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CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

This week we welcome back Father Bala from India who has served here before. He will be staying in my house and he is looking forward to seeing his friends here in the village.

Fr. Damian

OUR ROUND TOWER – DID YOU KNOW

Built on the site of a monastery founded by St Mochua in the 7th century, the round



tower at Clondalkin is one of four remaining towers in County Dublin. The tower stands at 27.5 metres high and because the stones used in construction are of a rough undressed variety of local calp limestone, it is

thought to be an early round tower. The drum is also extremely narrow, the diameter being only 4.04 metres at its widest point. A most unusual feature of this tower is the very pronounced buttress at the base of the tower. This buttress is constructed of a different variety of stone to the main tower, which may suggest it was added later. Granite stones were used for the jambs, sill and lintel of the doorway. The fact that the lintel is flat is another feature of the earlier round towers. There is a total of six windows in the tower, of which the four highest face the cardinal points. On the opposite side of the road is the present church of St John which has two early crosses and a granite font which are also remnants of the monastery. The monastery was plundered in 832 AD andafter the Viking king Olaf the White built a fort here in c.852 it was plundered again in 866.

(Taken from the website)

Hi All A very quite week on Tuesday last as most of

our members were on The Dublin Bay Cruise. I hope you all had a wonderful time.

Well we entertained ourselves with a few bars from the wonderful Maura Mannix, Mary and Aidan Dardis and Sean Coughlan, so a good time was had by all.

Now ladies and gentlemen next Tuesday 29th July will be our last meeting for a month, so after the club next Tuesday we are having our "Annual Picnic" in Corkagh Park. Can you all bring your little bit of food and refreshments will be provided and hopefully it will be a good day, and who knows we might even have a song or two from the usual suspects. For all you ladies and gentlemen who don't have cars that won't be a problem, just come to me next Tuesday morning and it will be sorted. Have a good week.

Regards Clare

CHILDREN'S CORNER

We had no entry again this week! Let us know what we are doing wrong!

THIS WEEK'S OUIZ

The month of August is dedicated to Our Lady under what title!

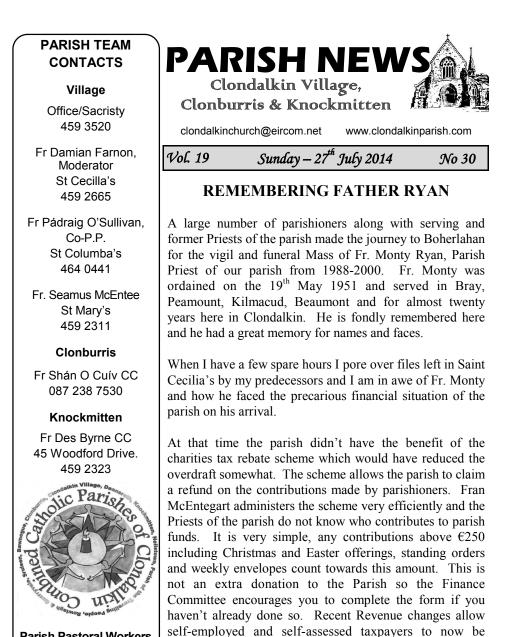
The answer is found in this Newsletter

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.



included in the scheme.

Parish Pastoral Workers (for the Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin)

> Peter Sinev 089 461 4226

Christopher Okereke 457 3546

welcome. May he rest in peace.

Not everyone was able to attend Fr. Ryan's funeral due to

previous commitments or holidays so we will have a Mass

for Fr. Monty on the Saturday 23rd August at 19.30. All are

WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to Lisa Kernan and Ronan Lafford

recently married.

DEATHS

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

Peter Tracy, Moorfield Lawns

recently deceased. May he rest in peace.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rebecca Duggan and Betty Byrne **Altar Linen:** Vera Pidgeon **Flowers:** Kathleen Cosgrove 25th July to 7th August, Aileen Skelton from 8th August (Weddings Friday and Saturday)

NOTICES

Monday 28th July

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 29th July

The Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 11.00am. New members are welcome.

Wednesday 30th July

Prayer Meeting in Pastoral Centre at 8pm and all are welcome

Friday, 1st August

First Friday, Masses 7.30am and 10am. Masses are offered for all whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead

Saturday, 2nd August

First Saturday, Fatima Devotions after 10am Mass and Rosary

ADORATION

This Thursday, 31st July, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: **IN THE CHURCH**: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am **and from** 7pm to 9pm. All are welcome

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks $\notin 1,205$ – your planned giving contributions this week

CARETAKER VACANCY

Phibsborough Parish is looking to fill the post of Church Caretaker. Duties include: general maintenance of the Church community building. house and surrounding buildings, some painting and general repair work, maintenance of garden, equipment and storage facilities. References must be supplied (one personal and one from last employer) and Garda Vetting Application. Job is permanent on a part-time basis. Successful candidates will serve a probation period. Please send your CV and covering letter by Thursday 31st July to: Parish Priest, St Peter's Church, Phibsborough, Dublin 7 or by email: info@stpetersphibsboro.ie

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 28th July

10.00am Imelda Gillernan, 1st An

Thursday 31st July

7.30am Thomas, Monica and Thomas Jnr Foley

Sunday 3rd August

7.30pm (Vigil) Eileen Smith 10.30am Teresa Hogan Marie Dunne 12 Noon Tessie Healy

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 26th July 6.30pm Kevin Blackburn B.Rem.

Mick McGowan An, John and Anastasia Manifold An.

Sunday 27th July 11.00 Paddy (

Paddy Guerin An. Margaret Gleeson An. Eileen O'Doherty An.

Competítíon Wínner

Congratulations to Kieran and Cormac Gavin competition winners your prize can be collected after Mass on Sunday.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

No Meeting until Tuesday 12th August

MEMORIES

I recently visited Knockmitten Church for the celebration of sixty years since Father Des was ordained. I remembered, as though it was yesteryear, the land as it was before the bulldozer came to cover the fields with concrete and brick.

When we moved to Clondalkin the fields that lay beside our house were still being used for grazing. Often in the early morning, when I went into my garden, the cattle would be gazing at me over the thin wire that divided us from the field. Their beautiful liquid eyes stared at us uncomprehendingly. In cold weather the vapour from their breath hung like floating cobwebs.

The hawthorn bushes shed white petals carpeting the fields as though with snow. When the land was planted with crops, dark barley leaves moved in graceful dance and regimented rows of cabbages and potatoes made stretches of green paths. The chug, chug of the tractor raised swirls of brown dust against a crimson sunset.

Phyllis McCarthy

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY

Next meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society will be held on Wednesday next, 30th July in the Pastoral Centre, upstairs after 10am Mass and Rosary. New members especially welcome.

MONTH OF AUGUST – MONTH OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



Thursday is the last day of July and the Month of the Precious Blood has ended. August is the Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Through the Sacred Heart Devotion, we remember

Jesus' love for us. In the Immaculate Heart, we unite our hearts with Mary in loving God.

We will have a banner displaced in honour of Mary for the month of August

JUST A THOUGHT

Don't look for the flaws as you go through life

And even if you find them

'Tis wise and kind to be sometimes blind And look for the virtues behind them (In response to our plea for contributions last week! Contributor wishes to remain anon)

CLONDALKIN TIDY TOWNS -SUMMER GARDENING AND SHOP FRONT COMPETITION

The closing date is fast approaching. Get your entry in before 1st August. Application Forms available on our website. Leave completed form at the Church Office or with a member of the committee. Agnes O'Neill

Secretary