

## “THE SOUND OF SILENCE”

In living the spiritual life one of the values we need to have is that of silence. We live in what is probably the noisiest most distracting culture ever known. This combined with frantic activity makes for a great deal of stress so having periods of silence is one of the most helpful things we can do for ourselves.

Even though we know this, for some people living in our noisy world there is a great fear of silence. Without the consolation of our faith in God silence can be unbearably painful as it makes us aware of the emptiness of our lives. So that is why some people turn to noisy distractions that temporarily eases what might be called “soul pain”.

In the west of Ireland there was a phrase commonly used by my grandparents generation 30/40 years ago “Cuiness gan uigneas” – silence without loneliness.

Important people are the quiet people who get on with doing good. They do little things well and if God wants them to do great things that will come in its own good time. We need activity, we need do things and wherever people are doing things there is a bit of noise. That is not bad but sometimes we can have too much of it. It is in silence that we connect with ourselves, with nature and with God. It is in silence that we hear the whisper of God leading us to him.

Nature and the countryside are also a great place to find “cuineas gan uigneas” Why do people like parks, mountains, forest walks, lakes and the sea? I would say they like them because it exposes them to healing beauty of nature and its silence as well as being an opportunity to get some exercise. This is something recommended by health experts who would also recommend our need to take periods away from the noise of streets, crowds, traffic, technology, machinery and motorways.

Fr. Padraig

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €2,067 – your contributions this week

### CELTIC PRELUDE

Join us for an evening of organ & sung music in Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm. David O’Shea (organist) will lead the evening of music with Aaron Cawley (Tenor) in traditions of Ireland, Scotland, Wales and France. Admission is €10 for a full programme and more information visit: [www.olv.ie](http://www.olv.ie)

### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK PRAYER BOOK

Prayer Books are currently on sale, for €1.95. Can be used for the sick and carers and for personal prayer in parish, at home, in hospital and healthcare facilities and are available from Ms Sheila Pyne, Archbishop’s House, Dublin 9 Tel 01 8373732 – Ext. 116 and from Veritas Bookshops.

### CHILDREN’S CORNER

Aindriu Bhaiceir is this week’s winner. Congratulations Aindriu! Your prize is waiting to be picked up by your from the Sacristy after Mass today. St. Valentine is also Patron saint of gardeners!

### THIS WEEK’S QUIZ

Jesus had special friends and altogether they are called the twelve?



Your entries to: [ellenteresacoyne@eircom.net](mailto:ellenteresacoyne@eircom.net) by Tuesday evening or to the Sacristy by Wednesday morning.

### 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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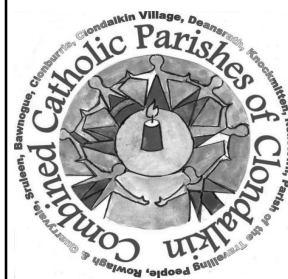
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# PARISH NEWS

Clondalkin Village,  
Clonburris & Knockmitten



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## WATCH OUT FOR FALLING TREES (FAITH)

With the bad weather keeping me indoors for most of the past week you would think that I should have had no problem writing something for the newsletter but I was staring at a blank screen until I got a phone call from Fr. Padraig. He told me that a tree had fallen in his garden. It landed where he usually parks his car so it was very fortunate that he was out on pastoral duties or his car would have been damaged. On examining the fallen tree it was easy to see what had happened. The recent rain and storms had loosened the soil around the tree and the storm on Wednesday caused the tree to fall. I was worried about the trees on the church avenue and at my house but they survived as those trees are firmly rooted.

I try to find some faith analogy in every situation, so here it is. Last week I spoke about not hiding the light of Christ we received at Baptism. Our faith may be challenged when events happen to us locally, in the wider world or if something or someone weakens our faith. If however, our faith is rooted in solid soil like the strong tree it will not fall down when the storm occurs.

Our prayers are continuing for those affected by the recent storms and to all on land, sea and air who risked life and limb to clear roads, restore power and to rescue people during the past few weeks. May Saint Michael their patron intercede for them at this time.

