#### "TALE OF TWO KINGS" HOMILY BY FR PADRAIG ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Many people expressed interest in obtaining the homily by Fr. Padraig and he has kindly consented. A copy is available (He says free of charge) to anyone who wants it. Please email: ellenteresacoyne @eircom.net or phone 4593993.

#### **OUR THANKS!**

I like to think that we in the Catholic Church do "symbols" well. This year the Ministers of Liturgical Environment concentrated on "Light that came into the world of darkness" and decided that lots of candles would carry the message very well. We needed a lot of help and were not disappointed so we thank the following:

- \* Gerard who organised the making of the lantern stands together with the carpentry class and their teacher of Collinstown Community School
- \* Fran, Gerard and Alan who insured that the lanterns would not willingly walk out the door
- \* Phil, Lily, Marie and the staff of Newlands Garden Centre who generously gave advice and tips to us amateurs.
- \* The people who volunteered to take time out of their busy schedule on Christmas Eve and the person who donated a beautiful arrangement
- \* Fr. Damian, Fr. Padraig and the Pastoral Council who trusted us
- \* You, the parishioners, who by your planned giving each week funded it. We hope we did not disappoint

We wanted the Church to reflect recognition of the enormity of what God; the Father had done for us.

The Christmas decorations will come down this week.

Liturgical Environment Group

# CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

I'm looking forward to seeing all our members again on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January. There will be stories to tell about presents received, and how the turkey dinner went down!!!!

It's really a hectic time of year, and I'm glad it's all over (a sign of getting old)!!

At the moment our committee's main concern is organising a programme of events for the year ahead. One in particular will be a trip to visit the Titanic Exhibition in Belfast.

Of course, there will be lots more to look forward to throughout the year.

Thomas

# **CHILDREN'S CORNER**

We enjoyed enormously your 'beautiful works of art' and "thanks" to all who took part. I hope you picked up your gift from Fr. Damian. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and we wish you and your families the best for the New Year.

#### This week's quiz

Today we celebrate the visit of the Three Wise Kings to Baby Jesus and they give Him gifts. Can you name the gifts they offered? Your entries by e m a i 1

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#### 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.



change it will take some time to get used to it so please be patient as we adjust to the new routine. I think it will enhance our celebration of the Eucharist and make us more aware that God is speaking to us through the sacred scriptures.

Fr. Damian



# BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to:

Aidan Patrick Philip Mackey, Westbourne Grove

Sarah Grace Hurcombe, Newlands Manor Park Thomas Patrick Henry, Castle Park Beau Theo Hurley Byrne, Riverside Sophie Elsie Tonkin, Garnet Rd. Miranda, Australia Olivia Rose Kelly Mooney, Oakway, Green Park

recently Baptised.

# WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Anita Kinsella and Ciaran Byrne Karina Byrne and Ciaran Dunne Nicola Nolan and Paul Denehy Krista Behan and Billy McGregor

recently married.

#### ADORATION

This Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> January Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: SISTERS'S ORATORY: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am SISTERS'S ORATORY: 7pm to 9pm and all are welcome

## NOTICES

# Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am 12 Noon Mass and Rosary. Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 7.30pm. New members are welcome

# Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Lectio Divina under the direction of Sr. Anne 5.30pm in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass.

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

DEATHS

Andrew Healy, Durrow, Co Laois, formerly Laurel Park

recently deceased. May the rest in peace.

### **CHURCH DUTY**

Cleaning: Rita Arnold and Ann Okoroh Altar Linen: Nuala Carroll Flowers: Kathleen Cosgrove from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January

## **EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING**

This Wednesday 9th January the Rosary -Mysteries of Light will be recited in the Prayer Group at 7.30pm prior to the Prayer Meeting starting at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre and all are welcome

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January Patrick and Mary Kinnane 7.30am

# Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January

10.00am

9.00am

10.30am

Brigid Gill Nicholas Kendellan

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January

7.30pm (Vigil) Annie McBride Mary Kenny Patrick Kenny Vincent and Bobby Norton John Mangan Jr. Gay and Nora Keogh Bill and Evelyn Brennan Luke Barry Josephine and Joseph O'Connor, 9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> An John Joe Brady Margaret (Peg) Nolan, 4<sup>th</sup> An Ellen Haberlin, 1<sup>st</sup> An

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Mass Intentions
unday 6 <sup>th</sup> January
1.00am Katie Mc Donald An.
David Molloy An.
Dick and Sheila O'Brien An.
Mary Ann Byrne An.
Margaret Walsh n.
Agnes O'Doherty An.

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#### GALLERY NEWS

Just before Christmas the Gallery Choir sang carols and popular Christmas songs in Clondalkin Library. This year some of the members of the St. John's choir came to augment our numbers and it was so nice to be part of a truly ecumenical effort. The repertoire of Christmas carols are common to most Churches and amongst the most frequently heart is "Away in a Manger".

"Away in a Manger" was composed by Wm. J. Kirkpatrick. He was born in 1838 in Pennsylvania. Although he studied music, played many instruments including the organ and taught music, his main source of income was carpentry. After his wife died he devoted all his time to Church music, choirs and composition. He was often distressed by the fact that after a soloist had sung in the Church the person who performed would leave without saying to hear the preacher. One evening while Kirkpatrick was praying a song came to his mind, which he gave to the soloist to sing. The lyrics of the hymn "Lord I'm coming home" so touched the recitalist that he stayed 'til the end of the service. During his lifetime Kirkpatrick published over a hundred major works many which were for Easter and Christmas. He could never have guessed the incredible popularity that "Away in a Manger" would reach, which has been voted, in the English speaking world as the  $2^{nd}$  most favourite of all carols.

# THOUGHT FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH

- O. Any suggestions how we can be more prayerful when we are busy with the demands of work, family and the world?
- A. Offer everything you do to the Lord, ask His help in all the circumstances of daily life and remember that He is always beside you.
- (Thanks to the contributor)

## THE FEAST OF THE EPIPANY SUNDAY $6^{\text{TH}}$ JANUARY 2013

#### **Q.** What does Epiphany mean?

A. An epiphany is a moment of revelation when something hidden comes to light. The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates three manifestations of the divinity of Jesus hidden in his humanity. First was in the worship of the infant Jesus by the Magi. Then at the commencement of the mission of Jesus, after his baptism in the Jordan, the voice of the Father was heard, 'You are my Son, the Beloved', next Sunday's Gospel. The third epiphany was at the wedding in Cana, as he changed the water into wine, 'he let his glory be seen and the disciples believed in him', the Gospel for two Sundays hence.

Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap Email silvesteroflynn80@gmail.com

# **CAMERA CLUB**

Got a new camera for Christmas? Join Clondalkin Camera Club to get the best out of it.

Weekly meetings resume on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January in Scoil Mhuire Hall (opposite round Towers) at 7.30pm. Full programme of events, lectures, competitions and outings planned until the end of May. Beginners classes weekend 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

Check our website www.clondalkincameraclub.com for details. Tim O'Brien, Club Secretary