

## PRAYER AND ALMSGIVING – PART 2

A useful suggestion to an effective prayer life is to consider a Holy Hour in front of the tabernacle or in front of the exposed Blessed Sacrament. This is an effective way of building on the two sustaining sacraments, Mass and Confession. Not everyone is up to doing an hour at first—they may be living a very busy life with responsibilities to work and family. But starting off small is better than not starting at all. Even 5 minutes of sincere prayer for those who live busy stressful lives can be the foundation for pushing out the boat a little further later on.

During our time of prayer we can do anything – we can pray formally using the Rosary, devotional prayers, the Stations of the Cross or we can pray informally – almost chatting to God as a friend speaks to a friend. We can read the bible, do Lectio Divina or spiritual reading. We can read the Divine Office – the prayer of the church and we can keep a spiritual journal. Pope John Paul used always bring a pen and paper with him to prayer so that he could write down reflections and insights that came to him during his prayer time. We can pray alone or with a group and of course we can pray in song and music.

First come and then go. First we must come to the Lord in prayer and then go out into our busy world to love our neighbour as ourselves. First the word and then the deed – first the prayer and then the action! That is how the key unlocks the door. Prayer empowers us to be effective in the charity we show our neighbour and in case we forget it, it also helps us to love ourselves. We cannot love our neighbour unless we love ourselves and we cannot love ourselves unless we love our neighbour. We cannot do either of these two things unless we love God first in prayer

Fr. Pádraig (Continued from last week)

## CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Our three full days Summer break will commence on Thursday morning 25<sup>th</sup> July. We will be leaving Clondalkin on our private Coach to The Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny, Co Donegal. During our stay, we will enjoy daily coach tours, one of which will be to Daniel O'Donnell's house----- (we might even drop in for a wee drop of tea)!!!!!!!

There will be plenty of entertainment each evening. The full cost of the trip is €259, single supplement is €18 per night. We will arrive home on Sunday afternoon. Book now to avoid disappointment!

Thomas

## FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €2,550 – your planned giving contributions this week.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

## THIS WEEK'S QUIZ



Our church is dedicated to two saints, one of whom his Feast day is tomorrow;

1. What is his name
2. Which country did he go to tell the people about Jesus?

Your entries by email – [ellenteresacoyne@eircom.net](mailto:ellenteresacoyne@eircom.net) or 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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# PARISH NEWS

Clondalkin Village,  
Clonburris & Knockmitten



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## LUMEN FIDEI

Lumen Fidei, or the Light of Faith, is the title of the first encyclical of Pope Francis, published last Friday. The encyclical, or Papal letter, has been written by the current Pope and his emeritus; Benedict XVI. In conversation with the Council of the Synod of Bishops, Francis said that the draft provided by his predecessor "is a powerful document, although I will say that I received this great work: he [Benedict] began it and I carried it forward." It is another reminder to us, in this Year of Faith, of the importance of nurturing and helping our faith to grow and mature.

When we are Baptised and presented with our Baptismal candle, lit from the Paschal Candle – the symbol of Christ as the Light of the World – our parents and godparents are told that this light is entrusted to them to be kept burning brightly so that we may walk as a child of the light. The hope of Baptism is that the flame of faith will be alive in our heart. What might you do, during the remaining months of this year of dedication to our faith, to keep that flame alive and burning brightly in the things you do and say? What might help to shed light on your faith? Where are the dark places where your light of faith needs to shine? How might you become more responsible for your faith and seek to mature in it? Perhaps a first step might be to consider taking some time to read and reflect on what Pope Francis says in his first encyclical (which should be available from the Vatican website: [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va))?

## ADORATION

This Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> July Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be **in the:**

**Church :** from after 10am Mass to 11.45am

**Church:** 7pm to 9pm and all are welcome

### EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July, the Rosary – Mysteries of Light, will be recited in the Prayer Group prior to Prayer Meeting starting at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre and all are welcome.

### DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The damage caused by the floodwaters was quite extensive in the Domain itself and in the Grotto area, work began immediately and this enormous effort resulted in only the Limerick Diocesan Pilgrimage being forced to cancel. All subsequent pilgrimages have and are travelling as normal including our own Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage, which takes place from 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> September next.

