SACRAMENT -WHAT DO WE MEAN?

Catholic Church, 'The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us'.

According to Catholic teachings, sacraments do what they say they do. Because of God's power, they simply work, Catholics believe.

According to Catholic teaching, sacraments use all kinds of human objects, words, and gestures, but all of these point beyond themselves to something greater, to God and His grace.

Catholics define grace as God's free gift of His presence, His help, and His salvation.

Catholics believe, then, that sacraments point to and are channels of God's grace. They work as an effective means of communication between God and His people.

The sacraments are instituted by Christ.

The sacraments are also entrusted to the Church. People who receive the sacraments actually share in the divine life of God. His presence enters into their souls, He helps them to live the Christian life, and He saves them so that they may reach eternal life.

According to the Catholic faith, the sacraments are a gift from God, given through the Church as an outpouring of His love. He meets His people where they are in order to draw them up to Him, He pours out His grace, He builds up the Church and He receives worship.

In the last few weeks in the "Newsletter" we have emphasised the word "SARAMENT" in Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and "Sacrament of Marriage"

AUDITIONS FOR MAYNOOTH **GOSPEL CHOIR**

According to the Catechism of the Auditions for Maynooth Gospel Choir take place on 16th August in Maynooth Community Space, near Tesco.

Further details and applications forms can be found on their website www.maynoothgospel.com or by contacting 087-468 8344.

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

We had the wonderful Sean Coughlan with us on Tuesday last, great song and dancing, thank you Sean.

Last Wednesday we had our summer party in The Laurels, and what a turn out we had. We had another Active Retirement Group from Tallaght. The Silver Surfers, which turned out to be a great evening. Thank you to Damien and his staff at the Laurels and Kay and her staff for the fabulous food. Also thank you to Finbarr Coady, what an entertainer you are.

Just to let you know we will be doing this all over again on Wednesday 28th October, which will be a fancy dress for Halloween, so you have enough time to get vour costumes ready.

Well just one more week and we close for the month of August. In the meantime next Tuesday we are having a little Hooley in Corkagh Park at about 11 am, all welcome. It was great to see new members, I hope you enjoyed yourselves, you are all very welcome to Clondalkin Active Retirement. Thank you all for your support over the last year.

Clare

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.

PARISH TEAM **PARISH NEWS** CONTACTS Clondalkin Village, Village **Clonburris & Knockmitten** Office/Sacristy 459 3520 clondalkinchurch@eircom.net www.clondalkinparish.com Fr Damian Farnon. Sunday -26^{th} July 2015 Vol. 20 No 30 Moderator St Cecilla's Living the joy of the Gospel 459 2665 Building Our Community of Faith Fr Pádraig O'Sullivan, Co-P.P. We have been asked by Archbishop Martin to lead the way in a St Columba's new initiative of his, entitled Living the Joy of the Gospel, to 464 0441 help strengthen and secure our parish and ministerial teams going into the future. At all Masses, you have been hearing Fr. Seamus McEntee about this very important initiative that will have a direct impact St Mary's on our parish, as well as helping to develop pastoral teams 459 2311 across the diocese, promote vocations and provide resources for our priests, as we move into newer and more challenging Clonburris times for our Faith community. Fr Shán O Cuív CC 087 238 7530 I am fully committed to *Living the Joy of the Gospel*. May I invite you to share in my commitment to this historic Knockmitten effort and join me in making it a wonderful success, ensuring our parish is fully resourced and will continue to Fr Des Byrne CC flourish for generations to come. 45 Woodford Drive. 459 2323 I'm happy to update you and to tell you that that we have already raised over €100,000 in pledges towards our goal of €365,000 from parishioners whose support we greatly appreciate. As a guideline for us to reach our goal we need 75 more families and individuals to consider pledging €2 a day over the next 5 years. I know some may be able to give more,

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

> Peter Sinev 089 461 4226

Christopher Okereke 457 3546

With my blessings and prayers, Fr Damian Farnon

while others less, please consider a gift at whatever level is

Pledge forms can be found at the back of the church and

returned to the boxes marked Living the Joy of the Gospel, or

to the parish office. If you have not vet received an Information

pack I encourage you to do so. They can be picked up from the

appropriate to you. Every gift will make a difference.

tables at the back of Mass or the Parish Office.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to. Karen Delaney and Mark Kelly

who received the Sacrament of Marriage recently

ADORATION

This Thursday, 30th July Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the Church: Morning: from 10.45am to 11.45am **Evening:** from 7pm to 9pm All are welcome.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rebecca Duggan and Betty Byrne Altar Linen: Teresa Covne Flowers: Kathleen Cosgrove, 1st to 14th August

Cleaning teams please note: Materials needed please leave list of required items for the attention of Veronica Bayly in the Sacristy marked "Attention of Veronica"

NOTICES

Monday 27th July

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 29th July

Lectio Divina under the direction of Sr. Anne in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass. The Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 11.00am. New members are welcome.

