

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT – A HERO IN LIFE AND IN DEATH

(FEAST DAY 1ST JULY)

Oliver Plunkett was born in 1625 near Oldcastle, Co. Meath and was ordained a priest in Rome in 1654. He quickly rose to prominence and began his work as Archbishop of Armagh in 1670.

An overview of the historical context gives us some idea of just how bad things were when St. Oliver Plunkett began his work.

Luther's reformation had happened in 1517 about 150 years beforehand. Henry VIII's reformation in England happened in 1534 roughly 20 years after Luther's break with the Church. With Henry VIII the history of Ireland took a turn for the worst. Persecution and war had ravaged the church and impoverished the country.

As Archbishop Plunkett began his work in 1670 most dioceses had no bishop, the monasteries were closed and the morale of the clergy had collapsed leaving many parishes in disarray.

Oliver Plunkett rectified this with great energy. Through his leadership the morale of the clergy improved and they began to care for the people in their parishes more effectively. He set up schools and systematised the administration of the Sacraments. He himself personally confirmed 40,000 people.

The energetic reforms Oliver Plunkett introduced were already bearing fruit when a new wave of persecution was unleashed in 1680. The Archbishop was arrested, as the authorities feared that the success of his work would lead to a Catholic Revival in Ireland. At first he was imprisoned in Dublin and then transferred to London. After a travesty of a trial he was sentenced to death for treason. He was executed at Tyburn in 1st July in 1681 a martyr for Ireland and its Catholic faith.

He was the last man to be executed for the faith in England. There were many decent English people who saw in his death a travesty of justice and that a true follower of the Gospel would not inflict such suffering on any person simply because of their religious faith. Oliver's death was a new beginning. 150 years later in 1829 the anti-catholic penal laws were removed thanks to the efforts of another Irish man Daniel O'Connell.

It was a long and rocky road but thanks to these men we now have the freedom we take for granted in our society.

St. Oliver Plunkett pray for our people, our country and for the faith you kept alive in your heroic martyrdom

Fr. Padraig

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Olivia Malone aged 5 and with help from her mum who rightly told us that God and the Sacred Heart of Jesus never rests. Congratulations Olivia! Your prize is waiting to be picked up by you from the Sacristy after Mass today.

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

St. Oliver Plunkett was Archbishop of when he was arrested. You will find the answer in Fr. Padraig's story on St. Oliver

Your entries to ellenteresacoyne@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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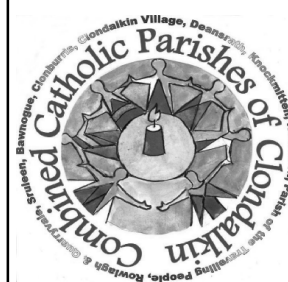
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FATHER DES ORDAINED ON AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

Fr. Des Byrne along with three Holy Ghost confers and four American Resurrectionists were ordained in Rome on the 4th July 1954 by Archbishop Baccarini. Des then made the long overland journey back to Baltinglass to celebrate Mass for the first time. Des initially ministered in Nigeria for many years before returning to Ireland in 1968. Des has worked in Greenhills and Kimmage parishes and since 1998 in Knockmitten. In Knockmitten he has generated a great trans-generational affection where he is admired and respected. This Sunday 5th July he will be celebrating Mass in his native town, Baltinglass, with extended members of his family where his faith journey began in February 1927.

At the opposite end of the vocation journey I represented the parish at the diaconate ordination of Stephen Kennedy. Stephen, a parishioner, also made final profession of vows to the Institute of The Incarnate Word. Stephen's parents Valerie and Brendan along with his sister and other members of the family were also present. It was a very moving ceremony. Interestingly, the other newly ordained deacon was Nicholas Grace from Cabinteely. Father Séamus phoned me on Tuesday after meeting with Archbishop Dairmuid Martin to inform me that he would be staying with us here in the Clondalkin Group of Parishes, a decision that will be received with great joy here.

