

SECULAR FRANCISCANS

Next meeting of Secular Franciscans (3rd Order) will be held on Saturday 26th January after 10am Mass in Front Room, Presentation Convent.

New members are always welcome and especially at this time of Renewal in the Church. Pope Benedict has asked us to make this coming year a year of "Evangelisation". St. Francis responded to the call of "Repair my Church" in 13th Century.

"JANUARY"

The name January can be loosely translated as the "door to the year". However a more lyrical Finish word for the month is "Tammikuu" that means both "heart or the winter" and "oak". The Oak tree is central to forests of warmer climates rather than the cold Arctic regions where it is more typical to find pine and spruce.

Phyllis

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

It's not every day you meet a lady celebrating her ninetieth birthday, such was the case last Tuesday morning when members sang HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Eileen Fannin.

Eileen is a founder member of Clondalkin Active Retired.

The snow that was promised had no effect on attendance and all were as quiet as mice while quiz master Kathleen Murray posed some interesting questions during the quiz game.

Here are some to keep you guessing!!!

- What politician was often referred to as The Long Fellow???
- Who is Adel King known as???
- In musical terms, who is known as the Boss???
- The Kilkenny hurling team are known as what???

Annual membership fees (10euro) are due next Tuesday

Thomas

"THANK YOU" FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone who contributed so generously to our December collection which raised €13,000. "Thank you" also to the many who made individual donations and not forgetting those who contribute every month. Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated, and allows us to continue our work with needy families here in our Community.

Rita Carroll

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €1,715 – your contributions this week.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

- 1: Who was Jesus' mother?
- 2: Who was Jesus' most famous cousin?
- 3: What was another name for the Apostle Paul?

Your entries as usual to ellenteresacoyn@eircom.net by Tuesday evening or to 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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WEEKLY MEDITATION: SABBATH

Technical civilisation is humanity's triumph over space. Yet time remains impervious. We can overcome distance but can neither recapture the past nor dig out the future.

Time is humanity's greatest challenge. We all take part in a procession through its realm but are unable to gain a foothold in it. Its reality is apart and away from us.

We may shape and change the things in space as we please. Time, however, is beyond our reach, beyond our power. It is both near and far, intrinsic to all experience and transcending all experience. It belongs exclusively to God.

Time is the process of creation, and things of space are results of creation. When looking at space we see the products of creation; when intuiting time we hear the process of creation.

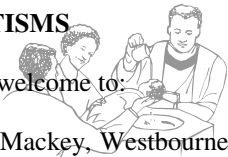
Things created conceal the Creator. It is the dimension of time wherein we meet God.

On the Sabbath it is given us to share in the holiness that is in the heart of time. Even when the soul is seared, even when no prayer can come out of our tightened throats, the clean, silent rest of the Sabbath leads us to a realm of endless peace.

It leads us to the beginning of an awareness of what eternity means. There are few ideas in world of thought which contain so much spiritual power as the idea of the Sabbath.

Rabbi Abraham Heschel (1907-1972)

BAPTISMS



Congratulations and welcome to:

Aidan Patrick Philip Mackey, Westbourne Green

Tomas Patrick Henry, Castle Park
Sarah Grace Hurcombe, Newlands Manor Park

recently Baptised .

COLLECTIONS AT MASS

It is said that “in prayer we talk to God and in Scripture God talks to us”. At the recent talks on “Exploring the Mass” it was felt that the collections during the Readings interfered with the ‘listening’ and it was agreed that the collections are taken up after the “Prayers of the faithful”. For the last two Sundays this has taken place. It is not a new idea but dates back to the early church. The two collections are taken up, one immediately after the other – all monies entered into one basket and then taken to the Altar with the presentation of the gifts of bread and wine. The money is left at the side. As with any new initiative, it takes time to develop so patience and perseverance are required and your support and help are appreciated.

NOTICES

Monday 21st January

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

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

Tuesday 22nd January

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

Wednesday 23rd January

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

ADORATION

This Thursday, 24th 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

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Bernardine Wynne, Veronica Bayly, Tracy Whelan and Josephine Hearty

Altar Linen: Mary Leonard

Flowers: Marie Harrington, 24th January to 8th February

1ST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENTS

Next Sunday, 27th January we will have the pleasure in welcoming the children preparing for 1st Holy Communion and their families at all Masses where they will presents their enrolments.

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 21st January

10.00am Teresa Corcoran

Friday 25th January

10.00am Hugh and Phonsie Lee

Saturday 26th January

10.00am Elizabeth McEntaggart
Martin Kelleher

Sunday 27th January

7.30pm (Vigil) Ciaran Carr, 1st An

9.00am Maire Daly

10.30am Ivor and Sadie Noone
Mary, Kate and Frank
McMahon

12 noon Paddy O’Donoghue and
Carmel O’Donoghue
Carole Doyle

Andrew Bell
5.30pm George Brown, 46th An

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Sunday 20th January

11.00am Pat and Jack Downey B/day Rem.
Robert and Kathleen Gooley An.

Competition Winner

Congratulations to this week’s winners Aishling and Bronagh Roebuck. Your prize can be collected after Mass today.

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS FOR 2013

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 2013. Please contact the individual schools for Application forms.

COURSES AT ALL HALLOWS

A number of courses are now available for registration on the All Hallows website. Courses include, “Renewal for Life”, creative approaches to personal and faith enrichment. For further details see www.allhallows.ie

GALLERY NEWS

In today’s Mass the Gallery choir will sing at the Holy Communion “O Sacrum Convivium” composed by Richard Farrant. He was born in the 16th Century and was in charge of the choristers who sang for the services in Windsor Chapel.

The text was written by St. Thomas Aquinas as an antiphon for the Feast of Corpus Christi. He was also a Dominican priest and was immensely influential philosopher and theologian. He came from one of the noblest families in Naples who attempted to prevent him from becoming a priest.

He was born on 28th January 1225.

Phyllis

CARDINAL MARTINI MEMORIAL LECTURE

On January 21st, at 7.30 p.m. in Gardiner St Church – ‘Cardinal Martini’s legacy in the Irish Context’. Speaker: Fr Eamonn Conway, Head of Theology and Religious Studies, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick. All Welcome

“WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE OF US?”

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed from 18 to 25 January – the octave of St Peter and St Paul. The theme for 2013 is: What does God require of us?, a theme which invites us to reflect on and respond to our obligations to act justly in the world.

This year’s resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared in conjunction with Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

MONDAY CLUB

We had a lovely start to our 1st meeting of the New Year. After catching up on the post Christmas chat over tea, biscuits and the tin of “Roses” we were enchanted by Norah Molloy who sang so beautifully and then read us a wonderfully warm story which could have been one of Aesop’s fables. Norah you were brilliant and you moved us to tears – tears of joy I may add. Hopefully you can come to us again in the not too distant future.

Next week Kathleen has kindly agreed to do her “quiz” as the following week we will hopefully make our St. Brigid’s Crosses under Frank’s guidance.

THOUGHT FOR YEAR OF FAITH

Be a good neighbour and visit the lonely and housebound in this cold weather.

Joan