

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CHILDREN WHO SUBMITTED ART FOR CHRISTMAS

The pictures were reluctantly taken down last Monday, but because they were so nice we thought you might like to have them back. They can be collected from the shop today. Hope you have remembered to collect the gift from Fr. Damian. The gifts are available from the Sacristy. Again many thanks for your participation!

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Today we celebrate World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis' message to mark the day is based on the theme, "Migrants and Refugees Challenge Us. The Response of the Gospel of Mercy", "at times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives."

He points out that migration continues to grow worldwide as more and more refugees are fleeing from their homes. Although this can challenge traditional ways of life, Pope Francis urges people not to take the suffering of others for granted.

"Today, more than in the past," he says, "the Gospel of mercy troubles our consciences." "Migration movements are now a structural reality, and the priority at this time must be to provide programmes which address the causes of migration and the changes it entails, including its effect on the makeup of societies and peoples.

In a desperate plea for justice, Pope Francis reminds us that migrants are our brothers and sisters in search of a better life, one in which poverty, hunger and the unjust distribution of the planet's resources is overcome.

FOUND

A child's buggy was found in the Church car park. It can be collected from the Parish Office. If not collected it will be donated to the St Vincent DePaul.

CHRISTMAS DUES

Christmas dues in aid of our priests are now accepted in Shop, Sacristy or box provided in the Sanctuary

MEDJUGORJE 2016

April 25th – 9 nights €619
April 27th – 7 nights €569
€100 deposit secures
Departing from Dublin
More information from Liam Cotter
014928194 or 087 6381157

HELP NEEDED

We have received the following enquiry and hopefully someone can be of assistance:

I am currently doing a Solos Course on Heritage in the National Print Museum in Dublin. One of our modules is on the traditions of St Brigid's day. For this I need to do an ethnographic recording with someone who would remember practising traditional customs on St Brigid's day: such as making crosses, visiting wells, Brideog dolls or biddy boys etc. I came across the well at Clondalkin. I was just wondering if you could help me?

If you might know of anyone who would be interviewed about practising the traditional customs, maybe someone associated with the well?

Joseph Melicanis
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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.

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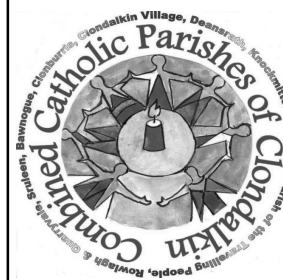
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THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



With all the preparations and celebrations over Christmas an important event may have slipped quietly under the radar. On the 8th of December the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, established by Pope Francis began and it runs to the 20th November 2016, The Feast of Christ the King. His fervent desire is that this Jubilee Year be a fresh opportunity for everyone to experience the great mercy of God, something so central to the faith and life of Pope Francis. It is his experience of God's mercy and the way he shows to others the mercy he has received that makes him such an inspirational figure in our world today. As he said, "Let the Church be a place of Mercy and Hope, where everyone is **Welcomed, Loved and Forgiven!**" Every person, whether they think of themselves as religious or not, longs for the embrace of mercy, the love that accepts us as we are and, at the same time, calls us to become what we are made to be. Mercy, especially the mercy of God, says to us "It is never too late". Can you accept the invitation this year daring to rediscover that central Gospel message; that we are truly loved, we are loveable and that we are capable of sharing that love with others? **For Mercy is love in action!** This Year of Mercy is an invitation to us all to start again; **to be the message, be the Church we want to see.** It is an open door we are invited to enter and discover the wonder of the love and mercy of God that calls out to the deepest recesses of our hearts and of our world. Watch out for updates, opportunities and special events as the year unfolds.

Frank Brown, Pastoral Worker

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to

Lily Grace O'Callaghan, Cherrywood Crescent

who received the Sacrament of Baptism.



ADORATION

This Thursday 21st January there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **in the Church**

Morning: 10.45am to 11.45am

Evening: 7pm to 9pm.

