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Praise God indeed! Conversion and redemption are always possible even for a shock rocker like Alice Cooper.

Fr. Padraig

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €2,800 – your contributions this week

ORLAGH CENTRE EVENTS

Monday, 26 January | 7.30-9.00pm | €10 per session. (Also Jan 26 & Feb 2)

FAITH AND SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE

The second of three weekly sessions led by Con O'Connell MSC
Tuesday Jan 27 | 10.00am - 12.30pm | €230

MINDFULNESS (mornings)

The start of a Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction (MBSR) course over 8 Tuesday mornings and one full Sunday. **Bookings** for this course are to be made directly with Kathryn O'Halloran (tel: 087 900 6408)
Thursday, Jan 29 | 7.00 - 9.30pm | €230

MINDFULNESS (evenings)

The start of a Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction (MBSR) course over 8 Thursday evenings and one full Saturday. **Bookings** for this course are to be made directly with Louis Heath (tel: 086 825 6823)

BOOKING

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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.

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

I hope you all had a good week, well we all had a ball at the RONAN COLLINS SHOW BAND SHOW, it brought back so many great memories and put a smile on all our faces, and do you know what, we all deserve a smile.

Fr Aidan from Newcastle gave us a great day at karaoke. Thank you Fr Aidan! and thank you for all your participation! Breda Grace donated a Christmas cake and wine which we raffled for St Vincent De Paul and raised €106 which Kay Doyle will give on our behalf, thank you Kay.

We had some new members today, and you are very welcome. The choir practice starts on Tuesday next after our little bit of dancing to the wonderful Sean. Clare

COMMUNITY AND COUNTY AWARDS

Great news! Clondalkin has two out of eight nominees countrywide who have been shortlisted finalists in the LAMA Community & Council Awards in the Community Volunteer of the Year category, Paula Kenny, a teacher in Clonburris National School who was instrumental in the recent awarding of Fairtrade Town status to Clondalkin, a first for Dublin and Tommy Keogh for his voluntary work with several Clondalkin groups, viz. the Round Tower GAA Club, Tidy Towns Group, Round Tower Heritage Group, Clondalkin Camera Club.

Both nominees have given trojan voluntary service to the Clondalkin community and we wish them well in the final which takes place in the Crown Plaza Hotel, Santry on Saturday 24th January with MC. Miriam O'Callaghan.

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HEAVY METAL CONVERSION

When I was in secondary school in the 1970's one of the most outrageous and shocking entertainers in the Rock music business was Alice Cooper. He looked and acted like the devil incarnate – black leather gear, straggly black hair, black eye make-up and mascara. His most well known piece of music was “SCHOOLS OUT” which was an anthem for rebellious schoolboys all over the world. Cooper's live performances on stage were designed to shock and they did. Indeed they were so shocking that I won't go into the details in a parish newsletter.

Anyway as always happens with celebrities in the entertainment business they ultimately fade from the scene. Their youthful energy declines, they can't keep up the momentum and all too often their wild lifestyle leads them down the path of addiction to alcohol, drugs and promiscuous sex.

I hadn't heard about Alice Cooper for years and I often wondered what happened to him. In the New Year I had an opportunity to catch up with him in the Catholic media.

Alice Cooper underwent a conversion in the 1980's when he was battling a serious addiction to alcohol. He returned to the Christian Faith of his childhood – his father was a preacher. And found the inner strength to face his demons and overcome his addiction. Cooper continued to perform on stage but reformed his more outrageous antics that gained him such notoriety in the 1970's. Up until recently he lived his Christian faith quietly but with perseverance. In a rare interview given recently in America and published in the Catholic media the former SHOCK ROCKER said the following: “I was one thing at one time and now I am something new. I am a new creation now. Don't judge Alice Cooper by what he used to be. Praise God for what I am now”

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BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to:

Oliver Thomas Heaney Flood, Oakwood Grove
Caleb Francis Culleton, Cammock Apartments, Mount Brown, Kilmainham
Dorothy Rose McGill O'Sullivan, Monastery Drive
Daniel Michael Coleman Kirk, Palmerstown Woods

recently Baptised.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

An Intercessory Prayer group meets to pray each Tuesday 7.30pm to 8.30pm for the Clondalkin Group of Parishes (CCPC). Please come and pray with us

Venue: Clondalkin Pastoral Centre

Date: Tuesday 20th January.

