

ST KILLIAN – FEAST DAY 8TH JULY

Not much is known about the Patron Saint of our Parish, St. Killian. What is known is that he was not typical of the Irish monks who had their golden age at that time. He was a missionary more than a monk and he did most of his work in Southern Germany in the region of Bavaria.

Killian was born in the Cavan area around the year 600AD. In Europe it was the era of the Dark Ages but in Southern Germany Christianity was beginning to take root thanks to the efforts of missionary monks like St. Killian. Killian and his companions travelled in a dangerous environment where pagan tribes fought one another for political dominance. Missionary monks evangelised by travelling from village to village unarmed and with only a minimum of provisions for their own use.

In many cases the pagan inhabitants were suspicious of these strange visitors but came to admire their courage and commitment in coming to their communities. Added to this was that these missionaries took the trouble to learn the local language and local customs of the people. The witness they gave to their vows of poverty, celibacy and obedience was also impressive. These tribal communities gradually came to believe that the Christian God that St. Killian and his companions spoke of must be a very powerful God indeed if he chose such good living and gentle men to be his missionaries. They seemed so vulnerable and unprotected and yet the witness they gave was so powerful in word and deed that they won many converts.

In spite of the success the work was dangerous. This was the era of the Dark Ages after the collapse of Rome and tribal wars frequently broke out. St. Killian and two of his German companions were put to death in one such outbreak of violence in 689. Their mortal remains are still venerated in the city of Wurzburg and Killian of course is the patron of our parish in Clondalkin. He was a great

evangeliser in dark and dangerous times and so we pray for his intercession for our community that we will live the light of the Gospel with energy and commitment.

Fr. Padraig

MASS AT ST BRIGID'S WELL

Fr. Mike and the Srulleen community invite all to join with them at the celebration of Mass at St. Brigid's Well next Saturday morning (26th July) at 7am. It is our pilgrimage of climbing the reek!

We are asking people to make a "Pilgrim Walk" from where you live to the well. There is a cuppa and scone for all the Pilgrims after Mass on site.

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €1,725 – your planned giving contributions this week.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

We had no entry last week so we are repeating the quiz as we think it is more relevant now.

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

On the last Sunday every July (next Sunday) crowds of people visit the REEK. What is the REEK and WHY GO THERE?

(Answers in the Newsletter)
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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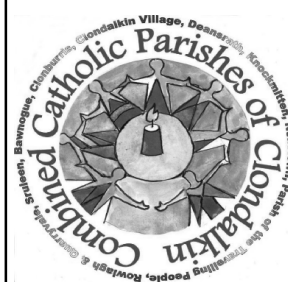
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CELEBRATIONS AND COMMISERATIONS

A rapturous reaction from a full congregation of all ages greeted Father Des Byrne as he entered the Church of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, Knockmitten last Saturday to celebrate the 6.30 Mass. Regular readers will recall that the previous week Des returned to Baltinglass, County Wicklow to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood with his family and the celebration in Knockmitten was with his 'second' family. In his homily, Des spoke of his time in Nigeria and how the seeds sown there have blossomed into a vibrant local church and while he appreciated the good wishes towards him it was to Jesus that all the praise and glory was due.

Moyle Park English Language School celebrated forty years since its foundation. A Mass of thanksgiving was celebrated in the college on Monday evening. The foresight of Brother Declan Duffy in starting the project by linking in with Marist Colleges firstly in Europe and then in South America to bring students to Clondalkin was very much in evidence with a multinational congregation giving thanks to all who built up the 'Summer School'

The presence of younger members of Round Tower GAA at the funeral of James 'Jem' Nolan, president of the club, who died at the age of 92 was a testament to the hard work of previous generations. On Friday we had the funeral Mass of Eamonn McGonigle. Eamonn was a loyal parishioner who could often be found in quiet contemplation in the church praying for all of us. We extend our sympathies to the families and friends of Jem and Eamonn and may they rest in peace.

Fr. Damian.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to:

Saoirse Peaches Morgan, Glenfield Avenue
Tyah Kelly, Cherrywood Villas
Amelia Grace Hanlon, Crabbrook,
Newcastle Rd, Lucan
Diarmuid Michéal Hanley, Knockmeenagh Rd
Ava Lily Gain, Tullyhall Mews, Lucan
Conor Oisín Meehan, Áras na Cluaine
Ellie Louise Hurcombe, Newlands Manor
Park.

recently Baptised.