Wednesday 30th July

Prayer Group meet in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm. All are welcome.

Thursday 31st July

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed 12 Noon in the Church at 3pm. All are welcome.

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

DEATHS

Nancy Domican, Barry Carroll. Sr. Gabriel, Kilkenny, formerly Presentation Convent

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

As part of the four hundredth anniversary of the Parish we will have some special events this year. Saint Killian, our patron was a native of Mullagh, County Cavan.

We are having a pilgrimage to Mullagh on Saturday the 10th of October.

The following Sunday the 18th October, Mission Sunday, the Papal Nuncio will celebrate the 12.00 Mass here in the Village.

Please put both dates in your diary.

ANNIVERSARIES.

Tuesday 28th July

Brendan Comisky 1st An ..7.30am 10.00am Imelda Gillaran

Thursday 30th July

Marie Byrne B/day Rem 10.00am

Friday 31st July

10.30am

Tommy Curran 7.30am 10.00am Thomas Martin

Sunday 2nd August

..7.30pm (Vigil) Eileen Smith Marie and John Dunne Teresa Hogan Tony O'Toole 20th An Helen and Edward Tier Don Nicholl 6th An

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 25th July 6.30pm Mick McGowan An. John and Anastasia Manifold An.

Sunday 26th July

11.00am Margaret Gleeson An. Eileen O'Doherty An. Paddy Guerin An.

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY

The next meeting of St. Joseph's young Priest's Society will be held on Wednesday, 29th July aft1er 10am Mass in the Pastoral Centre . New members always welcome.

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE 2015

Date: 9th to 16th September **Spiritual Director:**

Fr. Owen Lambert CSsp Hotel: Domus Pacis Fatima Fare: €765 inclusive of all taxes Single room supplement €175 Further information from: Eileen Carty, 11 Orchard Rd, Ph: 4574832

"MEDITATION"

"Meditation" every Wednesday 8 to 9pm in Rowlagh Parish Church.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND SAN **GIOVANNI ROTONDO**

The Pilgrimage will take place **Thursday 1**st October 2015. The price of €1,099 includes return flights from Dublin, 4 nights on full board basis in San Giovanni, 3 nights in Rome on B&B basis, luxury coach and a guide. Our Fr. Damian will accompany the pilgrimage as spiritual director.

Interested? Call Fr. Damian or Imelda Farrell - 01 4965357 /087 2402756

CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR 9 CLONDALKIN PARISHES

This Tuesday 28th July Intercessory Group praying in the Parish Pastoral Centre 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

Come along if you can to join us in praying for the needs of our whole group of parishes.

PRESENTATION SISTERS' ASSOCIATES

We thank all parishioners who supported the collection for the foreign missions - this amounted to €576.76 from Clondalkin, Knockmitten and Clonburris. Your continued generosity is an inspiration to us.

The Sisters in the Phillipines and Slovakia will put it to good use Sincere "Thanks"

Mary Dardis

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS CONFERENCE (ages 18 – 40)

All Hallows College, Dublin on the 29th & 30th August 2015.

> 2 days non-residential: €40 Residential: €55

Contact Liam: 086 8888918 Declan: 085 8032848 www.facebook.com/deus.patria

LECTIO DIVINA AND CHRISTIAN MEDITATION RETREAT

Orlagh Retreat Centre, Old Court Road, Dublin 16. August 2^{nd} (6pm) – August 8^{th} (2pm). A six-day retreat led by John Byrne OSA, Kieran O'Mahony OSA and Dr. Bernadette Toal. Fee €425 (residential).

For further information and booking contact John in Orlagh Tel 01 495 8193 / email john@orlagh.ie. Website: www.orlagh.ie