Fr. Damian

## BAPTISMS



Congratulations and welcome to:

Saoirse Elizabeth O'Connor, Thornfield Sq  
Brónagh Máire Ní Ogáin, Cherrywood Lawn  
Seán Patrick Burke, Eaton Green, Rathcoole  
Mia Jessica Kelly Gannon, Hazel Grove,  
Killarden, Tallaght  
Mochua Crónán Mac Ádhaim, Ashwood Way  
Elijah Noah MCClelland, New Rd

recently Baptised.

## ADORATION

This **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 23<sup>RD</sup> DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE - SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> AND SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> 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.

## NOTICES

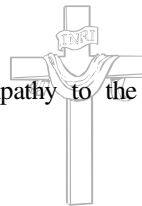
### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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:

Olive Grace, Laurel Park

recently deceased. May she rest in peace.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Please note:** meeting tomorrow at 3.30pm in the Pastoral Centre

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> February

7.30am Mary Josephine Maguire and deceased members of Maguire and Connolly families

10.00am Balestario Krzciuk

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

7.30am Deceased members of Nugent Family

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February

10.00am Ita Ward, MM

### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

10.00am Patricia Grey

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

7.30pm (Vigil) Sarah Delaney, 3<sup>rd</sup> An  
Shane Coughlan  
Edward and Mary Corrigan  
Annette Connor  
Sean Stynes; Michael Lowry  
Annie Keogh  
10.30am John and Mary O'Neill  
Margaret Turner  
Austin Lombard,  
George Walsh

12 noon Esther Lawlor  
Deceased members of Nugent and Nurney Families

5.30pm Teresa and Mary Nolan

## CLONBURRIS

### Mass Intentions

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

6.30pm Nancy Heffernan B.Rem & M.M.  
Ellie Nolan An.  
Thomas and Kathleen Murphy An  
Michael Maloney An.

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February

11.00am Elaine Brohooon M.M.  
Thomas McLoughlin An.  
Brigid and Thomas Dardis An.  
John Byrne An.  
Jim Chester 1<sup>st</sup> An.

### Competition Winner

Congratulations to Evan Talt competition winner, your prize can be collected after Mass.

## EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February the Rosary - Mysteries of Light - will be recited in the Prayer Group at 7.30pm prior to Prayer Meeting starting at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre and all are welcome.

## FRANCISCAN 3<sup>RD</sup> ORDER MEETING

Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 10.30am

### VENUE: FRONT ROOM - PRESENTATION CONVENT -

We are recruiting new members at present to the Secular Franciscan Order (SFO). A postcard with Secular Franciscan Order heading can be picked up at back of the church which gives information on SFO and a return address for same. Alternatively, Kathleen, can pick up and return for people interested.

Our present Pope Francis has chosen to follow the simplicity of St. Francis in that he also is showing us by example that St. Francis prayer is 'Make me a channel of your peace'.

## LOURDES 2014

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> 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 PRAYER GROUP

An Intercessory group meets to pray each Tuesday at 7.30pm to 9.30pm for the Clondalkin parishes (CCPC). Please come and pray with us any Tuesday

Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

## CHURCH DUTY

**Cleaning:** Bernardine Wynne, Veronica Bayly, Tracy Whelan and Josephine Hearty

**Altar Linen:** Mary Leonard

**Flowers:** Aileen Skelton from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> March - Ash Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March - no flowers for Lent

## MONDAY CLUB

Grateful thanks to Colette who very kindly donated the prizes last week. We are certainly keeping our brains in good working order with all our fun themed teasers. Thanks to Judy for keeping us entertained. On a more serious note we had a letter from the Institute of Neuroscience in Trinity College looking for volunteers aged over 65 who have had a fall within the last three years. They are organising a "Novel Balance Training" course and need participants for this study. Anyone interested please call to the Parish Office for full details - there is not enough space here!

Our lovely young "Localise team" are giving up their "lie in" next Monday to visit us. Meantime keep warm and dry!

Joan