

CALMING THE STORM JESUS HUMANITY AND HIS DIVINITY – PART 1

In the calming of the storm on the lake from 8th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew we access the two natures of Christ, His humanity and His divinity are both displayed together to reassure us of His presence among us as the God Man. There were some in the early church who doubted Jesus' humanity. These were the "Gnostics" who were also sceptical about human nature. Their main gripe was that Jesus could not have been human. God would never humiliate himself as to become a flesh and blood creature like us. And He would certainly never allow himself to be humiliated by a death on a cross. The Gnostics maintained that Christ was totally divine and his life on earth was only a sort of appearance or a vision.

Yet the truth is that Jesus was both fully human and fully divine. The Gospels repeatedly bear this out – He was at times hungry and thirsty just like us. He felt pain of grief at the death of his friend Lazarus. He knew the loneliness of being isolated, misunderstood and rejected as happened so often with the Pharisees. In the Gospel account of the storm on the lake we come across Jesus humanity in a very powerful way – He was so tired He fell asleep on a boat in the storm. If Jesus was not human, He could never have been real for us. It was His humanity that consolidated His presence among the people of Israel 2000 years ago. And it is His humanity that consolidates or concretises His presence among us now. If Jesus was not human then Christianity would have degenerated into an irrelevant abstraction – a nice theory about how to live life but no more than a theory.

The story is told of the child who is trying to sleep through a thunderstorm. In fear he calls out to his mother and she

rushes to his bedside to reassure him. "Don't worry son, God is with you" she says. Then came the child's reply "Yes but I want a God with skin on". So even a child understands that Jesus has to be human to be real and His humanity is literally what puts skin on him.

Fr. Padraig
(Continued next week)

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

We are glad to report that there is a pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 25th August.

Departing Clondalkin Village at 8am the trip will include an evening meal in Knock and we should be returning at approx 10pm

Cost for coach and dinner will be €45 per person.

Further details from:

Lieut. Ann Marie Langan, Order of Malta, 0866039274

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Eimear Monaghan is this week's winner. We are wondering why the number of entries has fallen. Will you let us know?

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

In today's Gospel one of the followers of Jesus asks him a question. What was the question?

Your entries by email – ellenteresacoyme@eircom.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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WELCOME FR. ASIF

The parish extends a special welcome to Fr. Asif Malik from Pakistan. Fr. Asif who studied liturgy in Maynooth and worked in Rowlagh Quarryvale parish now teaches liturgy in the seminary in Karachi. He comes to Dublin every summer to escape the heat of his native country, to renew friendships and acquaintances and to supply for us during July and August. We have not altered our Mass schedule in any way this summer and I thank the priests of the neighbouring parishes who help out along with Fr. Con from Ballyfermot and Fr. Aidan from Newcastle who preside at the nine O' clock on Sunday.

This heretofore informal cooperation between our neighbouring parishes will be put on a more formal setting in September. I received a letter from the Archbishop in which he wrote that the parishes of Clondalkin Village, Bawnogue, Deansrath, Neilstown and Rowlagh-Quarryvale will become a group of parishes. We already cooperate in many areas through our membership of the Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin. We welcome Fr. David Halpin as co. P.P of Rowlagh-Quarryvale and Neilstown. Our very own Fr. Padraig O' Sullivan will become the co. P.P of the Village Parish in September. We all work very closely with our two Parish Pastoral Workers Peter and Christopher and with the Parish Pastoral Councils. The leadership of Fr. John Dunphy in this area has been excellent and I will be sorry to see him go but I wish him every blessing in his future ministry. I will be taking over the role of Fr. John in early September in the role as Moderator of the grouping of parishes.

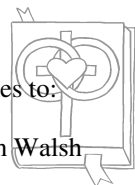
Fr. Damian

WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Caroline Bennett and Jonathan Walsh
Eithne Ryan and Jack Troon

recently married.



