JESUS THE EVERLASTING WORK

St. John's Gospel is the only one that does not tell us the Christmas story. No Bethlehem, no stable, no crib, no shepherds, no wise men. John's is the most mystical of the four evangelists and he begins his Gospel in a style typical of him. "In the beginning was the word and the Word was with God and the Word was God"

Jesus the eternal Word stepped into our world with its limits of time and space. Why does John call Jesus the Word? Because the word spoken by God is the source of all that God created. In the Book of Genesis we are given an account of the creation story. In the beginning God said "Let there be light" and there was light. Then God said "Let the waters gather in one place and the dry lad appear". Then God said "Let us make man in our own image and likeness"

The source of everything God creates is the word spoken by him to bring all things into being. This is not all airy fairy, mystical spiritual stuff, it is very practical. We human beings made in God's image and likeness share in his creativity. We too create – not quite in the same way as God, as only he can create out of nothing. Once we have the raw material there is no end to our creativity. It is our communication, our spoken and written words which is the source of everything we create.

Jesus was the Word who was with God and was God from the beginning. Then the Word became flesh, the Divine became human, Jesus came among us. 2000 years later what Jesus said, did and taught is known to us through the words communicated to us in the Gospels. There words first written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John turned the world upside down when they were first heard. It would be hard to find other words that left their mark on humanity as profoundly as these words.

Jesus the Eternal Word became flesh, the human became divine so that he could divinize us. When we are divinized then we are become all we are meant to be – we are fully alive and the glory of God is a man or woman fully alive.

Fr. Padraig

JIGS AND REELS

Round Tower GAA Club will host Jigs & Reels in the Red Cow Moran Hotel on Friday 31^{st} January. It promises to be an evening of fun entertainment, with plenty of laughs and excellent talent on show. Club Members will perform on the night with dancers from the Elaine Kavanagh School of Irish Dancing. The event will begin at 8pm and tickets can be purchased for $\notin 10$ from the Round Tower clubhouse or at the door on the night.

Michael McGlynn

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Rory Broderick is this week's winner. Congratulations Rory! Your prize is waiting to be picked up by you from the Sacristy after Mass today. Fr Damian has prizes still waiting to be claimed from those who submitted art work for Christmas. Please collect them as they are not safe from those of us who love chocolate!!

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ On Sunday 2nd February



candles will be blessed at all Masses and people will take them home. Can you tell us when do you think is the right time for them to be lit?

Your entries Wednesday morning to the Sacristy or Tuesday evening by email – ellenteresacoyne@eircom.net

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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external and inside our three churches. This group will also examine the role of communications in the future and the possibility of using social media. As an aside, Anne Brett, our secretary, increasingly receives requests for certificates and enquires relating to Baptisms and weddings by email. Have you a particular skill in this area? And would you like to join the communications group? It may appeal to some of our younger parishioners who are studying any aspect of communication. I'm conscious that there is great demand on all of our time, but I don't expect it to be too time consuming. Please email me at <u>clondalkinchurch@eircom.net</u> if you are interested or have any questions. Welcome from inside will be next week.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to:

Evan Cillian Thompson, Monastery Heath Avenue Joshua Liam Buckley, Monastery Crescent Dvlan Thomas Murphy, Laurel Park.

recently Baptised.

ADORATION

This **Thursday 23rd 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.

"THANKS"

Fr. Padraig has become a very welcome contributor to the Newsletter and his articles are always eagerly awaited. Unfortunately due to lack of space they are edited. Anyone who would like the full unedited edition can have same by contacting me at 4593993 or email – ellenteresacoyne@eircom.net.

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

The Principals of Scoil Áine, Scoil Íde & Scoil Mhuire Presentation Primary Schools wish to invite all parents, who have not already registered their child, to make application to our schools for places for children from August /September 2014. Relevant forms are available from all three schools.

NOTICES

Monday 20th January

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am 12 Noon Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 21st January

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 20th January Olive Feighery, 2nd An 10.00am

Tuesday 21st January Gerry, Fran and Jim Doran 10.00am

Wednesday 22nd January 10.00am

Hannah and Dan Brady

Saturday 25th January 10.00am Bridie and Tom Burke

Sunday 26th January

7.30pm (Vigil) Hugh, Terence and Annie Lee 9.00am Máire Dalv Eddie Redmond 10.30am Elizabeth McEntaggart and Martin Kellegher Mary Kate and Frank McMahon Carole Doyle Andrew Bell Nicholas Kendellan Nicholas West 5.30pm Leo Ferris

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 18th January 6.30pm David Power (An) Ross Watson (An)

Sunday 19th January 11.00am Kathleen & Robert Gooley (An) Jack & Pat Downey (BR)

Competition Winner Congratulations to Ciaran & Cormac Gavin competition winners, your prize can be collected after Mass.

LITURGY FORMATION

Fr. Padraig's Liturgy Formation Session continues next Wednesday at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre upstairs

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Bernardine Wynne, Veronica Bayly, Tracy Whelan and Josephine Hearty Altar Linen: Vera Rogers Flowers: Kathleen Cosgrove to 23rd and Marie Harrington from 24th

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €2.819 – your contributions this week

"ALONE" NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

ALONE is an independent organisation that provides support to older people in need. We are currently looking for Befriending Volunteers throughout Dublin city and county. If you have one hour to spare per week and would like to visit an isolated older person in your area, to provide companionship and support then please give us a call on 01 679 1032 or email deirdre.m@alone.ie for more information. Closing date for applications is Friday 24th January. Áine Duffv

PROMOTING THE IRISH LANGUAGE

Aras Chrónáin is hosting a Seminar on Saturday 25th January to discuss the promotion of the Irish Language. Beidh Seiminéar ar siúl in Aras Chrónáin Dé Satharn 25ú Eanair chun an Teanga a phlé. Registration at 9.45a.m

Máire Ui Bhroin

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Members of the Finance please note: meeting in Parish Centre Monday, 20th January at 3.30pm.

PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH

"Does your spouse have dementia? A new study in Trinity College Dublin is looking to gain an insight into the health and wellbeing of those who care for their spouse/partner with dementia. If you are caregiver aged over 50 years and living with a partner who has Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia you may be interested in taking part. For more information please contact Alan Galvin on 01 896 8414"

MONDAY CLUB

We had a lovely morning catching up on all the news from Christmas and the New Year. We were especially glad to welcome back some of our lapsed members who contributed greatly to our chats. Minnie produced some nice prizes sent in by a friend from Donegal which were duly raffled.

As we had sweets and biscuits left over from our party we decided to eat them instead of putting them up for a prize and I can tell you on a cold miserable January morning we enjoyed them – they are all gone!!

Next week we will have a Bingo session, so come along and have a nice friendly game with us - you will be made very welcome!

Joan

DEATHS

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

Desmond Hartigan, Cappamore Dolores Sheridan, Kilmahudderick Lawns William Nolan, Floraville Lodge

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

LOURDES 2014

As we are limited to 30 places early

Booking forms are available in the

Date: 7th May – 5nights

Fare: €735 per person sharing

Sacristy, Parish Shop and Office

Hotel: Jeanne D'Arc

booking is advisable.