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Christians were not subversive however. St. Paul urged them to pay their taxes, to obey the civil authorities and to fight evil by doing good. They would pray for the emperor but they would not pray to the emperor. The growth of the Christian religion and its tenacity alarmed the Emperor Diocletian so he activated the last and most terrible of the persecutions. St Agnes died in this persecution – put to death by the sword for the sake of Christ’s Kingdom. So we pray for her intercession today to help all Christians who are still being persecuted in our day

Fr. Padraig

CLONDALKIN MENS SHED

Start-up Fund Raising Table Quiz in the Steering Wheel, Clondalkin on the 29th January at 8.30pm.

€20 per table of four. Spot prizes
Please spread the word.

COLLECTION FOR MORNING STAR HOSTEL

The Morning Star Hostel was opened for homeless men by Frank Duff with the help of some members of the Society of Saint Vincent De Paul on the 25th of March 1927. The hostel caters for homeless men who are 18 years old or more. Frank Duff was a civil servant before Ireland got its independence in 1926 and he knew Willam Cosgrave the minister for local Government who gave him the hostel which had been used as an army barracks prior to Irish Independence by the Black and Tans British soldiers. It is believed that the hostel was run by Frank Duff and members of the Saint Vincent De Paul Society in the early years and later on became solely a Legion of Mary hostel run by Legion volunteers.

To enable the continuation of the work a church gate collection is held after all Masses this weekend and your support is very much appreciated

CUIREADH/INVITATION

A Months' Mind commemoration of Jacqueline Keating Murray, late of Monastery Drive, Clondalkin, will take place on St Brigid's Day, Sunday February 1st at 4pm in Áras Chrónáin on Watery Lane.

Her husband, Brendan, formerly of Orchard Road, invites old friends and neighbours for some music, song and words to celebrate Jacqueline's life and to remember her time growing up in the village here. Light refreshments will follow.

Fáilte roimh chách!

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Another great day at Clondalkin Active Retirement! Phil from Clondalkin Travel gave us advice on how to book our holidays, and all the flower shows that are coming up, so anyone interested, in going please give me your names. Thank you Phil for all the lovely biscuits for our tea break!

One of our loyal members Margaret Wignall had a fire tragedy in her home which we are so sorry about, but thank God she and Gordan are safe. We are having a BENEFIT afternoon in The Laurels in Clondalkin for Margaret, Dinner and Music on 10th February. Tickets €10 and we only have 50 tickets left -120 people allowed and the time is 4 to 8

I want to thank DAMIEN from the LAURELS for sponsoring the music, DAMIEN you are a lovely man and you are so kind to us every Tuesday THANK YOU..... and also to Patricia from the Laurels, a lovely lady, who is also so kind to us every Tuesday.

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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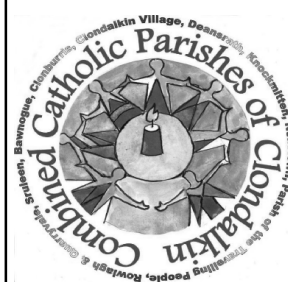
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ST AGNES

We celebrated the Feast of St. Agnes during the week who was martyred in Rome 300AD in the last great persecution organised by the Emperor Diocletian. It is believed she was only 13 years old when she died and was initially arrested for having refused to marry a pagan man who was insisting on her embracing his religion. Agnes was repeatedly subjected to bribes and threats but she courageously stood her ground for her Christian faith.

During Emperor Diocletian's reign Christianity was well established in Rome and this alarmed the emperor. So he launched the last and most terrible of the persecutions so as to eradicate this strange tenacious religion once and for all. Why did the Romans persecute Christians, after all they were not rebellious or subversive and paid their taxes? Added to this was the fact that the Romans were usually very broadminded about other people's religions so much so that they built the Pantheon as a temple to all the gods of the empire. The Pantheon is the only building of ancient times still standing in central Rome.

Whenever they conquered a particular area the Romans would find out about the local god of the people and pay homage to him or her. This of course placated the newly conquered people and made them less likely to rebel. The Romans were what we would call today "tolerant" and if there was a new god who wasn't a threat to Roman power they honoured him with a place in the Pantheon. But these blooming Christians - they wouldn't honour any god except the one True God. At their Sunday Mass they would say the Gloria prayer as we do today "for you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the most High". This was provocative stuff and the pagan Romans did not like it at all.

