THE ROAD LESS TRAVELLED – THE PATH TO HEAVEN (PART 2)

When I was growing up 40 or 50 years ago it was different – we had our heroes. John F. Kennedy, Michael Collins, Pope John XX111 and we accepted them even if they were flawed. One key characteristic of all great men and women is their acceptance of sacrifice and in accepting it they are doing the Christian thing. They gave something significant of themselves for the good of others and with no guarantee that it would be reciprocated. This is what is missing in today's celebrities – there is little evidence of sacrifice and where there is no sacrifice there is no depth, only superficiality. Of course ultimately it is always reciprocated and our faith tells us that the more that is given, the more is given back – not always in the way we expect or in the time we expect.

In his inaugural address President John F. Kennedy said "Ask not what your country do for you but what you can do for your country." With these words he lifted America out of the doldrums of the 1950's to a new era of energy and optimism. 20 years earlier Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the British people that he could promise them nothing but blood, sweat and tears to overcome the crisis they were in. In saving these words Churchill had a nation at his feet as he galvanised his beleaguered people to resist and ultimately overcome the Nazi threat. These two examples illustrate that we don't always like what is easy. We are rather attracted to what is difficult because that which challenges us fires us up. When Christianity says "Take the road less travelled and the challenges inherent in it" it thrives. When it says "take the easy road", it withers.

Yet in spite of all the superficiality and soullessness of contemporary society there are heroes right here in our parish community. But because they are God's idea of heroism they don't get any

publicity. Their reward will be given to them in God's own time. The good that they are doing right now is unstoppable and will live beyond the grave. We pray that we too will persevere in our faith in the ups and downs of life and find in it the great adventure that life in the spirit is meant to be.

Fr. Padraig (continued from last week)

PILGRIM WALK AND MASS

As one of the events to celebrate Year of Faith all are invite to "Pilgrim Walk and Mass" to St Brigid's Well (Boot Road) Saturday next, 27th July at 7am (Cuppa on offer after Mass)

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €1,926 – your planned giving contributions this week.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

This week's quiz



In today's Gospel we read about two sisters, Mary and Martha. What did Mary do? Your entries by email

Your entries by email ellenteresacoyne@eir com.net by Tuesday or to the Sacristy by

Wednesday morning at the latest!

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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PERMANENT DEACONS

First of all let me declare an interest in this issue. I was very fortunate to obtain a ticket for the Dublin versus Meath match last Sunday. I discovered very late in the week that throw in would be at two o'clock. Baptisms in our church are held on the second Sunday of the month and with eight babies for Baptism beginning at 12.45 there would be no way I would be finished before throw in. Joe Walsh the permanent deacon in Lucan South Parish offered to stand in for me. Some parishioners asked what exactly a permanent deacon is. Archbishop Martin speaking at the recent ordination of three deacons said "This evening's ceremony is an important event in the life of the Archdiocese of Dublin as we ordain three further permanent deacons who will serve our diocese and our parishes. Together with the eight permanent deacons ordained last year, the Church in Dublin witnesses in your ministry another step in the restoration within our Church of the ancient order of permanent deacons, following the indications of the Second Vatican Council. We are still rediscovering in our pastoral practice what the contribution of deacons to Church life is. The Vatican Council, in fact, considered the restoration of the ministry of the permanent deaconate as one of its most significant achievements. The areas of ministry which may be entrusted to deacons fall under three general headings, Altar, Word and Charity. The more public dimension of their ministry is assisting at the Altar and officiating at Baptisms, weddings and funerals but equally important is their collaboration with Parish Pastoral Workers and Parish Pastoral Councils

Water the flowers

An urgent appeal from Clondalkin Tidy Towns to water the flowers and trees recently planted by C.T. T. located near your home. Volunteers meet at Tuthills car park Tuesday and Thursday at 18.30 and Saturday and Sunday at 10.00

Fr. Damian

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to:

Breena Elize Pelser, Dubai Feidhelm Michael Yeates, Monastery Heath Green

Bonnie Frances Curtis, Liffey Way, Lucan Fionn Colum Tighe, Allendale Green, Clonsilla Nancy Matilda Janica Patricia Camacho Ribeiro O'Loughlin, Oakwood Grove Louis Beck Conroy, Cappamore

Patryk Roman Gaworek, Monastery Gate Lawns

Mollie Jane Dunne McNally, Commons Rd Robyn Ava Durran, Monastery Heath Green

recently Baptised.

