

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

“Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the Servant of God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation.

Through our Baptism each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ - Priest, Prophet and King - and the father look on us with favour”.

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Tuesday last, our members returned to begin a new year of our club.

After happily renewing our acquaintances over a cup of tea, we welcomed six new faces as members to our club, now is also a time of year when lapsed members return and meet up with old pals and plan for happy times ahead.

Highlight of our morning was an entertaining bingo session performed by Master of Ceremony Sally.

Thomas

WORLD YOUTH DAY - RIO

The Office for Evangelisation and Ecumenism is currently making contact with every parish in the Archdiocese inviting young people and parishes to let us know if they intend to go to World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro. Deadline for bookings – January 31st. (Deposit €500). Dates are the 21-31 Jul 2013 – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Young people aged 18+ will be provided with pastoral preparation in advance and a commitment to continued accompaniment with young people on their return. Poster can be downloaded from www.evangelisation.ie or by joining their Facebook page – www.facebook.com/goodnewstogo For further information contact the Office for Evangelisation at 01 8379253.

ROUND TOWER GAA CLUB

Round Tower GAA Club is inviting club members and the wider community to a club development workshop that will take place this coming Thursday, January 16th. The club is undertaking a full strategic review of its structures and mapping out a future direction. The club is welcoming anybody who can provide input and expertise to bear in advancing it. You are invited to the meeting that will take place at 7.15pm in its clubhouse on Convent Road.

Michael McGlynn

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Congratulations to Calla Essy this week's winner! Your prize is waiting to be picked up by you from the sacristy after Mass today.

The art work will be coming down tomorrow so anyone who would like to collect his/her/picture please do so today. A lot of the prizes have not been collected. I can't guarantee their safety as we do like chocolate!

We can keep them only for one more week.

This week's quiz



Today is the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus. Can you tell us who Baptised Him and what did the voice from Heaven say? You will find the answers in Gospel reading.

Your entries as usual 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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PARISH NEWS

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FACTS AND FIGURES

Every parish keeps statistics to send to the diocese. The numbers at our Masses on census day October 13th/14th 2012 were as follows:
7.30pm Sat Vigil - 219, 9.00am – 126, 10.30am - 255, 12.00noon - 345, 5.30pm – 156, Total = 1101

The number for Sacraments were: Communion 190, Confirmation 187, Baptisms 154, Marriages 56 and funerals 80. From that very raw data it seems that there are lots of new parishioners and fewer funerals.

The weekly running cost of the 3 churches and on-going pastoral formation is €2,168. This cost of over €112,000 last year does not include the salaries of the priests of the parish nor the major repairs to the churches. Random examples of expenses includes: Insurance €8,960, Light & Heat €24,609, Altar Supplies €9,066 and Office Expenses €12,820.

The Parish Finance Committee ask you to consider two ideas. Firstly, if you currently don't contribute to parish finances would you give serious thought to making some contribution, even a Euro a week? Secondly, many of our parishioners contribute over €250 per year between family offering and Christmas and Easter Dues. If you are a PAYE tax payer the parish may be able to reclaim some of the tax you have already paid. This is not an extra tax paid by you but a tax relief available to all charities. If you would like further information regarding this please contact the Parish Office.

In conclusion I always make the point that the parish would not be in the healthy financial position it is without the many volunteers, to which I say on your behalf "Muchas Gracias"

Padre Damian

BAPTISMS



Congratulations and welcome to:

Adam David Leonard, Belfry Downs, Citywest

recently Baptised .

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €5,668 – your contributions for the last 3 weeks

ADORATION

This Thursday, 17th 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

CHRISTMAS ENDS TODAY

Christmas officially ends today the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus by St. John the Baptist. We now enter “ordinary time” but the real work of Christmas begins – “feed the hungry...set the down trodden free...proclaim the kingdom of God.”

