

CANDLEMAS DAY
Tuesday 2nd February

Blessing of candles during Mass. Candles on sale in the Shop at €1 each. Blessed candles are recommended when the Blessed Sacrament is brought to homes in times of illness or when Ministers of the Eucharist call to the sick and housebound on Sundays and on First Fridays

**CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER
FOR 9 CLONDALKIN PARISHES**

This Tuesday 2nd February Intercessory Group praying in Parish Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm to 8.30pm
Come along and join with us if you can

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Veronica Bayly, Bernardine Wynne, Tracy Whelan and Josephine Hearty
Altar Linen: Vera Pidgeon
Flowers: Teresa Greene to 9th February when all flowers are removed for Lent

MEDJUGORJE 2016

April 25th – 9 nights €619
April 27th – 7 nights €569
€100 deposit secures. Departing from Dublin
More information from Liam Cotter
014928194 or 087 6381157

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

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

ANAM CARA is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Monday 8th of February 2016 from 19:30 to 21:00 in Dominic's Community Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24 (weather dependent). All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

ALTAR SERVERS

The Village Church is recruiting Altar Servers very shortly. Christina Malone, one of our Pastoral Workers will be coordinating the recruitment and training and it is hoped to form a group to look after the servers. So if you are over nine and have made your First Communion and come to Mass here in the Village please take a form, available in the Sacristy or Parish Office and bring it home and return it to the Sacristy or Parish Office.

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

We had a lovely morning with Sean Coughlan singing his heart out and a lot of the members having a little dance. Our choirmaster is on holidays so Tommy Sheridan led the choir on Tuesday last and what a great job Tommy did, thank you.

Seventeen of us are off to Johann Strauss Gala in the Concert Hall on Saturday next.

We are having a Spring Soiree at The Laurels on Wednesday 2nd March, 4 to 8 with the fantastic Finbar Coady, Tickets €10 for dinner and dessert, admission by ticket only, so anyone interested just give me a call on 086 3274323.

I will keep you advised on up-coming events.

Wonderful news that St Patricks Parade is back in the village after so many years. If anyone would like to put in a float, please give me a call. The Parade will be led by Mary Kennedy.

Kind 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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PARISH NEWS

Clondalkin Village,
Clonburris & Knockmitten



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No it is not a game of bingo but the annual statistics that the parish send into the Diocese every year. Of course behind every number is a person, a family and relations and neighbours who gathered to celebrate part of the journey of initiation into the Church or to witness a marriage or commiserate and pray at the time of a funeral.

As you may notice the schools in our parish are indeed Catholic Schools built and paid for by the contributions of parishioners, the Presentation Sisters or the Marist Brothers and are open to children of all faiths and none. This week is Catholic Schools Week in which we celebrate our schools. Interestingly, in England there appears to be a renaissance of faith-based Schools with an eclectic group of parents opting to send their children to faith-based schools and Catholic schools in particular. In response to the argument about the state financing of Catholic Schools, are Catholics not tax payers also!!! This week is Catholic Schools Week in which we celebrate our schools and their important role within the parish. On Monday the transition year students from Coláiste Bride will be joining us for Saint Bridgid's day, second year students from Moyle Park will be over during the week and the Presentation primary schools will join us as usual. Fr. Padraig gives a guided tour of the Church and explains the inner workings of the sacristy and office to the sixth class pupils from Saint Joseph's.

The numbers in the headline refer to the nineteen Pre-Nuptial Enquiry Forms completed by the clergy for marriages outside the parish, forty six for within, eighty one funerals celebrated in the parish, forty eight marriages, two hundred and ninety two confirmations and two hundred and five baptisms. Busy parish.

Fr. Damian

BAPTISMS



Congratulations and welcome to:

Lily Philomena O'Keeffe, St. Brigid's Road
Peter-John Thomas McIlhatton, St. John's
Park East

Saoirse Emma Kearns Kenny, Arthur
Griffith Park

who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

NOTICES

Monday 1st February

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am
Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 2nd February

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.