ADORATION

This Thursday, 25th July Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be **in the:**

<u>Church</u>: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am <u>Church</u>: 7pm to 9pm and all are welcome

EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday 24th July the Missionary Rosary will be recited in the Prayer Group at 7.30pm prior to Prayer Meeting stating at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre and all are welcome.

"LECTIO DIVINA" ON HOLIDAYS

"Lectio Divina" under the direction of Sr. Anne is now on its summer break and will resume in the autumn.

NOTICES

Monday 22nd July

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

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

WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Evelyn Woodley and Michael Bennet Niamh Scully and Alan Dunning

recently married.

DEATHS

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

Charles Terry, Cherrywood Avenue Darren Thorpe, c/o Shancastle Frances Griffin, Castlebaggot Mary Ward, Alderwood Grove

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rita Arnold

Altar Linen: Angela Minihan

Flowers: Maura Gaffney to 25th July: Marie Harrington 26th July to 9th August (Weddings Thurs, Fri and Sat – flowers supplied by Wedding Party on Thursday)

ANNIVERSARIES

Tuesday 23rd July

10.00am Mary Walsh

Sunday 28th July

10.30am

7.30pm (Vigil) Mamie, Larry and Marie

Nixon

Richie Meehan, 11th An

Maura Millist Mary Cashin

Mary Dunne, B/day Rem

12 Noon Nicky and Rose McNulty

Margaret (Gertie) O'Brien, 3rd An Bill Caddle, 21st An

Paddy and Peggy Sherry

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 20th July

6.30pm Joe Byrne 30th An.
Mick McGowan An.
Paul Kelly An.
John and Anastasia Manifold An.

Sunday 21st July

11.00am Kevin Blackburn B.Rem.

Joe Byrne An. Paul Kelly An.

"FATIMA" CLONDALKIN PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Date: 11th to 19th 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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FRANCISCAN 3RD ORDER MEETING

Next meeting on Saturday, 27th July (10:30) in front room - Presentation Convent

New members are always welcome and especially in this year of Evangelisation in Catholic Church. St. Francis responded to the call to 'Repair My Church' back in the 13th Century at a time of fall-away & showed us a way of following by his spirit of love and self giving.

A PLEA FROM THE "TIDY TOWNS" COMMITTEE

Even though the weather has been glorious and we are thankful for it and hopefully it will continue, concern for the flower baskets is mounting. To keep them alive the volunteers of Tidy Towns ask for your help. The baskets nearest to you including the ones outside the church would benefit greatly if someone would take on the task of watering them in the evenings or early morning.

THE SANCTUARY IS LOOKING FOR CHOIRS!

To break the Guinness World Record for the most Carol Singers under one roof singing Christmas Carols!

We are recruiting Choirs now!

If you are a member of a Choir or Choral Society and are interested in participating in this event call 0860243808 or email lauren@starschoirsandcarols.ie.

A very special evening of Christmas Carols and Festivities will be taking place in Croke Park 19th December from 7pm to 9pm, hosted by Miriam O'Callaghan.

ORDER OF MALTA CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

Knights of Malta is a Catholic lay religious order of, traditionally, a military, chivalrous and noble nature. It is the world's oldest surviving order of chivalry.

Today the order has about 13,000 members; 80,000 permanent volunteers; and 20,000 medical personnel including doctors, nurses, auxiliaries and paramedics in more than 120 countries. The goal is to assist the elderly, handicapped, refugees, children, homeless, those with terminal illness and leprosy in five continents of the world, without distinction of race or religion. In several countries—including France, Germany and Ireland—the local associations of the Order are important providers of first aid training, first aid services and emergency medical services.

In February 2013 the order celebrated its 900th anniversary with a general audience given by Pope Benedict XVI and a Holy Mass celebrated by Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone at Saint Peter's Basilica.

The members of the Order here in our parish will take up a church gate collection after all Masses next weekend and ask for your continued support.