Pet owners of the parish will sympathise and empathise with Sean Brown, a member of the sacristy team whose little dog Jessie, died last Sunday night. Jessie was a regular visitor to our church when he guided Sean on his early morning journeys to unlock the church.

Father Damian

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to:

Jonah Jameson Lawler, Mill Park

recently Baptised.



ADORATION

This Thursday, 10th July, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

IN THE CHURCH: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am **and from** 7pm to 9pm

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Please note: new rosters available for collection from the Sacristy

EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday 9th July the Rosary Mysteries of Light will be recited in the Prayer Group at 7.30pm prior to Prayer Meeting starting at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre and all are welcome.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

An Intercessory Prayer group meets to pray **each Tuesday 7.30pm to 8.30pm** for the Clondalkin Group of Parishes (CCPC). Please come and pray with us
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre
Date: Tuesday 8th July
All are welcome

NOTICES

Monday 7th July

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Lectio Divina under the direction of Sr. Anne is now on its summer break.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Lisa Williams and Daniel J. Javanagh
Linda Kearns and Colin O'Connor

recently married.



DEATHS

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

Robert Hayden, Floraville Avenue,
Bernadette Lacey, Hazelwood View,

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

CHURCH DUTY

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

Altar Linen: Kay Lee

Flowers: Marie Harrington from 12th July (Teresa Green and friend Carol have just completed their first two week stint of looking after the flowers – our appreciation)

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 7th July

7.30am Kieran Murphy

Friday 11th July

10am Rita O'Sullivan

Sunday 13th July

7.30pm(Vigil) Willie, Larry and Pat Nixon

10.30am Desmond Mahon

12 Noon Nora Keogh B/day Rem

Bridie and Sean Foran

Frances Griffin 1st An

Kieran Aungier

Bill Caddle, and Paddy and

Peggy Sherry.

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5th July

6.30pm Charlie O'Connor An.
Deceased members of O'Connor Family
Susan and Kathleen Byrne An.
Deceased members of the Byrne Family.

Sunday 6th July

11.00am Paul Bradshaw An.
Dessie Lawlor B.R.
Rosemary Mc Kenna B.R..

Competition Winner

Congratulations to competition winner Naoise Sullivan your prize can be collected after Mass on Sunday.

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima (originally Clondalkin Parish 8 days Pilgrimage to Fatima for the past 24 years)

Date: 11 – 18th September

Spiritual Director: Rev. Fr. Owen Lambert CSSp

Hotel: Domus Pacis, Fatima

Fare: €725 per person sharing

Further details from Eileen Carty, 4574832

CLONDALKIN TIDY TOWNS

Clondalkin Tidy Towns are holding a number of competitions this summer to help our entry in the National Tidy town's competition.

The categories are as follows: **Best Estates Entrance, Best Front Garden, and Best Shop Front**

Presentation of prizes will be held on Friday 26 September 2014. Application Forms and further information available on line: www.clondalkintidytowns.com or from the Parish Office.

Agnes O'Neill

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL

Youth 2000 Festival, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Thursday 14th to Sunday 17th August invite all young people aged 16 – 35 to a not to be missed experience Catholic faith Festival. The Festival has been nicknamed the "Holy Oxygen" with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year.

The Festival is "donation" only! Free buses will be available from towns throughout the country.

For more information and to book on line see www.youth2000.ie or phone 6753690

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel from Sunday 7th to Friday 12th September. If you know of someone in the community who might benefit from the pilgrimage, please get in touch with us as soon as possible.

Geraldine, (Phone 01 837 6820), will be able to give you more information and send you or to the person you have in mind, an Application Form.

The cost to the Pilgrimage for the care of each sick pilgrim is in excess of €1,000 but because of the generosity of the people in the parishes through the Associate Membership, we are able to offer a much subsidised fare of €460. Nobody will be turned away because of inability to pay the full but specially subsidised fare.

Fr. Martin Noone
Pilgrimage Director

(Associate Membership forms are available in the Parish shop for people who would like to contribute to the above pilgrimage. Names are recorded and all monies are sent to the Diocesan Office. Your intentions will be remembered during the pilgrimage)