Wednesday 3rd February

Feast of St. Blaise: Blessing of throats
after all Masses

Baptism preparation meeting: in the
Church at 8pm

Prayer Group: In the Pastoral Centre,
downstairs, at 8pm

Thursday 4th February

St. Joseph's Schools boys will join us for
10am Mass.

Friday 5th February

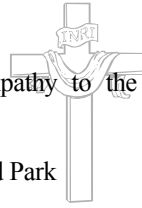
First Friday: All Masses today are of-
fered for all whose names are entered in
the Altar List of the Dead

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association:
Meeting in the Pastoral Centre at 10.45am
and new/past members welcome

Saturday 6th February

First Saturday: Fatima Devotions after
10am Mass and Rosary

DEATHS



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

Marie O'Callaghan, Robinhood Park
Martin Lynch, Rockfield Park

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

ADORATION

This Thursday 4th February there will be
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **in
the Sisters' Oratory**

Morning: 10.45am to 11.45am

Evening: Hour of Prayer 8pm to 9pm **in
the Church.** All are welcome

FEAST OF ST. BRIGID - TOMORROW

Liturgy for 10am Mass organised by the
Transition Students of Coláiste Bride
under the direction of Michelle Dooley,
Blessing of St. Brigid's Crosses, Walk to
the Well and back to the Pastoral Centre
for tea/coffee hosted by the students.

ANNIVERSARIES

Tuesday 2nd February

10.00am Mary Martin

Thursday 4th February

10.00am Kathleen Mucha

Sunday 7th February

10.30am John Lynch, 30th An
Monica Lernihán and
Michael Lynch
Pauline Cahill

12 Noon Rory McDonnell
Michael and Eileen

O'Connor, 10th An
Elizabeth Martin, MM

5.30pm John Quinlan, 3rd An

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 30th January

6.30pm Susan Murphy 1st An

Sunday 31st January

11.00am Winnie Mulhare An.

Joe Byrne An.

Elaine Boohoon An.

CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

I would like to thank most sincerely those
who supported the sale of Christmas cards in
aid of Dystonia, a little known disease which
affects the muscles in both children and
adults.

A cheque for €544 is going to Dystonia
Ireland.

Thanks again Josephine Scannell.

HOUR OF PRAYER

The next Hour of Prayer takes place on
Thursday 4th February from 8pm to 9pm,
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
prayers for healing and individual blessings
finishing with Benediction at 9pm.

You are invited to come to this hour
where we will gather to pray with you and
for you as we ask the Healing Hand of the
Lord to touch and strengthen us

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.

Booking forms are now available in the
Parish Office and Sacristy

Finally, Fr Shán O'Cuív will again be
our Spiritual Director.

Padraig Doyle, Group Organiser.

ADULT CATECHISM STUDIES

Sunday which is appropriately called the
Lord's Day is the pre-eminent day for
liturgical assembly, when the faithful
gather to listen to the word of God and
take part in the celebration of the
Eucharist, which is the centre of the
Christian Sunday. It is the day which is
specially set apart for worship and rest.

The church building which is God's
dwelling ought to be a worthy place for
prayer and sacred ceremonial in which the
Eucharist is celebrated and reserved,
where the faithful assemble, and where the
presence of the Son of God is worshipped.

Wednesday 3rd February at 7.30pm in
the **Pastoral Centre**, upstairs 'The Seven
Sacraments of the Church', paragraphs
1210-1245.

Ronan

MONDAY CLUB

This week it was great to welcome back
Frank and Anne Hegarty. It is hard to
believe that it's this time of year again
when we are preparing to celebrate St.
Brigid's day on next Monday 1st February

It was great to see so many in the club
eager to learn how to weave the rushes into
beautiful crosses. Thank you Frank and Anna
for preparing the rushes so neatly and for
your patience and skill in this ancient art of
making the customary crosses. Your visit is
much appreciated by us all.

Thanks to my brother Jimmy Foley
who managed to get more than enough
rushes for us.

Next week the students from Transition
Year will be doing all the preparations,
Mass, procession to the well and
afterwards to tea and coffee and maybe
entertainment as well!

Hopefully there will be a great turn out
and let the weather do us a favour by
not raining!

Kathleen R.