ADORATION

This Thursday, 1st August Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the: **Church** : from after 10am Mass to 11.45am **Church**: 7pm to 9pm and all are welcome

“FATIMA” CLONDALKIN PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Date: 11th to 18th September 2013

Hotel: Domus Pacis

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

Deposit €200 non refundable

For further information please contact:

Eileen Carty at 4574832

NOTICES

Monday 29th July

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

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

Wednesday 31st July

Prayer Group meets in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm and all are welcome

Friday 2nd August

First Friday, an additional evening Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm. All Masses are offered for those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.

Saturday 3rd August

First Saturday, Fatima Devotions will take place after 10am Mass and Rosary

DEATHS

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

Nicholas McNulty, St. Killian’s Park
Anne Morris, Yellow Meadows Grove

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Betty Byrne and Rebecca Duggan

Altar Linen: Deirdre Alexander

Flowers: Marie Harrington to 9th August

Aileen Skelton 10th August to 22nd August

(Wedding Friday)

MONTH’S MIND REMEMBRANCE

The month’s mind Mass for Joe Desmond takes/took place this morning, 28th July, at 10am in Arbour Hill Chapel

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 29th July

10.00am Brendan Nagle, 4th An

Wednesday 31st July

7.30am Tom and Tommy Curran

10.00am Maura Millist

Thursday 1st August

7.30am Thomas Martin

10.00am Edward and Helen Tier

Sunday 4th August

7.30pm (Vigil) Patrick Plunkett

Sheila and Teddy O’Byrne

Cecilia and Alan Napier

Brigid Byrne, B/day Rem

and An

Victor O’Gorman, 12th An

10.30am Marie Dunne

12 Noon Teresa Hogan

Aidan Flood, 3rd An

Tess Healy

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €1,925 – your planned giving contributions this week.

CAKE SALE



Next Sunday, August 4th we will hold a Cake Sale after all Masses. We hope to have a variety of “goodies” to whet your appetite. The proceeds will go in aid of Youth Projects by CYC and we need your support and generosity.

Sonya Connolly

REFLECTION

We should try to keep our hearts open to the suffering and wretchedness of other people and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the Spirit of God.

St. Vincent de Paul

WHAT DOES ORDINARY TIME MEAN?

Ordinary Time refers to the period of the Catholic Church’s liturgical year that fall outside of the major seasons (Christmas, Easter and Pentecost), and because of the connotations of the term “ordinary” in English, many people think Ordinary Time refers to the parts of the Church year that are unimportant. But nothing could be further from the truth.

Ordinary Time is called “ordinary” because the weeks are numbered. The Latin word ordinalis, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word ordo, from which we get the English word order. Thus, Ordinary Time is in fact the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting nor in penance, but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage takes place in September and the organisers are appealing to you to become Associate Members by making a contribution to help defray the cost of bringing the sick on pilgrimage. Your contributions may be made in the Parish Shop after Mass where it will be recorded and forwarded to the Diocesan Office and your intentions will be remembered during the Pilgrimage.

CROAGH PATRICK - TODAY REEK SUNDAY

The traditional pilgrimage to this holy mountain stretches back over 5,000 years from the Stone Age to the present day without interruption. Its religious significance dates back to the time of the pagans, when people are thought to have gathered here to celebrate the beginning of harvest season.

It was on the summit of the mountain that Saint Patrick fasted for forty days in 441 AD and the custom has been faithfully handed down from generation to generation.

And yesterday the people of Clondalkin came together at St. Brigid’s well for Mass at 7am. We invite anyone who attended to send us on a report and hopefully photos.

INDOOR BOWLS

Clondalkin Indoor Bowling Club (Short Mat Bowls) has an open night every Wednesday night in the Scout’s Den, Watery Lane. First night free - Time: 7.30pm-9.30pm. Newcomers specially welcome. Have fun learning a new sport in pleasant company. Suitable footwear required i.e. flat shoes or carpet slippers. Contact: Siobhan Rooney Tel: 4570951