

“CAME”(CLONDALKIN ADULT MORNING EDUCATION)

Enrolments for our next term commence on Monday 13th January to Friday 17th January 2014, from 10am to 12 noon each day, and on Monday evening ONLY from 7-8pm. (see our leaflet in church porch or in local library - if you do not receive one at home). Classes include Art, Gardening, History, Crafts, Spanish, Bridge, Patchwork, Yoga, Golf, Music, Fascinators, Flower Arranging/ Card Making, Sewing. Ten weeks duration and commence Monday 3rd February 2014.

Mary Seery
Sec. Came Committee

CLONDALKIN CAMERA CLUB

Got a new camera for Christmas? Want to get the best out of it? Then why not come along to the weekly meeting of Clondalkin Camera Club every Monday night in Scoil Mhuire Hall (opposite Round Towers GAA Club) which have now resumed for the new season.

We will be also running a “Basics of Photography” beginners classes over the weekend of Friday 31st January to Sunday 2nd February. Check the website for more details – www.clondalkincameraclub.com.

Tim O'Brien

COMPUTER CLASSES FOR OVER 55'S

Age Action is running beginner computer classes for over 55's in Ballyfermot and also at our centre in Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1.

The classes are for older people who have little or no computer experience (or for the absolutely terrified!). The aim of the Getting Started programme is to introduce people to the basics of computers, internet and email. Classes are taught by trained volunteer tutors on a one to one basis with small groups of learners in a relaxed, non-formal setting.

For more information contact Age Action on 01 475 6989

INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR CLONDALKIN PARISHES

The Intercessory group comprising members of the combined parishes of Clondalkin came together for Mass in Clonburriss on the Feast of the Epiphany and arranged to meet regularly each Tuesday evening 7.30pm – 8.30pm as prayer support for the priests and parish communities. The meetings on Tuesday, 14th and 21 will be in the Pastoral Centre here in the church and it is hoped to meet in the other parish venues from time to time.

Anyone who would like to join us would be more than welcome!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jack Quinlan is this week's winner. Congratulations Jack! Your prize is waiting to be picked up by you from the Sacristy after Mass today.

Again “thanks” to all the children who submitted their beautiful art work for Christmas. If you still have not claimed your gift please do so – from the Sacristy

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

In the item on “When do the Christmas decoration come down” it is stated that the number **40** hold great symbolism for us in the Church. Can you recall **TWO** other occasions? – Hint in the picture!

Your entries by email – ellenteresacoyn@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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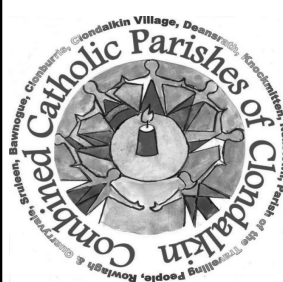
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YOUR BUSY TIME FATHER?

Around Christmas and the New Year people remarked to me that this must be your busy time or that I look worn out. To be honest Advent can be a busy time with much preparation, but from now until the beginning of May is the busiest continuous time of the year.

Traditionally on the feast of the Epiphany, a proclamation was read outlining the moveable feasts. Just to keep the tradition going here are a few dates for your diary. Saint Brigid's day is on the first of February, followed by Candlemass day (on a Sunday this year) with blessing of throats the following day on the feast of Saint Blaise. Ash Wednesday is on the 5th March, Clonburriss Confirmation on Wednesday 26th March, Irish Confirmations 2nd April followed by the Ceremony of Light for the Presentation Schools on the 3rd April. First Penance for the seven primary schools will also occur during this time. The Holy Week Triduum is 17th to 19th April and the Saint Joseph's Confirmation is on the 1st May.

In the background there is also preparation for baptisms and for couples whose weddings will take place here or in other churches. During this past week we had five funerals here in our church. We extend as always, our prayers and sympathies at this time. So, in hindsight December was really quiet, a calm before the storm so to speak.

Bye for now,
Fr. Damian

ADORATION

This **Thursday 16th 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.

FINANCE REPORT

The average weekly planned giving contributions over the last three weeks was €2,150 for which the Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks.

