#### **SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...**

Forty days of lent ...

Enough time to share a problem with someone

Enough time to realise what is really important to you

Enough time to be brave and try something new

Enough time to pray

Enough time to ring an old friend and say "hello"

Enough time to realise "I am sorry" Enough time to be thankful

Enough time to tell someone "I love you" Enough time to focus on your relationship with God

Enough time to help someone in need Enough time to be who are you are meant to be

Lent is more than "giving up" and "repent"

– lent is a season of new beginnings...

Written by Christina Malone, PPW

## PARISH & CCPC WEBSITE CONSULTATION PROCESS

The CCPC has begun a process of reevaluating our parish's (and all CCPC members) current web presence with a view to making this an effective, vibrant and useful part of our parish's ministry. We are asking each of the groups active in our parish and parishioners to look at the parish website and give suggestions both on the services functionality that the parish website should provide. For the groups we are also requesting suggestions how they could be best served by and represented on the site. So we would ask you as a parishioner to complete a questionnaire (available from the back of the Church or from the Parish Office) or As an active group in the parish to have a quick discussion at your next meeting and fill in the questionnaire (Either individually or as a group). Once completed send all completed questionnaires back to the parish office before – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 2016 - Thanks

#### SAINT PATRICK'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

St. Patrick's Society was founded on St. Patrick's Day 1932 by Fr. Patrick Whitney, Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise. Since then the Kiltegan Fathers as they are more commonly known have worked in Nigeria and later in Kenya, Central and South Africa, Brazil and the West Indies.

February 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> members of the Society will visit our church asking for your continued support through enrolling in "mission Circle", subscribing to "Africa" magazine or supporting other initiatives.

#### MEDITATION GROUP

Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24

#### LENTEN TALKS 8 p.m. each Wednesday THEME

Your Mercy is Gentle as Silence Be Still and Know that I am God

**Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February:** Michael Lane, Practitioner of Meditation, Lawyer, Polymath.

Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February: Noreen Mackey, Practitioner of Meditation, Retired Lawyer, Spiritual Director and Retreat Facilitator.

**Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** Mary Garry, Practitioner of Meditation, Trained and Worked with Fr. Pat Murray.

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March: Donagh O'Shea OP/Director

The talks will end with a Meditative Mass celebrated by Donagh O'Shea OP

(A donation of €5, if possible, would be appreciated)

#### 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**

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#### **FASTING**

Fasting was very important in Jewish culture and it is important in Christian practise today. Why fast or at least have periods of fasting? We fast to discipline our desires. Our desires are unruly and some are very unruly indeed so we need to channel them in a certain direction. That begs the question – why can't we be free to do what we want. Not many people subscribe to that approach, they temper it by saying "yes we are free to do what we want but we must not harm others. This is very often made from a practical standpoint rather than a religious one- they view the disciplining of desire as being necessary for the good ordering of society – so it is channelled into "no harm principle". So what you want but don't harm anyone else in the process. It sounds like good practical advice but Christianity would say it needs to go further. It is too minimalistic, we need to push out the boat a little more. What Christianity advocates is freedom for excellence – which in effect says we are free to do what we want but it is channelled towards doing what is good – doing what is excellent.

When we discipline our desires in an act of fasting or sacrifice we do things for the greatest good they can deliver for us, for others and for God. To win an All-Ireland for his country a young player must be excellent, he must discipline his desires to do what he wants in diet, in exercise and in training. Whatever he does must be in harmony with the ultimate goal so he accepts the discipline of keeping the rules, training hard, working with his teammates, eating the right food.

People of faith accept the disciplines taught to us by Jesus and our church, not to be restricted but to be free, free to do what is excellent. We pray that whatever form our fasting and sacrifice takes it will make us people of excellence on our pilgrim journey to God and His Kingdom

Fr. Padraig

#### **BAPTISMS**

Congratulations and welcome to:

Ruby Mia Boland, Aylmer Drive, Newcastle Noah Patrick Dauster, Sophienstr. 26, Germany

Eilis Máire Hanley, Knockmeenagh Rd Mason William Svetlov, Rosebank Hall Ollie Peter Campbell, Monastery Crescent Ciara Madeline Chatham, Woodford Rd

who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

#### **CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER** FOR 9 CLONDALKIN PARISHES

This Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February Intercessory Prayer for our Parishes in Parish Pastoral Centre 7.30 to 8.30pm Come along and join with us if you can.

