

WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:
Hazel Bates and Darragh Scott
recently married.



FEAST OF EPIPHANY MONDAY 6TH JANUARY

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION,

Masses are as follows:
7.30am, 10am and 1pm,
Evening Mass at 6.30pm in Clonburris
At 10am here in our church St. Joseph's
School will be in attendance and at 1pm the
girls from the local schools will be in attendance.

LOURDES 2014

Date: 7th 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

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rita Arnold
Altar Linen: Deirdre Alexander

EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday, 8th January the Rosary -
Mysteries of Light will be recited in the
Prayer Group at 7.30pm prior to Prayer
Meeting starting at 8pm in the Pastoral
Centre and all are welcome

NOTICES

Monday 6th January
Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am
Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 7th January
Lectio Divina under the direction of Sr. Anne
in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass.

ADORATION

This **Thursday 9th January** 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.

WE AGAIN SAY "THANK YOU"

The ministers of the environment – the
people who decorate the church – once
again voice their appreciation to:
1. Fr. Damian, Fr. Pdraig, Seamus and
members of the Pastoral Council by
trusting us and giving your go ahead and
encouragement
2. Phil, Marie, Lily and staff of Newlands
Garden Centre for their advice and their
lovely donation of the big Poinsettas
3. The volunteers who came along and by
their artistic endeavours added to the joyous
occasion we were about to celebrate
4. You, the parishioners who by your
contributions make the whole lot possible
and your appreciation is always welcome –
we really are only amateurs!
5. The decoration of the church does not
belong to anyone person – it is too big a task
– so feel free to join the group anytime
We wish all a very happy, joyful and
peaceful 2014

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 6th January
10.00am Mary Coughlan

Sunday 12th January
7.30pm (Vigil) Mary Keane
10.30am John Mangan (Jr)
Vincent and Bobbie Norton
12 noon Craig and Nora Keogh
Joe and Josie O'Connor
Luke Barry
Anne Molloy
5.30pm Margaret (Peg) Nolan

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4th January
6.30pm Michael Murphy (1st An)

Sunday 5th January
11.00am Katie McDonald (An)
Mary Ann Byrne (An)
Margaret Walsh (An)
David Molloy (An)
Eileen Lark in (RD)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR CLONDALKIN CLUSTER OF PARISHES

An Intercessory Group plans to come
together at 6.30pm Mass in Clonburris
Church Monday 6th January as a start to a
prayer initiative in the 9 parishes in the
Clondalkin "Cluster" - Sruleen, Church of
Immaculate Conception, Knockmitten,
Clonburris, Deansrath, Bawnogue, Rowlagh/
Quarryvale, Neilstown, Travelling People -
The group consists of volunteers from the
different parishes committed to meet of an
our each week to unite in prayer support for
our priests and parish communities in our
area. We are also asking the prayer of
parishioners for this intention please.

MUSINGS

There is a lovely custom practised in Central
Europe on the eve of 6th January. This
involves writing in chalk above the front
doors of houses the letters C, M and B
enclosed by the numerals of the New Year.
For 2014, then, the inscriptions would look
like 20+C+M+B+14. The letters themselves
have a double meaning. They stand for the
traditional names of the magi, or three wise
men, who visited the Christ Child – Caspar,
Melchior and Balthasar – but they also
function as the initials of a blessing for the
home: 'Christus Mansionem Benedicat'
(‘May Christ Bless this House’).

Salvador Ryan
St Patrick's College, Maynooth

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Please note: new rosters now available for
collection from the Parish Shop

WHAT IS FRANKINCENSE?

“On coming to the house, they saw the
child with his mother Mary, and they
bowed down and worshipped him. Then
they opened their treasures and presented
him with gifts of gold, frankincense and
myrrh.” (Matthew 2.11)

Like all good gifts, they were chosen
carefully with the recipient in mind. There
is significance of the behaviour of the
Magi, in bringing these rare and valuable
items. This proves from the very
beginning that Jesus' birth was thought of
as something special.

This symbolism was first proposed by
Origen in his book Contra Celsum, where
he wrote “gold, to a king; myrrh, to one
who was mortal; and incense to a God”.

Concentrating on Frankincense as we
have obtained a small sample and is
displayed on the table opposite the
Offertory table comes from an old French
word "franc encens" which literally means
"High Quality Incense". It is a resin made
from the sap of certain trees which is
native to the Arabian Peninsula and the
horn of Africa

Frankincense, as the Exodus verses
explain, was something of divine note.
When it was burned, the sweet smelling
white smoke was often considered a
symbol of the prayers of the Jewish
people. It was used in extremely important
ceremonies, being burned as an offering in
the Tabernacle every morning and night.

"...My name will be great among the
nations, from where the sun rises to where
it sets. In every place incense and pure
offerings will be brought to me, because
my name will be great among the nations,'
says the Lord Almighty." (Malachi 1,
Verse 11)