

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR CLONDALKIN PARISHES

The Intercessory Group comprising members of the CCPC – 9 combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin – meet regularly each Tuesday evening 7.30pm – 8.30pm as prayer support for the priests and parish communities of our area. The meeting this Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January will be in Bawnogue Church Office. Meetings Tuesdays, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February will be in the Parish Pastoral Centre adjoining Village Church. It is hoped to meet in other parish venues from time to time.

Anyone who would like to join us to pray any Tuesday evening would be more than welcome to come and go as they can manage to do so.

## PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - CANDLEMAS DAY – 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY

Traditionally Candlemas" (or Candle Mass) referred to the practice whereby a priest on 2<sup>nd</sup> February blessed beeswax candles for use throughout the year, some of which were distributed to the faithful for use in the home.

Within the Catholic Church, since the liturgical revisions of the Second Vatican Council, this feast has been referred to as the Feast of Presentation of the Lord, with references to candles and the purification of Mary de-emphasised in favour of the Prophecy of Simeon. Pope John Paul II connected the feast day with the renewal of religious vows.

On Sunday next we keep on the tradition of the blessing of candles. Candles will be blessed at all Masses. Candles are on sale in the Parish shop at €1. They may be bought and placed in the baskets provided with your name. They then are collected after Mass.

(It may be of interest to know that according to over eight centuries of tradition, the swaddling clothes that baby Jesus wore during the presentation at the Temple are kept in Dubrovnik Cathedral, Croatia).

## EXPLORING HOMELESSNESS

On the weekend of Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February Magis are offering young adults (18-35 yrs) the opportunity to explore the issue of homelessness through a faith lens.

If you are interested or for more information contact:

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## CLONDALKIN HISTORY SOCIETY LECTURE

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January local historian Seamus Cullen will speak on 'The Ancestors of Sinead de Valera & Bridget Cosgrave'. The venue is Áras Chrónáin, commencing at 8pm. Admission is € 5.00 (non members). All are welcome.

Padraig A Ó'Murchú

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

## THIS WEEK'S QUIZ



Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> February we celebrate the Feast of St. Brigid. We have heard of St. Brigid's Cross. Can you tell me what is the story of the cross? The answer is found in the newsletter!

Your entries by email – ellenteresacoyn@eircom.net by Tuesday evening or to the 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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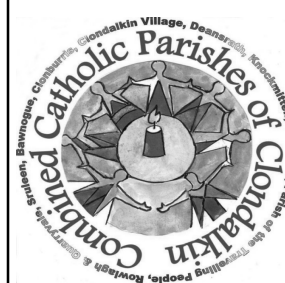
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# PARISH NEWS

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## WELCOME INSIDE

The parish census of November 2013 showed that 15% of those attending the Village Church are from outside the greater Clondalkin area. How are visitors made to feel welcome? Could they be given a copy of the newsletter or the missalette? Could they be shown to a pew at the busier Masses? If they enquire about becoming a Catholic or joining one of the ministries where could they go for information? Would you be willing to come early to whatever Mass you attend and be a minister of welcome? In the Gospel, Mathew quotes Jesus speaking about making people welcome. Thank you to those who emailed me following last week's request for people to join our communications group. Parishioners of all ages are welcome.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. A large number of parishioners have commented favourably on the regular visits by the pupils of our many local schools to the 10am Mass. Our parish schools are an integral part of our parish and during this week we remember the contribution our schools make not only in faith formation but in sharing in the education of our young people to be Christians in the world. Some of the transition year students from Colaiste Brid will be with us for Saint Brigid's day. There will a procession with candles this Sunday on Candlemass day, happy feastday Knockmitten and blessing of throats on the feast of Saint Blaise on Monday.

Fr. D

## ADORATION

This **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

### ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY

The next meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society will be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January after 10am Mass in the Pastoral Centre; new members are always welcome.

### EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January the Missionary Rosary will be recited in the Prayer Group at 7.30pm prior to Prayer Meeting starting at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre and all are welcome.

### ADULT FAITH SERIES ON POPE FRANCIS

Adult Faith Series on Pope Francis in Gardiner St Church for the month of February - every Tuesday at 7.30pm.