NOTICES

Monday 14th January

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 7.30pm. New members are welcome

Tuesday 15th January

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

Wednesday 16th January

The prayer group meet in the Pastoral Centre at 8.00pm (downstairs). All are welcome.

WEDDINGS



Congratulations and best wishes to:

Tracey McLoughlin and Stephen Boland

recently married.

“NAVIGATING THE SPIRITUAL LIFE”

A talk by Fr. Michael Mullan, LC

Date: 29.01.2013 (Tuesday)

Time: 8-9.30pm

Place: Faith and Family Centre, Dal Riada House, Avoca Avenue, Blackrock

For more information contact the Faith and Family Centre - 01 288 9317 or faithandfamilycentre@arcol.org

ANNIVERSARIES

Tuesday 15th January

7.30am Mary Cronin
10.00am Jim and Mary Duggan
Mary Cremin

Thursday 17th January

7.30am Brian and Stasia Ward

Friday 18th January

10.00am Peter and Mary McLoughlin

Sunday 20th January

7.30pm (Vigil) Molly and Paddy Kelly
10.30am Peggy Walsh
Vincent and Bobby Norton
Olive Feighery
Jack Durcan
Eileen Durcan
12 Noon Kathleen Kelly
Tom Byrne, 1st An
Chrissie and Phil O'Brien
Christopher Nixon
Olive Feighery, 2nd An
5.30pm Leo Ferris and Patrick Ferris

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 12th January

6.30pm Pat Jordan 1st An.

Competition Winner

Congratulations to Cormac Gavin age 7 and Ecaterina Barz Jnr. Infants Class winners of the Colouring Competition. Your prize can be collected after Mass today.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Betty Byrne and Rebecca Duggan

Altar Linen: Kay Lee

Flowers: Kathleen Cosgrove

GALLERY NEWS

The opening hymn the Gallery choir will sing today is one that is very familiar and we do hope that everyone in the congregation will give voice to this lovely composition. The melody is a traditional air and one that has been admirably set to the words written by St. Patrick in 450AD approx.

The text comes from a poem by St. Patrick which was motivated by adverse circumstances in which he found himself. The Druids commanded by Laoghaire, had laid an ambush in order to prevent St. Patrick from going to the Hill of Tara to preach the Christian faith. Eventually he overcame their opposition and in response for his victory over paganism wrote the text that has become known as St. Patrick's breastplate. There is a depth of feeling and pure expressions of deeply held belief that are conveyed in a musical language that is a joy to read. “Christ be beside me” is only a small part of a long poem that not only draws on the created world to convey, through imagery, the message of the Christian faith but also the belief in God's power to protect and guide.

Phyllis

RECOVERY INTERNATIONAL

A self-help group for those suffering from fears, depression, anxiety, phobias, compulsions, obsessive thoughts, panic attacks and other nervous symptoms

Recovery invites everyone to attend its weekly self-help meetings at the following venues:

- **Clondalkin:** Health Centre, Boot Road, Clondalkin, Mon 8pm
- **Liffey Valley:** Rowlagh Church Community Room, Collinstown Road, Clondalkin North, (Side Entrance)- Mon 8pm
- **Lucan:** St Mary's Parish Church, Lucan Road, Lucan, Co. Dublin-Fri 8pm

Attendance at all meetings is FREE

Contact: Annette Mahon, Tel: 086-3620796

MARY CRONIN RIP

Remember in your prayers Mary Cronin, Newlands whose 10th anniversary occurs on Tuesday 15th January and Mass for her will be offered at 10am on the day.

MONDAY CLUB

Welcome back to everyone on 14th January. Let's hope that we are fully recovered from the excesses of Christmas and the New Year. Part of Tennyson's poem for the New Year seems very appropriate for our “thought for the Year of Faith”

“Ring out the false, ring in the true
Ring out the grief that saps the mind
For those that here we see no more
Ring out the feud of rich and poor
Ring in redress to all mankind”

Here's to a healthy New Year and many happy Monday mornings in 2013!

Joan