## **CHURCH DUTY**

Cleaning: Rita Arnold and Elsie

Naughton

Altar Linen: Teresa Coyne from 6<sup>th</sup>

January

## **ANAM CARA**

Anam Cara is an organisation that supports bereaved parents, Anam Cara support groups are situated throughout Ireland and provide parents a safe, comfortable environment where they have the opportunity to connect with other 3 Bring to mind people who have had a bereaved parents. Anam Cara is an inclusive organisation where parents do not identify themselves by their children's age, how they died, or if their death was recent or many years ago. What Anam Cara provides is a safe place for bereaved parents to connect with others who understand the intensity of the grief and loss.

Anam Cara is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2015 from 19:30 to 21:00 in Dominics Community Centre, 60 Avonbeg Gardens, Tallaght, Dublin 24. Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to all bereaved parents.

For further information please see our website at www.anamcara.ie email us at info@anamcara.ie or call 01 4045378.

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS John 1:1-18

1 John opens his Gospel with a profound reflection on the meaning of creation, of life and of Jesus. Remember when you had a special awareness of the gift of life that filled you with gratitude to God for creation and the beauty and wonder of the

world: 'All things came into being through him and without him not one thing came into being.'

- 2 We hear the gospel message frequently. Sometimes it goes in one ear and out the other. Then there are occasions when it made us feel more alive, times when it helped us see the way ahead, like a light that shines in the darkness. Recall when the gospel gave you hope in the midst of anxiety or sadness and helped you to see what action would be most life-giving for you and for others
- prophetic voice in the world speaking the truth for the world to hear, like 'as a witness to testify to the light'. Some of these may have been public figures. Others were ordinary people who have helped you see the 'light' by the witness of their own lives and words
- 4 'No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son of God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known,' Jesus came to us to teach us about God and put a human face on God for us. For the people of his day, and for us, that was a mission of getting us to think again about how we see God and to believe in a God who is a God of love. Recall how the life and ministry of Jesus have changed your picture of God.

John Byrne osa Email john@orlagh.ie (Intercom - December 2014 - January 2015)

#### 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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## **PUTTING DOWN ROOTS**

What does it mean to 'have roots'? We talk about having family roots as a way of describing our connection to a place or people. Having roots somewhere means we are part of that place. When we are ready to settle down, to become part of a community and maybe even start a family, we talk about 'putting down roots'. It means we are making this place our home.

It is a lovely metaphor from the plant world. A tree's roots represent its relationship with the soil it is planted in and with the elements around it. The deeper the roots, the more connected a plant is to its environment.

Today's First Reading speaks of the wisdom of God 'taking root in a privileged people'. It describes it another way as 'pitching a tent'. These images offer us a way into understanding the more complex language of today's Gospel, which talks about God's relationship with us when he sent his Son: 'The Word was made flesh, he lived among us'.

When God became man, he put down roots – not just in our physical world, but in humanity itself. He pitched his tent among us and became one of us. It is a connection that cannot be broken – the roots go too deep. This is the mystery we celebrate at Christmas. We are indeed a privileged people!

> Tríona Doherty Athlone, Co Roscommon Email trionad@gmail.com (Intercom - December 2014 - January 2015)

## **BAPTISMS**

Congratulations and welcome to

Bonnie Evelyn Edwards, Riversdale Road Cillian Kenneth Martin, Oak Way, Greenpark Franky Kenneth Herd, Riversdale Road Noah David Foster, Palmerstown Woods

recently Baptised.

## ADORATION

This Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> January, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the: **Church:** from after 10am Mass to 11.45am **Church:** in the evening from 7pm to 9pm All are welcome.

## FEAST OF EPIPHANY TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION,

Masses are as follows:

7.30am, 10am and 1pm, Evening Mass at 6.30pm in Clonburris

(The boys from St. Joseph's School will be in attendance at the 10.00am Mass and the girls from the Presentation schools will be in attendance).

## **NOTICES**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

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.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Meeting of parents with babies for Baptism at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre, upstairs

## WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Sharon Reilly and Richard Fogarty

recently married.

## **CHRISTMAS DUES**

Your Christmas Financial Contributions for the upkeep of our priests are now being accepted. Please put your envelope in the box provided in the Sanctuary, in the Sacristy or Parish Shop.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January

10.00am Edward and Mary Skerritt

Margaret and Ben Price Theresa and Michael Savage

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

10.00am Sean Fagan, B/day Rem Joseph and Mary Coughlan

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

10.00am Dolores Sheridan, 1<sup>st</sup> An

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January

10.00am Frances Douglas

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January

Sr. Mary Holohan, 1st An

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January

9.00am Pearse Mullan

10.00am Vincent and Bobby Norton

Eric Fitzgerald and deceased members of the Fitzgerald

Family

John Mangan Jnr.

12.00 Noon Paul and Doreen Sheridan

Gary and Nora Keogh Joe and Josephine O'Connor

Desmond Hartigan

## CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 3rd January

6.30pm Michael Murphy An.

Deceased members of Murphy

Family

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January

11.00am Bill Fortune An.

Nancy Heffernan 1st An.

Ted Stack An.

Annie Christopher, Patrick and Bridge Downey C.Rem.

Neil, Regina and Cornelious

Hanlon C.Rem.

Anthony O'Brien C.Rem. Madeline, Shey and Gerry

Morgan C.Rem.

We wish all our parishioners a very happy and peaceful New Year.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I wish to thank all who bought handmade cards and gift boxes at the Craft Fairs in Tallaght Library and the Bank of Ireland Clondalkin.

Proceeds of €120.00 donated to Bro. Kevin, Capuchin Order.

Thanks for your support.

Kathleen Ryder

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

Intercessory Group meeting Resuming TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY Feast of the Epiphany 7.30pm to 8.30pm in CLONDALKIN PARISH CENTRE

We came together for the first time on the Feast of Epiphany 2015, and intercede each week for an hour for the needs of our cluster of 9 parishes in Clondalkin - our priests, for vocations, the needs of all parishioners, our sick, our young people - the world.

Please come and pray with us any Tuesday you are free - you will be most welcome.

## **LOURDES 2015**

**Date:**  $7^{th}$  -  $12^{th}$  May – 5 nights

Hotel: Jeanne D'Arc

Fare: €750 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

## PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND IN 2015

Friday 27 February – Saturday 7 March 2015 €1.295.00 (pps)

Spiritual Director: Fr. John Kelly

(Chaplain Tallaght Hospital)
Details from: Map Travel

36 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1.

(Entrance on Parnell Street)

Tel: 01-8783111: email patricia@maptravel.ie

### THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

The word 'Epiphany' is Greek and means a 'manifestation of a divine being', but it is first used in the Christian sense by St. Paul who refers by this term to both the first and the final comings of Christ. The feast of Our Lord's manifestation to the Gentiles, commemorating the adoration of the Magi, is celebrated on the 6th of January. As the Easter Church from ancient times associated the feast with the Baptism of the Saviour the baptismal waters were blessed on the Epiphany.

The feast of the 6<sup>th</sup> of January is first mentioned by Clement of Alexandria about the beginning of the third century A.D. and the Nativity of Our Lord was celebrated on this date in the fourth century A.D. in Gaul, Spain and Northern Italy, although in the Roman liturgy the principal object of the feast was to recall the visit of the three Wise men. In the middle ages homes were blessed and names of the Magi - Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar, were written on or above the doors with blessed chalk, and holy water was sprinkled as at Easter.