

CLONDALKIN TIDY TOWNS

Clondalkin Tidy Towns are looking for volunteers to assist each Saturday or Sunday morning in their weekly litter clean up. We meet at Tuthills Car Park at 10am. Bags, Gloves and Pickers are all provided. Keep Clondalkin Litter Free. Paul Doran

LOURDES 2013

Monday is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. On March 25th 1858 when Our Lady appeared to Bernadette she told her “I am the Immaculate Conception”. Our church and parish is dedicated to this title and we have a very close association to Lourdes as a result.

For many years now we have been going on pilgrimage to Lourdes and our group grew in numbers and eventually peaked at 125 in 2007. Unfortunately the economic climate changed after this and our numbers reduced to the 30 mark. We would love to see it start to grow in numbers again so we are hoping to see some old as well as new faces joining with us this year and we are asking you to come and enjoy the spiritual and prayerful experience of Lourdes.

Our Pilgrimage takes place from 7th to 12th May and Fr. Shán O’Cuív of Clonburris is once again Spiritual Director and Padraig Doyle is the Group leader. We are staying in the Paradis Hotel and the all – inclusive fare is €735 per person sharing. Booking forms are available in the Sacristy, Parish Shop and Office. Places are limited so early booking is advisable.

In conclusion, during one of our Pilgrimages our Priest Leader told us – “The miracle of Lourdes is not in the cure but in accepting what is wrong with us.

Please give some thought to coming with us as it was Our Lady’s wish during one of her apparitions when she said “tell the people to come in processions and pray”
Padraig

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

A table top quiz is always a competitive event with our members, as was the case last Tuesday morning. Only one team (the Tidy Town’s 4) achieved 10 correct answers, and collected a prize of 4 jars of honey. Well done to all. one particular question had a lot of members puzzled, as follows-----If your aunts brother is not your uncle, what relation is he to you, (your father)

Dates to remember - Tuesday 19th February outing to Butlers Chocolate Factory, Friday 15th March outing to Harold’s Cross Dogs! Titanic outing, date later
Thomas

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Betty Byrne and Rebecca Duggan
Altar Linen: Mary O’Neill
Flowers: Moira Connolly – all flowers to be removed before Ash Wednesday. No flowers for Lent

CHILDREN’S CORNER

Emma Ní Báisicéir is this week’s winner. Congratulations Emma. Your prize is waiting to be picked up by you from the Sacristy after Mass today.

THIS WEEK’S QUIZ

**Wednesday next is the 1st day of what?
We are preparing for what?**



Your entries to the Sacristy by Wednesday morning or by email –
ellenteresacoyne@eircom.net

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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LENT; A TIME FOR RENEWAL AND REFLECTION

When Parish Pastoral Councils (PPC) were introduced throughout the diocese some years ago their remit was to be listeners, animators and planners rather than falling into the trap of doing everything. Last Saturday members of the PPC spent a day of recollection and renewal in the Augustinian Retreat Centre at Orlagh. The day was facilitated by Elli Mc Keown from the Diocesan Office for Evangelisation. We spent the day sharing and reflecting on the part our parish plays in the mission of the Church. During the week members of the sixteen parish teams in the Maynooth Deanery spent some time in reflection and discernment. It was highlighted that the work which we have begun in Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin (CCPC) needs to grow and continue in the future. Parishes need to cooperate and collaborate as we have done in the CCPC. On a practical note the Village Church will be the host Church for the weekday evening Mass during the season of Lent. Fr. Shán O’ Cuiv has very kindly offered to be celebrant every night. We are very grateful to him.

SAINT JOSEPH’S SCHOOL

Saint Joseph’s School featured on the Nationwide RTE program during the week where Mary Kennedy, a native of Clondalkin toured the Village with fellow Clondalkinite and Olympic medal winner, Kenneth Egan. Kenneth, a past pupil of the school spoke of his happy memories of Saint Joseph’s and was introduced to teachers and pupils who sung for Kenneth. A reminder that the bicentenary book is on sale in the Parish Shop.

Happy Lent.
Fr. Damian.

ADORATION

This Thursday, 14th February Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

In the SISTERS'S ORATORY: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am

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

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €3,218 – your contributions last week and €3,008 your contributions this week – this includes some annual subscriptions.

EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday, 13th February the Rosary, Mysteries of Light will be recited in the Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm followed by the Prayer Group at 8pm and all are welcome

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE 2013

“Behold Your Mother” is the theme for this year’s Conference which takes place in RDS Main Hall on February 16th and 17th. Speakers are Fr. Michael Gaitley, Fr. Salwatricze, Fr. Damian Ryan and Fr. Cathal Price.

Tickets are available by phoning 8313119/8393691/8315647. The cost is €25 for Saturday, €20 for Sunday or €30 for weekend.

NOTICES

Monday 11th February

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 7.30pm. New members are welcome

Tuesday 12th 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 Quinlan, Castle Avenue
Robert Hagerty, Monastery Park

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday next we celebrate the beginning of Lent. In addition to the morning Masses there will be an evening Mass at 7.30pm. (Evening Mass Ash Wednesday **only**) Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses and there will be ashes available to take home for the sick and housebound.

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 11th February

7.30am Peg Kelly
Frank and Maureen Maguire

Thursday 14th February

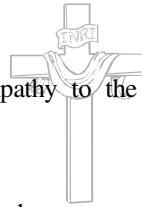
7.30am Anne Masterson, 2nd An

Friday 15th February

7.30am James Egan
10.00am Anne Hyland, 11th An

Sunday 17th February

7.30pm (Vigil) Mary Josephine Maguire, 50th An
Margaret Gaffney, 1st An
Kathleen Hayden and Loftus Hayden
10.30am Belinda Fitzsimons
John Conaghan
12 Noon Sheila Barry
Maisie and Tom Delaney
Brian Lucas
Breda Doyle
5.30pm Paddy Graham



CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 9th February

6.30 pm James O'Brien An.

Sunday 10th February

11.00am Tommy McLoughlin An.

Competition Winner

Congratulations to this week’s winner Evan Talt. Your prize can be collected after Mass today.

A big thank you for all the best wishes from all in Clonburris.

To Fr. Shan-always a pleasure to attend your Masses.

Margaret and Bertie - who always made sure I was never far from Clonburris. They coached me well.

Also congratulations to all the altar servers. What a fantastic bunch they really are.

Mass Readers - A truly loyal and friendly team.

The Sacristy Team - Always showing great dedication and ready to lend a helping hand.

Faithful Ministers of the Eucharist and of course everyone in the Parish Community.

From Mario

“LOVE IS IN THE AIR” – BLESSING CEREMONY FOR MARRIED COUPLES

All married couples who celebrate a significant wedding anniversary (1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th.....) during 2013 are welcomed to join for a special Mass on Friday 15th February, St. Patrick’s Church, Celbridge at 7pm. Please leave your name, a contact no and the number of years you are married in the parish office or in the sacristy. More information call Christina Malone 0858519110

GALLERY NEWS

At the offertory in today’s Mass the Gallery Choir will sing “God is all loving”. This hymn was composed by one of the choir members. Frank Heaney, who has since died, was a wonderful musician. He had a natural talent that enabled him to accompany any song that a singer might choose. He was a great favourite at parties and loved nothing better than to sit at a keyboard all night playing.

Sometime after joining the choir Frank brought along a piece of music that he had composed himself as well as written the words. It was evident that the lovely melody could be harmonised and be sung in four parts and I was willing to accept the challenge.

Without dedicated people there would be no possibility of having a choir and Frank’s “God of loving” would have lain silent as the piece of paper on which notes had been written and from which no music would be ever heard.

Phyllis

MONDAY CLUB

We were very happy so many people called in to us after the Blessing of Throats last Monday. It made for a very convivial morning. Judy organised a few card games for us. We played “House” which kept most of us vainly looking for winner!

As is so often the case the old games are great fun and engage everyone. “Thanks” to Judy for her enthusiasm and organisation – we loved it.

Next week our “Localise” girls and boys will visit us for St. Valentine’s Day so please come along and enjoy the company of these lovely young people who give so freely of their time to our parish voluntary groups’

THOUGHT FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH

As Lent approaches let us pray for justice in this country.

Joan