All are welcome

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rita Arnold

Altar Linen: Mary Leonard

Flowers: Elizabeth Mary to 22nd January and Teresa Greene from 23rd January to 9th February (Ash Wednesday 10th February, no flowers for Lent)

CONSECRATED LIFE

A service to conclude the Year for Consecrated Life will take place in the Church of St. Therese, Mount Merrion on Tuesday 2nd February at 7.30pm. All welcome

NOTICES

Monday 18th January

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 19th January

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

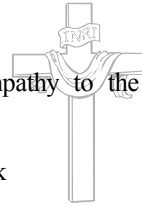
The Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 11.00am. New members are welcome.

DEATHS

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

Janice Byrne, Riversdale Park

recently deceased. May she rest in peace.



CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE

18th to 25th January

Inviting all Christians to pray, especially during these days, that Christ's wish will be fulfilled;

"That all may be one as you, Father, are in me and I in you; I pray that they be one in us, that the world may believe that it was you who sent me." Jn 17:21

Let us pray,

Lord, pour out on us the fullness of your mercy and by the power of your Holy Spirit remove divisions among Christians.

Let your Church rise more clearly as a Sign for all nations that the world may be filled with the light of your Spirit and believe in Jesus Christ whom you sent, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 18th January

10.00am Madge Moore

Tuesday 19th January

10.00am Ita Ward

Wednesday 20th January

10.00am Olive Feighery, 5th An

Saturday 23rd January

10.00am Bridie and Tom Burke

Sunday 24th January

12 Noon Kathleen Kelly
Christopher Nixon
Luke Barry
Paddy Delany, MM
5.30pm Leo Ferris, 37th An

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 16th January

6.30pm Phylis Bowe R.D.

Sunday 17th January

11.00am Mary Healy R.D.
Pat and Jack Downey B.Rem.
Kathleen Gooley An.
Andy Treacy An.

Dance Fitness Class returns on this Thursday and every Thursday from 8-9pm in Clonburris School Hall.

CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR 9 CLONDALKIN PARISHES

This Tuesday 19th January Intercessory Group praying in Parish Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Come along and join with us if you can

LOURDES 2016

7th to 12th MAY

It became necessary to source an alternative Travel Agent for our 2016 Pilgrimage. We have negotiated a good package with MARIAN Pilgrimages and details are as follows:

- Hotel: 4* Eliseo (close to St Joseph's Gate)
- Fare: €725 (all inclusive) per person sharing and single room supplement is €150.

There is a discount of €50 on the above fares for those who pay the €50 non-refundable deposit before the 29th January next. Why not avail of this offer and book early.

Booking forms are now available in the Parish Office and Sacristy

Finally, Fr Shán O'Cuív will again be our Spiritual Director.

Padraig Doyle, Group Organiser.

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Scoil Mhuire, Scoil Aine and Scoil Ide are currently taking enrolments for Junior Infants. The closing date is Monday 1st February 2016.

ADULT CATECHISM STUDIES

We continue to study the Catechism which offers a special opportunity to update our knowledge and deepen our understanding of the faith. It helps those taking part to give an account of their faith to those who seek it and to play a part in the call to evangelisation in these challenging times.

"In the Liturgy the Holy Spirit is teacher of the faith of the People of God. It is the Holy Spirit who gives the grace of faith, strengthens it and makes it grow in the community"

The study group continues on Wednesday 20th January in Fr. Padraig's house (St. Columba's, Laurel Park side of the Church)

Ronan Leydon

MONDAY CLUB

We started back after our Christmas and New Year break.

We had a nice crowd who braved the cold weather. A few were missing due to colds, but hopefully they will be feeling much better by now.

We had the welcome cups of tea to warm us and get started for the months ahead. Elsie made her delicious Victoria sponge.

We finished off our morning with a few games of Bingo – prizes donated by Peggy O'Neill and Mary Leonard. We wish Alan a speedy recovery and thanks a million for all your help setting the tables etc. and Collette and all who helped with tidy up.

Kathleen Ryder