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beyond all imagination, countless millions have gone there and many of these pilgrims come back several times to this spiritual powerhouse that changes lives.

Lourdes is a place of renewal and healing – sometime there are cures but most times people are strengthened for life's journey.

Our Lady of Lourdes is our friend and our mother, may she hear the prayers of all who are devoted to her to bring healing, strength and consolation into their lives.

Fr. Padraig

ON BAPTISM FOR OLDER CHILDREN

The question of Baptism of children who are not infants and the reception of children from other Christian traditions has surfaced in various parishes recently. Come and explore this topic as ideas and experiences are shared under the guidance of Father Damian McNeice on Thursday 25 February in Clonliffe College from 8.00 -9.00 p.m.

OPENING THE DOOR OF MERCY – A SPECIAL ONE DAY CONFERENCE

Join us for a special one day conference to mark Opening the Door of Mercy on Saturday, 5th March in the Moran's Red Cow Hotel, Co. Dublin from 10.00am - 5.00pm. Guest speakers on the day are: His Excellency, Archbishop Charles J. Brown (Papal Nuncio) and Professor Michael Conway (Department of Faith & Culture, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth and Ms Susan Gately (Journalist & Author of God's Surprise, the New Movements in the Church). For further information please contact Julieann Moran (Council for Pastoral Renewal & Adult Faith Development, Irish Catholic Bishop's Conference) PP €40 advance booking is essential - closing date for bookings: 28th February. Tel: 01 5053025 or Email: pastoralrenewal@iecon.ie. All welcome.

EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday 24th February, the Missionary Rosary will be recited at 7.30pm before Prayer Meeting at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre. All are welcome.

AN INVITATION

We at St. Dominic's Secondary School, Ballyfermot would like to offer the members of your parish an opportunity to attend an all-girls Catholic school.

Should you require any further information visit our school website: www.stdominicsballyfermot.ie

Open Evening Thursday 25th February 5pm – 7pm, Principal's Address 5.45pm Parents / Guardians of 4th, 5th and 6th class students, Sr. Liz Smyth OP, 01 6266493

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

We had great day on Tuesday last, with our very own Sr. Pius making us use our brains with IRISH MENSA.

We got off to a slow start but it was just so lovely, everyone helping each other and this is what this CLUB should be about. Thank you sooo much Sr. Pius, you were wonderful. Pauline Condron was the overall winner, well done.

Congratulations to Mary Dardis on the birth of her grandson.

Just a little quote I would like to share with you

"IF YOU WANT OTHERS TO BE HAPPY, PRACTICE COMPASSION. IF YOU WANT TO BE HAPPY PRACTICE COMPASSION" Dalai Lama

Regards
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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WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, FEASTDAY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Last week we celebrated World Day of the sick, feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. It all began in 1858 and at that time Lourdes was just another rural town in Southern France. It was nothing out of the ordinary, a place on the margins, well off the beaten track. France at that time had gone through 50 years of unimaginable upheaval. The revolution of 1790 had completely overturned the political, cultural and social order. During the infamous “Reign of Terror” countless thousands of innocent people died at the guillotine.

The revolution degenerated into chaos and it was only when Napoleon came to power that some sort of order was restored. Napoleon restored order all right but he also engaged in wars of conquest against neighbouring countries. After his eventual defeat in 1815 there was an uneasy peace for a while. Then in 1848 revolution broke out again not only in France but all over Europe. New forms of government which were largely secular and many of them were, to varying degrees, hostile to Christianity.

God is also in the business of revolutions, but God's revolutions are always velvet ones, quiet ones. He started a revolution in Lourdes, a poor backwater using a humble peasant girl. Bernadette Soubirous as his instrument in a time of upheaval and suffering. The manifestation of God's quiet revolution came in the form of Mary, the Mother of God's Son, Jesus. A sceptic would say that what happened in Lourdes is for the naive and the superstitious. It is not in tune with the thinking of a sophisticated rationalist – this simple minded peasant girl imagined it all.

But Christians believe that the Divine and supernatural are never very far from our lives. God can manifest Himself in any way and any place he wants. With Moses he spoke out of a burning bush – with Bernadette He spoke through Mary the Mother of his Son.