Even worse the Christians would not pay to the emperor as a god – they would not engage in Emperor Worship. The early

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WEDDINGS

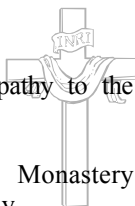


Congratulations and best wishes to:

Amanda Ellis and Brian Judge

recently married.

DEATHS



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

Jacqueline Keating Murray, Monastery Walk, died on New Year's Day
Margaret Walsh, Cappamore
Denis McDonald, Castle Close

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

EARTLY START TO THE PRAYER GROUP

This Wednesday 28th January the Missionary Rosary will be recited at 7.30pm before Prayer meeting at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre and all are welcome.

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY

The next monthly meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society will be held on Wednesday 28th January after 10am Mass in the Pastoral Centre and all are welcome

NOTICES

Monday 26th January

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 27th 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, 29th January Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the:

Sisters' Oratory: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am

Sisters' Oratory: 7pm to 9pm and all are welcome

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €2,232 – your contributions this week

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 26th January

7.30am Elizabeth McEntaggart
Martin Kelleher

Thursday 29th January

10.00am Kathleen (Kay) McEvoy,
1st An

Friday 30th January

10.00am John and Terry Burke

Saturday 31st January

10.00am Bridie and Tom Burke

Sunday 1st February

7.30pm (Vigil) John Byrne, 1st An
Sarah, Francis and Christy Flanagan
9.00am Máire Daly
10.30am Kathleen (Kay) McEvoy,
1st An

Robert Hagerty
Donagh Lynch
Marie Forde, 1st An
Dora O'Kane, MM
Mary, Michael and Eileen Duffy

12 Noon Frank Connolly
Rory McDonnell
Willie and Jane Doherty
5.30pm Mary, Paddy Gavin and
deceased members of the Gavin Family

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 24th January

6.30pm Frank Tobin An.

Sunday 25th January

11.00am. Dick and Vharlotte Byrne An.
Harriot Coe An.

Baptism

Congratulations to Fiadh Dolores Shields and Mai Achris Shields who were Baptised on Sunday 18th January.

Clonburris Womans Group is starting back on Thursday 29th January @ 8pm, new members very welcome for Ballroom Dance Class.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Kitty Egan, Angela McCreevey, Elsie Naughton, Veronica Bayly, May Stynes, Kathleen Fitzgerald

Altar Linen: Kay Lee

Flowers: Teresa Greene from 23rd January to 6th February /Noreen from 7th February to 17th February.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

The Intercessory Prayer Group meets on Tuesday 27th January in Rowlagh Community Room to pray for the Clondalkin Group of Parishes (CCPC). Please come and pray with us. All are welcome

CLONDALKIN HISTORY SOCIETY - LECTURE

'The Sabbath Disturbed- The Curragh Mutany Recalled' is the subject of an illustrated talk by Liam Kenny & James Durney. It will take place on Monday 26th January 2015, in Aras Chronain, Watery Lane, commencing at 8pm. Admission is € 5.00 (non-members). All are welcome."

Pdraig A.Ó Murchú

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK / JANUARY 25TH - FEBRUARY 1ST

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2015: A Call to serve invites all involved in Catholic education to examine what we understand by service and how we live out the call to serve.

Education is never simply about transmitting simple facts. This year, school communities are encouraged to answer the Call to Serve; for example, by reaching out to those who are most in need in society

The students of our local schools will celebrate Catholic School Week on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 11.30am and the boys of Moyle Park will be in attendance at the 10am Mass on Friday

MONDAY CLUB

We had an interesting morning with Kathleen Murray's Quiz based on numbers for answers e.g. "How many stops on the Luas line that have a colour for its name?" Noel and Colette were the winners. Noreen King came to tell us about a trip to Killarney in April. We received a letter of acknowledgment from Fr. Damian thanking the club for a donation at Christmas towards heating and flowers for the Church.

Next week we will be entertained with traditional music and song by local music group "Timpeall na Tighe".

Hope to see you all there next week for a good toe-tapping session.

Take care and God Bless

Kathleen