Park
Kathleen McEvoy, St. Brigid's Drive
Ann McDonnell, Riversdale Park

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 10th February

10.00am Anthony and Mary Murphy

Tuesday 11th February

7.30am Peg Kelly

Friday 14th February

10.00am May Nolan

Saturday 15th February

10.00am Mary Skerritt, B/day Rem

Sunday 16th February

7.30pm (Vigil) Tom and Annie Gaffney
Margaret Rose Gaffney,
2nd An

John and Rose Hayden
Kathleen Hayden
Loftus Hayden
James Egan

12 Noon

James, Patrick, Jean Murphy
and daughter Marian Fagan
Brian Lucas

Mary Fagan, 3rd An
Tom and Maisie Delaney
Belinda and James
Fitzsimons

John Conaghan
Hugh and Grace Gallagher
Alan Bradbury;
Sheila Barry

Chrissie and Peter Delaney
Breda Doyle
Maud Hurley

5.30pm

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 8th February

6.30pm James O'Brien An.

Sunday 9th February

11.00am Brigid Belton An.
Jack Gaffney An.
Mick Gaffney An.
Patrick and Madge Buggle An.
Sean and Rita Hall An.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €1,872 – your contributions this week

23RD DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE - SATURDAY 22ND AND SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

Theme for this year's Conference being held in the RDS is:

"OUR FATHER - THY WILL BE DONE"

Speakers are: Fr. Timothy Radcliffe OP,
Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA,
Fr. Michael Ross Healing Service and
Collin Raye.

Tickets are available from Veritas Bookshop
Tickets cost - Saturday €30; Sunday €20,
for weekend €35.

Group bookings please phone 086 0669203.

ADULT FAITH SERIES ON POPE FRANCIS

Adult Faith Series on Pope Francis in Gardiner St Church for the month of February - every Tuesday at 7.30pm.

11th February: Breda O'Brien on Pope Francis: A new springtime for the Church?

18th February: Donal Dorr SPS: Pope Francis - a social Vision.

25th February: Gerard Gallagher: Pope Francis – a Model for youth ministry - from street preacher to Apostolic fervour! All welcome.

LOURDES 2014

Date: 7th May – 5nights

Hotel: Jeanne D'Arc

Fare: €735 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

INTERCESSORY GROUP

An Intercessory group meet to pray each Tuesday 7.30pm to 8.30pm for the Clondalkin parishes. Please come and pray with us in the Parish Pastoral Centre on Tuesday 11th and 18th February

"THANK YOU"

Nessa Green accepting a cheque for €2,400 – proceeds of the Charity Bridge held in Newlands Golf Club – to bring sick children to Lourdes for Easter – thanked all for their generosity and assured them that the proceeds in their entirety goes to the charity.

MONDAY CLUB

The hot cups of tea and coffee were very welcome last Monday morning and despite the wind and the rain we had a lovely morning chatting and doing a trivia quiz on the lines of "Who wants to be a millionaire". Great answers but none of us got the €1000,000! However the winners were happy with their prizes kindly donated by Kathleen,

Now that the "Irish Spring has sprung" we hope to go on some outings in the near future, weather permitting of course.

Meantime we are enjoying the camaraderie in comfortable surroundings and hope people will continue to join us for some lively discussions. All welcome to an early Valentine's day with "Localise"

Joan