LÁ FEILE BRIDE

.....beidh an lá dul ag síneadh" and the stretch in the evenings are now certainly noticeable. St. Brigid's Feast day on Monday 2nd February will be suitably marked.

Coláiste Bríde Transition Year students under the direction and guidance of Michelle Dooley, their Spiritual Director will organises the Liturgy of the Mass on the day at 10am. After Mass all will process to St. Brigid's well, weather permitting, and after prayers there we will return to the Pastoral Centre for the welcome tea and coffee hosted by the students.

We pray to St. Brigid for her intercession for the needs of our country and her people and that the morning will be glorious

OUR LADY OF LOURDES NOVENA

Inchicore Mary Immaculate Parish will host Our Lady of Lourdes Novena from the 2nd -11th February at 10.00am each morning and at 8.00pm each evening. The torchlight procession is Thursday 11th at 7.30pm. Further information please contact the parish office on 01 4534408

CLONDALKIN TIDY TOWNS AGM

The AGM of Clondalkin Tidy Towns will be held on Wednesday, 27th January @ 8 p.m. in the Green Isle Hotel.

We are looking for as many of you as possible to attend on the night and let us know your thoughts on our work and share any suggestions you may have for next year's Tidy Town competition.

Please help us to maintain the good standard the village has achieved by picking up litter where possible. Our core volunteers are taking a much deserved break from Saturday 'clean ups' for the month of January.

Agnes O'Neill Secretary

CANDLEMAS DAY – TUESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

Candlemas is the traditional Christian Festival marking the Purification of Mary 40 days after the birth of Jesus and the Presentation in the Temple

Ever wondered why it is called Candlemas? It was the day of the year when all the candles that were to be used in the church were blessed during Mass – no electric light then.

Candles then and now are a reminder to all Christians of the Light of the World – Jesus – is ever present among us.

Candles are now on sale in the Parish Shop for blessing on the Feast day.

CLONDALKIN HISTORY SOCIETY LECTURE

'Dan Donnelly Irish Boxing Champion' is the title of Larry Breen's illustrated talk which will take place in Aras Chronain, Watery Lane, on Monday 25th January 2016, commencing at 8 pm. Admission is €5.00 (non members). All are welcome.'

Padraig A O'Murchu

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Hi everyone, its great to be back after a long break, bigger and better hopefully. Last week we had Ann Darby, a local girl visit us from Signs and Logos

Lots of upcoming events in the near future, I will keep you posted. Thank you Sally for the games of bingo on Tuesday. Sean Coughlan will be with us next Tuesday playing a bit of music, all are welcome.

Regards, Clare

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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ST MARK'S GOSPEL

A signature theme of St Marks Gospel is a certain kind of urgency. There is a sense of a need to act quickly, not in a panic or a rush but in a calm purposeful way. Jesus has a huge mission to undertake to evangelise the whole world and he has only three years in which to do it so he doesn't waste any time. With phrases such as the time has come and immediately Mark invites us into the adventure of a lifetime. He has an urgent message and he is an urgent messenger.

If St Mark's Gospel was to be compared to a contemporary national newspaper it would be described as a tabloid - cheap and sensational, this is not meant to offend, a little known fact about print journalism is that writing short punchy and attention grabbing articles is an art form and requires considerable skill. In fact whenever the TV Program University Challenge stages a competition between a team of journalists from the tabloids and a team from the more upmarket papers the tabloid journalists win because they are razor sharp and on the ball. Strange but true. As the shortest of the Gospels Mark records what could be called in the tabloid style the N.I.B. the news in brief.

That is why St Mark's Gospel is a good one to start with. It is short and to the point and so is ideal for newcomers to the faith who just want the facts without elaboration. We pray that during the coming year that our reading of St Mark's Gospel will bear much fruit.

Fr Padraig

ADORATION

This Thursday 28th 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: Betty Byrne and Rebecca Duggan

Altar Linen: Mary O'Neill

Flowers: Teresa Greene from 29rd January

to 10th February.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR LENT

During lent we hope to offer a few prayer services for the parishes in the CCPC area. The theme/focus of these is going to be "Year of Mercy - Blessed are the merciful". If you like would to get involved and prepare these services please come to a planning meeting on Tuesday, 9th of February at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre, in the Village. The invite is open to all but we would especially encourage representatives from as many of the existing prayer groups in the seven parishes to attend. Hope to see you there. If you are interested or have any questions please contact

Christina Malone, 085 7162152 or email christina.malone@dublindiocese.ie

NOTICES

Monday 25th January

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 26th 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.

EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday 27th January the Missionary Rosary will be recited at 7.30pm before Prayer Meeting at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre and all are welcome

CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR 9 CLONDALKIN PARISHES

This Tuesday 26th January Intercessory Group praying in Parish Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Come along and join with us if you can

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 25th January

10.00am Paddy and Kay Duggan

Tuesday 26th January

10.00am Martin Kelleher and Elizabeth McEntaggart

Sunday 31st January

9.00am

7.30pm (Vigil) Brendan Callaghan, MM

Derval Connell, MM George Brown Máire Dalv

Kathleen Gravin Kelly,

Rec. Dec

10.30am Marie Forde

Mary Kate and Frank Mahon

12 noon Carole Doyle
Tom McGough and
deceased family

Willie and Jane Doherty Andrew Bell. 16th An

5.30pm Katrina Dalton, MM

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 23rd January

6.30pm Frank Tobin An

Sunday 24th January

11.00am Harriet Coe An, Derval Connell R.D.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2016

Catholic Schools Week will run from Sunday 31st January to Saturday 6th February. The theme for 2016 is 'Catholic Schools: Challenged to Proclaim God's Mercy'. A Mass will also be broadcast by RTÉ on Sunday 31st January to celebrate both Catholic Schools Week and the new Grow in Love religious education programme for primary schools. Students from Mount Mercy College, Cork, as well as pupils from Saint Pius X primary school in Templeogue, Dublin, will participate in this special liturgy.

MONDAY CLUB

On Monday we had our crazy quiz where we had some very brain testing questions and some tongue twisters words. All questions were from "Where in the World" series. Some questions e.g. "What is dhot? And where is the Sandskirt language spoken? We had two rounds of ten questions per round. Joan and Noel were the winners of the rounds. Congratulations to you both!

Next week we hope to have Frank Hegarty come to make St. Brigid's crosses in preparation for the Feast day of St. Brigid. I hope I can get the rushes for this very traditional custom.

Thank you Sean Brown for the delicious Swiss rolls you made last week and all who made the tea/coffee and helped with the tidy up.

Kathleen R

ADULT CATECHISM STUDIES

The mystery of Christ which the church proclaims and celebrates in her liturgy must be preceded by evangelisation, faith, and conversion before it can produce its fruit in the lives of the faithful. Christ is present when the church prays and sings for he has promised 'where two or three have gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them' (Matthew 18-12).

The Eucharist is the centre of the churches liturgy and the most important act of worship and source of redemptive power.

The Sacramental Celebration of the Paschal Mystery Part II paragraphs 1163-1209, Wednesday 27th January at 7.30pm in Fr. Padraig's house (St. Columba's).

Ronan

LOURDES 2016 7th to 12th MAY

Our 2016 Pilgrimage 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 \in 50 on the above fares for those who pay the \in 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.

CHARITY BRIDGE NIGHT

A Charity Bridge Night in aid of Children's Pilgrimage Trust will be held in Newlands Golf Club on Tuesday next 26th January at 7.30pm. Cost €10 per person and no partner needed. Your support and generosity will be appreciated