So Mary's velvet revolution in Lourdes has grown

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BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to:



Josh Tuohy, Old Church Avenue
Ryan Tuohy, Old Church Avenue
Evan Scot Colgan, Floraville Avenue
Rian O'Brien, Boot Rd
Finn O'Brien, Boot Rd
Wiktoria Francezca Aliaj, Monastery Heath Court

who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR 9 CLONDALKIN PARISHES

This Tuesday 23rd February Intercessory Prayer for our Parishes in Parish Pastoral Centre 7.30 to 8.30pm.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rebecca Duggan and Betty Byrne
Altar Linen: Teresa Coyne
Flowers: Maintenance of "Garden" – watering etc.

PS. Our gratitude to all who have planted their flowers. There is still lots of room for more plants so feel free to participate. Plant a flower for anyone who has shown kindness to you in the past or present..

NOTICES

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

Monday 22nd February

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 23rd February

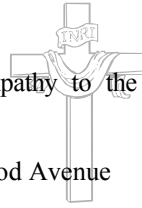
Lectio Divina under the direction of Sr. Anne in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass
The Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 11.00am. New members are welcome.

DEATHS

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

Elizabeth Thomas, Cherrywood Avenue

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.



ADORATION

This Thursday 25th February there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Morning: in the Sisters' Oratory, 10.45am to 11.45am

Evening: in the Church 8pm to 9pm, following 7.30pm Mass

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 22nd February

10.00am John and Mary O'Neill

Wednesday 24th February

7.30am Michael McDermott
10.00am Mary and Michael Lacey

Thursday 25th February

7.30am Bridie McDermott

Sunday 28th February

7.30pm (Vigil) Sarah Delaney, 5th An
Shane Coughlan
Annette, Connor and Edward and Mary Corrigan
Brian Doonan, MM
10.30am Denis and Nora Minogue
Teresa Cahill, 2nd An
George Walsh
12 noon Marcella Byrne and members of Byrne Family
deceased Veronica and Patrick Murphy
5.30pm Marie O'Callaghan, MM
Mary O'Shea and mother
Mary Furlong
Mary Fay, 1st An

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 21th February

6.30pm David O'Doherty An.
Edward Gleeson An.
Anthony O'Brien B.Rem.
Jonnie and Alice Grennan Rem.
Jack and Peg Grennan Rem.

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY

Next meeting in the Pastoral Centre at 10.45am on Wednesday 24th February and new members always welcome.

"CEREMONY OF LIGHT"

The children of Gaelscoilleana and Gaelscoil na Camoige will celebrate the "Ceremony of Light" on Tuesday, 23rd and Thursday 24th at 8pm, just after the 7.30pm Mass

LOURDES 2016 7th to 12th 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'Cuiv will again be our Spiritual Director.

Padraig Doyle, Group Organiser.

OASIS OF MERCY

You are invited into an 'Oasis of Mercy' for an evening of music, reflection, drama and prayer on Monday 22 February 2016 at 8.00 p.m. in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus, Drumcondra. Music will be led by the members of the Dublin Diocesan Music Group. You can also view on webcam – www.rednuns.com

ADULT CATECHISM STUDIES

The Eucharist is the "Sacrament of sacraments", the source and summit of the Church's life and the life of every Christian. In the blessed Eucharist, is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself. The Eucharist is the culmination of Gods actions sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship man offers to Christ. In the celebration of Mass, from the beginning down to our own day, the Church has been faithful to the Lords command "Do this in memory of Me"

Wednesday 24th February at 8.00pm in the Convent, The Sacrament of the Eucharist, paragraphs 1322-1355.

Ronan

MONDAY CLUB

We may have been a day late but the "LOCALISE" team gave us a great Valentine's morning. It was lovely to meet up with Derek again who was so closely involved with LOCALISE here. Ann and Geraldine invited the boys from 6th class who will make the Confirmation this year to come along and see how the LOCALISE girls and boys interact with the older generation.

The boys and girls visited "The Garden". We stood in respectful prayer and silence, and LOCALISE will be planting some flowers there.

We finished up with a "Valentine's Fun" quiz: congratulations to the eight people got full marks and were presented with a Gold Medal – Collette, Eileen, Peggy, Kitty, Maureen R, Bernadette, Maureen N and Noel.

As our deposit for the forthcoming trip to Bantry in April is now due Noreen will call in next Monday and also bring tickets for our fundraiser on Wednesday 9th March. These tickets are €10 and include dinner and dancing, great fun for everyone. See you next week

Joan