If there are any sick people who wish to travel on the Special Section for the Sick, in particular those who have never travelled to Lourdes before, then please call the Pilgrimage Office on (01) 8376820 where application forms are available.

## NOTICES

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 7.30pm. New members are welcome

### Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July

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:

Charles Ferry, Cherrywood Avenue  
Leo Halfpenny, Riversdale Rd  
Joseph Desmond, Knockmeenagh Rd  
Noel Geraghty, St. John's West

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

## CHURCH DUTY

**Cleaning:** Bernardine Wynne, Veronica Bayly, Tracy Whelan and Josephine Hearty  
**Altar Linen:** Vera Pidgeon

**Flowers:** Kathleen Cosgrove to 11<sup>th</sup> July, (Weddings Thursday and Saturday)

## GAA ROUND TOWERS MEMORIAL MASS

The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Mass for deceased members will be held in the Clubrooms on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm. Celebrant is Fr. Damian and all are welcome

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July

7.30am Kieran Murphy, 35<sup>th</sup> An

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July

10.00am David and Rita O'Sullivan

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

10.00am Kieran Kelly, An. and Birthday

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July

7.30pm (Vigil) Emanuel Goodwin  
10.30am Eileen McCormack  
James, Paddy and Noel Kirwan  
12 noon Desmond Maher  
Noel Hoare

## CLONBURRIS

### Mass Intentions

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July

6.30pm Paul Bradshaw (An)  
Charlie O'Connor (An)  
Deceased members of the O'Connor and Byrne Family  
Patrick Murphy (An)

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July

11.00am Rosemary McKenna (Birthday Rem)  
Michael & Joe Byrne (An)

### Competition Winner

Congratulations to Naoise Sullivan this week's winner. Your prize can be collected after Mass today.

## “FATIMA” CLONDALKIN PARISH PILGRIMAGE

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September 2013

**Hotel:** Domus Pacis

**Fare:** €699 per person sharing – single supplement €175

Deposit €200 non refundable

For further information please contact:

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## AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH SHOP

“The Rising of One's Self” by Siobhan Ní Donnadha as well as “The Irish Catholic” is on sale in the Parish Shop. Also available are lamps – sanctuary and grave. Sanctuary lamps, are usually bought by parishioners and donated for that special intention, are lit continually in front of the tabernacle. Grave lights are very popular especially during the times of the blessing of graves. **Please note: blessing of graves in Newlands Cemetery on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm**

## ST. KILLIAN – FEAST DAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Tomorrow, we celebrate the Feast of St. Killian, one of the patron saints of our church. Trying to find any association with Clondalkin I failed. Perhaps someone can enlighten us.

Killian (or Cillian), was an Irish missionary bishop and the apostle of Franconia, northern part of Bavaria, where he began his work towards the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> century.

He is the patron saint of the parish of Tuosist, near Kenmare, where he is believed to have lived before travelling to Germany.

The oldest texts which refer to him are an 8<sup>th</sup>-century ‘list of the dead’ at Würzburg.

Killian was born to noble parents about the year 640 in Cloughballybeg, near Mullagh, Cavan. Some records state that Killian served as a monk in the celebrated monastery at Iona. He began his education in Roscarberry, and completed it in County Kerry.

In the summer of 686 Killian, with eleven companions, travelled to Rome to receive missionary permission from the Pope, and arrived in late autumn. From there they travelled to the castle of Würzburg, inhabited by Duke Gozbert, who was, like his people, still pagan.

He took this town as the base of his activity, which extended over an ever-increasing area in East Franconia and Thuringia, and converted Duke Gozbert with a large part of his subjects to Christianity.

Killian told the Duke that he was in violation of sacred scripture by being married to his brother's widow, Geilana. When Geilana, whom Killian had failed to convert to Christianity, heard what Killian said against her marriage, was so angry that, in the absence of the duke, she had her soldiers sent to the main square of Würzburg, where Killian and his colleagues were preaching, and had him beheaded, along with two of his companions.

So perhaps Germany does owe us!!