**4<sup>th</sup> February:** Michael Paul Gallagher SJ on Pope Francis - a new tone.

**11<sup>th</sup> February:** Breda O'Brien on Pope Francis: A new springtime for the Church?

**18<sup>th</sup> February:** Donal Dorr SPS: Pope Francis - a social Vision.

**25<sup>th</sup> February:** Gerard Gallagher: Pope Francis - a Model for youth ministry - from street preacher to Apostolic fervour! All welcome.

### NOTICES

#### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

#### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January

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

## DEATHS

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

Ita Ward, Newlands Drive  
James (Jim) Kehoe, James Connolly Park  
Des Hartigan, Jnr, Cappamore  
Maud Hurley, Castle House, Monastery Rd  
John Allen, Monastery Park

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

### LOURDES 2014

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> May – 5nights

**Hotel:** Jeanne D'Arc

**Fare:** €735 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

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €1,680 – your contributions this week

### C.Y.A.M. – CLONDALKIN YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

CYAM is about giving young adults aged between 18 – 35 in Clondalkin a place and space to explore life and faith in an informal, relaxed, supported and friendly way. The purpose is to discuss what is relevant for young adults and come together as a Christian group.

Come along to one of the meetings to find out more and have your say:

Venue: CYC House, Deansrath

Date: Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January

Time: 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Venue: Youth Space Room, Neilstown

Date: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Time: 7.30pm – 8.30pm

More information from Natalie 087 6101062, Mark 085 15558940.

## CLONBURRIS

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January

6.30pm Frank Tobin An.  
Jim Kehoe R.D.

#### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January

11.00am Sheila and Dick O'Brien An.  
George Brown An.

### Competition Winner

Congratulations to Bronagh Roebuck competition winners, your prize can be collected after Mass.

### Christmas Card Sales.

I would like to thank all who supported the sale of Christmas Cards. In total I sold 78 pkts and received donations. A total of €660 was sent to The Dystonia Society. All monies collected goes towards research.

Thanks to all. Josephine Scannell.

### CHURCH DUTY

**Cleaning:** Kitty Egan, Angela McCreevey, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Veronica Bayly and May Stynes

**Altar Linen:** Mary Jenkins

**Flowers:** Marie Harrington from 24<sup>th</sup> January to 6<sup>th</sup> February

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January

10.00am Teresa Corcoran, B/day and An

#### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

10.30am Marie Ford and Robert Hegarty  
12 noon William, Jane, Willie, Jnr and Martin Doherty  
Rory McDonnell  
Joe Timmons

Michael Waters, 5<sup>th</sup> An

5.30pm Mary Gavin, mm  
Toby McGrath

## ST BRIGID'S DAY – 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY



The Liturgy of the Mass celebrated next Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, Feast of St. Brigid Mhuire na nGael will be organised by the students of Coláiste Bríde under the direction of their teacher Michelle Dooley and after Mass the annual pilgrimage to St. Brigid's Well will take place. We trust that St. Brigid will take care of the weather! It is hoped that the traditional St. Brigid's Crosses will be available (rushes availability).

The story of St. Brigid and her Cross goes as follows: "A pagan chieftain was dying. Christians in his household sent for Brigid to talk to him about Christ. Brigid sat down and began consoling him. The dirt floor was strewn with rushes for warmth and cleanliness as was usual. Brigid stooped down and started to weave them into a cross. The sick man asked what she was doing. She began to explain the cross, and as she talked his delirium quieted and he questioned her with growing interest. He converted and was Baptised at the point of death."

### MONDAY CLUB

We were thoroughly spoilt last Monday morning. Sean sent over a few dozen chocolate covered cakes and Phyllis and Kathleen donated some lovely prizes for our Bing Session. Grateful thanks to all! It is lovely to be the recipients of so much generosity. Needless to say our morning was a very lively happy affair, so much so there are requests for more frequent Bingo Games.

We are taking in used Christmas Cards for the Rehabilitation Centre in Peamount Hospital if people wish to dispose of same.

Depending on weather conditions we will hopefully have the reeds for making St. Brigid's Crosses next Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January as the actual day will fall on a Saturday this year.

See you all next week

Joan