All are welcome

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND IN 2015

Friday 27 February – Saturday 7 March 2015
€1,295.00 (pps)

Spiritual Director: Fr. John Kelly (Chaplain Tallaght Hospital)

Details from: Map Travel

36 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1. (Entrance on Parnell Street)

Tel: 01-8783111; email patricia@maptravel.ie

NOTICES

Monday 19th January

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 20th 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.

ADORATION

This Thursday, 22nd January, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the:

Church: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am

Church: in the evening from 7pm to 9pm
All are welcome.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Bernardine Wynne, Veronica Bayly, Tracey Whelan and Josephine Hearty
Altar Linen: Mary Jenkins

Flowers: Kathleen Cosgrove to January 22nd, Teresa Greene from 23rd January to 6th February

(Ash Wednesday 18th February, Ministers of the Environment have asked for a photo or drawing of the old crib prior to 1984 which we know was made of wood, but was destroyed by woodworm)

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

All are welcome to join the group who meet each Saturday & Sunday morning at 10.00am at Tuthill's car park. Litter pickers, gloves, hi-vis vest & bags provided. www.clondalkintidytowns.com

Agnes O'Neill

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 19th January

10.00am Ita Ward, 1st An

Tuesday 20th January

10.00am Olive Feighery, 4th An

Sunday 25th January

7.30pm (Vigil) Ciaran Carr
Nora Galvin
10.30am Olive Feighery
12 Noon Carole Doyle
Joe Timmons, 6th An
Andrew Bell
John Joe Brady
5.30pm Leo Ferris

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Sunday 18th January

11.00am Agnes O'Doherty An.
Pat and Jack Downey B. Rem.
Elizabeth Brady An.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Date: 11th May – 9 nights, 13th May – 7 nights

Fare: €599 fully inclusive and departing from Dublin

Spiritual Director: Fr. John E Butler SDB
Organiser: Liam Cotter at 01 4928194 or 087 6381157

€100 deposit secures €599, after 17th February €699 applies – accommodation situated close to St. James Church

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

Universal: That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

Evangelization: That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

C.A.M.E

Clondalkin Adult Morning Education VEC Building, Monastery Road
Our next enrolments take place Monday 19th Jan to Friday 23rd from 10am to 12 noon, also from 7-8pm Mon 19th only. Classes commence Monday 2nd February 2015. All our usual classes plus new classes - Guitar, Spanish for beginners and History (The Famine)

Mary Seery

LOURDES 2015

Date: 7th - 12th May – 5 nights

Hotel: Jeanne D'Arc

Fare: €750 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

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

The Boards of Management of Scoil Áine, Scoil Íde and Scoil Mhuire, Clondalkin invite all parents (who have not already registered their child) to make application to the schools for places for their children for September 2015. Please contact the individual schools for appropriate forms.

10.30AM ANNIVERSARY MASS TODAY

Included in the Anniversaries for 10.30am Mass today is Vincent and Bobbie Norton. Bobbie's name was inadvertently inserted incorrectly in last week's Newsletter. Apologies extended!

MONDAY CLUB 12TH JANUARY 2015

Welcome back everyone to the Monday Club after the Christmas break and a Happy New Year to all! We started off the New Year with a hot cuppa and a chat and discussed the forthcoming events for the weeks ahead. Read aloud a very interesting article on Oonagh Machúna (member of the Monday Club) which was featured in the Irish Independent on Tuesday 6th January where she talked about life growing up in Dublin, her teenage years and rearing her family. Oonagh will please God reach a great age of 100 in November.

Hope to see you all next week when Kathleen Murray will put us all to the test with her QUIZ!

Kathleen Ryder