#### TROCAIRE APPEAL

"Join the Fight for Justice" is the theme for this year's appeal. "When you donate to Trócaire you're not just giving. You are directly helping struggling communities in their fight for justice"

Trócaire boxes are now available from the church for your Lenten contributions and again your support and generosity greatly appreciated.

#### **NOTICES**

Mass at 7.30pm each weekday as well as the morning Masses at 7.30am and 10am

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

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

## Tuesday 16<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.

#### **ADORATION**

This Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in

the Church

**Morning:** 10.45am to 11.45am **Evening:** 7pm to 9pm

All are welcome

#### PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION

Any person interested in taking a short term pledge for Lent, please contact Máire at 0863445249

#### **LOURDES 2016** 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> MAY

Our 2016 Pilgrimage details are as follows:

- Hotel: 4\* Eliseo (close to St Joseph's Gate)
- Fare: €725 (all inclusive) per person sharing and single room supplement is **€**150.

Booking forms are now available in the Parish Office and Sacristy

Finally, Fr Shán O'Cuív will again be our Spiritual Director.

Padraig Doyle, Group Organiser.

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

## Tuesday 16th February

7.30am James Egan

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Mary Josephine Maguire 7.30am

and Maguire and

families Connolly

### Sunday 21st February

7.30pm (Vigil) Nora McHugh, 3<sup>rd</sup> An and

Tony McHugh

Dora O'Kane. 1st An 10.30am Maisie and Tom Delaney 12 Noon

Brian Lucas Breda Doyle

#### **CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions**

## Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February

6.30pm Nancy Heffernan B.Rem.

Ellie Nolan An. Jimmy O'Brien An. Michael Maloney An.

Thomas and Kathleen Murphy

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February

11.00am Bridget and Louis Dardis An.

Tom and Josie Dardis An. Theresa Murray An.

Patrick and Madge Buggle An.

Nancy Heffernan B.Rem.

#### CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rita Arnold

Altar Linen: Deirdre Alexander

No flowers for Lent

#### ADULT CATECHISM STUDIES

God's Plan of Salvation, that is his words and deeds from the beginning of time, culminates in Christ's presence and work in the world and is continued through the Church and the sacraments. Christian initiation is the unity of the three sacraments - Baptism. Confirmation and the Eucharist, and each one has its own specific role providing spiritual strength, which we need to live as Christians and witness to God in the world. Just as the Apostles were filled with the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, we are united more firmly to Christ and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation. By the sacrament of Confirmation we are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit and therefore as true witnesses of Christ, we are obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at **8.00pm** in the Pastoral Centre, 'The Sacrament of Confirmation', paragraphs 1285-1321.

#### "MERCY GARDEN"

The "Mercy Garden" was launched on Ash Wednesday and is now open at the Sacred Heart Altar. Please feel free to plant a flower in the flower bed for that special person who you want to thank, on the Mercy tree place the kindness you offered which you found difficult and on the "burden circle" place the burden you have being carrying for too long on your own by placing a stone in the circle.

The garden is an "oasis" from the frantic pace of life so do spend some-time at your ease with just the sound of water and under the loving gaze of the Merciful Jesus.

#### **MEDJUGORJE 2016**

April 25<sup>th</sup> – 9 nights €619 April 27<sup>th</sup> – 7 nights €569

€100 deposit secures. Departing from Dublin More information from Liam Cotter

014928194 or 087 6381157

#### **MONDAY CLUB**

We returned to our usual tea and biscuits this week after our celebration of St. Brigid's Day with the girls of the Transition Year of Coláiste Bríde. Congratulations! You did us proud!

Condolences to Bríd u hÓgain on the recent death of her brother Liam Grace.

On Monday we had a few games of cards. Something we haven't done in a very long time. Some played "25" while others played "bridge" and "snap" and "begging my neighbour".

Next week as it will be St. Valentine's Day we welcome the girls and boys from the "Localise" group who will be coming to entertain us. We look forward to them See vou next week

Kathleen R