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

FAITH DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

The Faith Development Seminars begun during Advent and are continuing at the request of those who attended our first three sessions. They are held on Wednesday 13th January in the Parish Centre. The format is as before and based on Fr. Robert Barron's DVD series "Catholicism". More details on the church notice boards.

Parishioners are welcome to join at any time during the programme which will last until Lent

NOTICES

Monday 13th January

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 14th January

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:

Thomas Stringer, Michael Collins Park
Patrick Maher, Cherrywood Avenue
Nancy Heffernan, Cappamore
Thomas Murphy, Woodford Heights
Sr. Augustine Prendergast, Presentation Convent

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

MONDAY CLUB

The Monday Club resumes tomorrow after 10am Mass in the Pastoral Centre. The club is open to all and so please feel free to call in and learn more about it.

ANNIVERSARIES

Tuesday 14th January

10.00am Madge Moore

Friday 17th January

10.00am Harry Grimes

Saturday 18th January

10.00am Simon McNulty

Sunday 19th January

7.30pm (Vigil) Ciaran Carr, 2nd An
Rose Plunkett, 1st An
Nora Galvin
10.30am Vincent and Bobby Norton
Olive Feighery, 3rd An
Ivor and Sadie Noone
John B. Egan, MM
Peter and Mary McLoughlin
Margaret (Peggy) Walsh
Kathleen Kelly
Breda, Adrian and Thomas
Hughes & deceased members
of Hughes & Denton Families
John Joe Brady
Thomas Murphy, MM

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 11th January

6.30pm Adam McGuinness M.M.
Clare Kinsella M.M.
Nancy Heffernan R.D.
Thomas Stringer R.D.
Nancy Magaharan An.
May Donoghue An.

Sunday 12th January

11.00am Agnes O'Doherty An.
Andy and Kitty Tracey An.

Competition Winner

Congratulations to Naoise Sullivan competition winner, your prize can be collected after Mass.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Betty Byrne and Rebecca Duggan

Altar Linen: Teresa Coyne

Flowers: Full team to remove decorations etc after 10am Mass and Rosary

Replacement of flowers for Altar from 13th to 24th - Kathleen Cosgrove

INTERESTED IN TAKING PART?

Researchers at Trinity College Dublin are currently recruiting participants for a study looking at how sharing meals can be good for our mental and physical health. We are looking for 100 adults aged over 60 who are living alone, and who would like to receive a visitor once weekly for 8 weeks during 2014. Your visitor will be fully trained, and Garda-vetted, and aged over 55. Your visitor will bring ingredients for a meal that you will both prepare and enjoy together. We will cover the costs of the meal, so there is no cost associated with participating! If you are interested in finding out more, please email mchughje@tcd.ie or call 01 896 8414.

Joanna McHugh (PhD, C. Psychology)

“WHEN DO THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS COME DOWN”?

The question above is indeed often asked and there are as many answers to the question. The Catholic Church is renowned for 'symbolism' and there are reasons why we do everything and they are all scripture based. Have you noticed how often 40 is repeated? And Christmas is no exception.

Christmas Day, liturgically called "The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord" includes both Christmas Eve (Dec. 24, after sunset) and Christmas Day (Dec. 25) itself. Christmas is not just one day, but an entire season ending on February 2nd -Presentation of the Lord when Mary presents Jesus in the temple for Purification and we are introduced to Anna and Simeon and Simeon's prophesy.

The Vatican leaves the tree and nativity up until February 2nd. Many families and Churches celebrate Christmas up to this date, but for us it ends today – Feast of the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist.

All decorations will be taken down Monday morning (Note that December 25 through February 2 is 40 days)

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Despite the cold weather last Tuesday morning, we had a good attendance for Kathleen Murray's Table Top Quiz Competition. Kathleen sure knows how to get people thinking, for instance, ----- how many teeth would the average person have?? and how many lakes are there in Co. Cavan?? The end was exciting, as it involved 3 rounds of questions to find the winning team.

As we begin a new year, annual €10 subscriptions are now due.

A programme of events and outings are being considered by our Committee who would welcome idea's and suggestions from members.

We are all looking to another great year ahead. New members are always more than welcome.

Thomas