ADORATION

This Thursday, 24th July, there will be
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
IN THE CHURCH: from after 10am
Mass to 11.45am
and from 7pm to 9pm

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: Rowlagh Community Room
Date: Tuesday 22nd July
All are welcome

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rita Arnold
Altar Linen: Catherine Sherwin
Flowers: Marie Harrington from 12th to
24th July, Kathleen Cosgrove 25th July
(Weddings Friday and Saturday)

NOTICES

Monday 21st July
Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am
Mass and Rosary.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Anne Marie Smyth and John O'Brien
Carolyn O'Brien and Noel J. Collins

recently married.

DEATHS

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

Eamonn McGonigle, Knockmeemagh Rd
Pauline Young, Floraville Avenue
Jim Nolan, Knockmeenagh Rd.

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 21st July

10.00am Mary Lambe

Tuesday 22nd July

7.30am Bridget Malone
10.00am Nicholas McNulty, 1st An

Thursday 24th July

7.30am Molly & Bill Dennis & family

Sunday 27th July

7.30pm (Vigil) Richie Meehan, 12th An
Kitty Boland, 10th An
10.30am Mary Cashin
Joey McConnell. B/day Rem
James and Blanch Courtney
Michael Pollard
12 Noon Imelda Gillernan, 1st An
Rose and Nicholas McNulty
Capt. Hugh McGrillen and
son Hugh McGrillen
Robert (Bob) Hayden, MM
And on the Happy Occasion
of the 50th Wedding
Anniversary of Eamonn
and Dymna Boyce
5.30pm Eamonn Currvan, 3rd An

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Sunday 20th July

11.00am Joe Byrne (An)
Paul Kelly (An)
Brendan Dwane (An)

Competition Winner

Congratulations to competition winner
Jessica Kenny your prize can be collected
after Mass on Sunday.

MASS IN THANKSGIVING IN THE PRAYER GROUP

This Wednesday, 23rd July Fr. Seamus
McEntee will celebrate "Mass in
Thanksgiving" at 8.15pm in the Pastoral
Centre and all are welcome.

PARISH WEBSITE

The Parish Website can be visited on
www.clondalkinparish.com for Parish
information

FR. MARTIN (MONTY) RYAN RIP

We have just learned of the death of our
well loved and respected past Parish Priest
Fr. Monty Ryan.

Monty had been with us for more than
20 years and even though he retired to his
beloved Cashel fourteen years ago he is
remembered fondly by all who knew him.

He was renowned for his sense of humour
but most of all for his care of his
parishioners. When in Lourdes with him I
was astonished to find he knew everyone in
the parish, not out of anything but concern.

We pray that he is now united with the
many characters that he bantered with
including Eamonn McConigle.

We send sincere sympathies to his
family and many friends.

Ní beidh a léitheid arí ann!
May he rest in peace!

CLIMBING CROAGH PATRICK

The tradition of pilgrimage to this holy
mountain stretches back over 5,000 years
from the Stone Age to the present day
without interruption.

The mountain is 764 metres (2,507 ft)
high and is climbed by pilgrims on Reek
Sunday every year, which is the last
Sunday in July

Croagh Patrick has been a site of pagan
pilgrimage, especially for the summer
solstice, since 3,000 B.C. It is now a site of
Christian pilgrimage associated with Saint
Patrick who reputedly fasted on the summit
for forty days in the fifth century A.D.
Thousands of people climb the mountain
every Reek Sunday, which is next Sunday.

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Our Tea Dance was a huge success and I
hope you all had a wonderful time. A special
"thanks" to the RAMS from Newcastle for
the wonderful music, and to their wives for
attending and our own Sean Coughlan. Also
"thank you" to Barbara, Tom, Michael,
Maura, Ann, Kay, Pam, Sally, Jimmy, Frank,
Maura and Yvonne and sorry if I forgot
anybody, this event would not have been a
success without your help.

The food was absolutely beautiful and
was supplied by Marina from The
Honeycomb Cafe, Bawnogue Enterprise
Centre, which is really worth a visit.
"Thanks" also to Kenny Egan and Trevor
Gilligan for popping in

We had no club on Tuesday last as the
clubhouse wasn't available, due to the
death of Mr. Nolan, RIP.

Anyone going on the Dublin Bay
Cruise on 22nd July can get copies of the
itinerary from Jimmy behind the bar, or
you can contact Kay Doyle on 01-
4592197, have a lovely day.

Just two more weeks left before our
annual break for the month of August.

Clare Morgan