LOVE YOUR ENEMIES – FIGHT EVIL BY DOING GOOD

We all go through periods of life when there are troubles and difficulties. It often is difficult people who are the underlying cause. You could say that these difficult people are our enemies and yet Jesus tells us to love them – seems like strange advice.

We may ask why this difficult person is causing such problems. It may be in the family, at work or in the neighbourhood. Why do I have to work with such a disagreeable person or why do I have a neighbour from hell or if not from hell at least from purgatory. I have had these issues in my own life -no one escapes them. I often remind myself of what St. Bernard said to his Cistercian monks on his visiting the monasteries - "if you don't have a difficult monk in your community then go out and get one". It seems outrageous but as is so often with the Christian life there is something sensible about it hidden in the paradox. The difficult people in our lives can teach us something and bring God's grace. They can teach us forbearance, they can teach us to be Christian.

Jesus had to deal with exasperating people – he had enemies. All the great saints did their best work in adversity which was usually caused by other people who misunderstood them.

The Americans have a saying "Adversity is a tonic" –Because it pulls the giant out of us, drags greatness out of us.

Jesus loved his enemies but he was no wimp. He was a fighter but he fought in the right way. He refused to hate, he never sought revenge. The Pharisees were very nasty to Jesus on Good Friday but he was not nasty back – he forgave them from the Cross.

That is what we have to do, love our enemies but that does not mean giving into them. We stand our ground with courage and persistence. Jesus was no wimp and we his followers are not called to be doormats.

Jesus loved his enemies, he refused to take revenge, he was the ultimate forgiver and the forgiver is the winner. It is the same with us, with God on our side we will ultimately be the winners!

Fr. Padraig

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Our club members bussed it to Punchestown evening race meeting, A new experience for many of us !!! On arrival, we were treated to lunch, enjoyed by all, then it was down to the business of picking the winner of each race, I, for one came home with less in my pocket than I arrived with!!!!

A memorable event last Tuesday, much controversy was caused with some of the answers to the table top quiz, in particular one question asked which is the most intelligent animal in the world? (Think about it), and it's not a monkey!!!!

Don't forget we have an afternoon tea dance coming up on 9th July, more info later.

Clare

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Emma Ní Bháicéir is this week's winner. Congratulations Emma! Your prize is waiting to be picked up by you from the sacristy after Mass today.

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

Today is the Feast of Corpus Christi. What does that mean?



Your entries by email 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.

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SHINE JESUS SHINE

Recently, I read about a business owner in the USA complaining that his business received no state funding, until someone questioned him as to who paid for the roads and street lighting leading to his factory. During the week I managed to cover a lap of Corkagh Park most days and appreciated the way the park is maintained by the parks department of South Dublin County Council. The variety of sports played every day, the families with picnics, the pet farm and the fishing lake almost made me glad that I paid the local property tax!!!! In our society which is becoming increasingly individualistic and maybe even isolationist, there is a temptation to think only of oneself or my little group. Even within church circles this can occur. For example a concern only for 'my' Mass or 'our' parish without an appreciation that we a part of a wider parish, area and diocese.

An example of the opposite of this outlook is the work of the Apostolic Works Society who provides vestments and altar linens for chapels, churches and parishes in parts of the world where congregations cannot afford to buy liturgical items. We can take all this for granted a bit like Corkagh Park or the street lighting. If you are going on holidays over the next couple of months and you visit churches or attend Mass would you make a note of how Mass is celebrated or bring back their newsletter and leave in the parish office.

Enjoy the sunshine.

Fr D

ADORATION

This Thursday, 26th June, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Sisters' Oratory: from after 10am Mass

to 11.45am

Church: 7pm to 9pm

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

An Intercessory Prayer group meets to pray **each Tuesday 7.30pm to 8.30pm** for the Clondalkin Group of Parishes (CCPC). Please come and pray with us

Venue: Rowlagh Parish Community Room

Date: Tuesday 24th June All are welcome

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rita Arnold Altar Linen: Vera Rogers Flowers: Teresa Green 28th June (Weddings Friday and Saturday)

"THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL"

The National Charismatic Conference will take place on the 28th - 29th June (Saturday 10.00 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. and Sunday 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.) in the Concert Hall, RDS (Angleasa Road Entrance). Main celebrants are Archbishop Martin and Bishop Martin Drennan, main speaker is Ralph Martin. Cost: Full Weekend €30, Saturday €20 and Sunday €15. For further information Tel: 021 4251100 or email: bridgetdunne@eircom.net

NOTICES

Monday 23rd June

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 24th June

Lectio Divina under the direction of Sr. Anne in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Natalie Doyle and Patrick O'Driscoll
Ann Marie Doyle and David McManus

recently married.

EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday, 25th June, the Missionary Rosary will be recited in the Prayer Group at 7.30pm, prior to Prayer Meeting starting at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre and all are welcome

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

"The primary source of support for the Apostolic See should be in offerings freely given by Catholics throughout the whole world, and by other persons of good will" (Letter of Pope John Paul II to the Cardinal Secretary of State, 20 November 1982).

The term Peter's pence, in its Latin form, first appeared in 1031. It was called Peter-pence because a penny from every house was collected.

Next weekend at all Masses we continue the custom – the collection we replace the Share Collection

ANNIVERSARIES

Wednesday 25th June

10.00am Joseph Desmond

Sunday 29th June

7.30pm (Vigil) Pat McDaid

Anthony Carr Gerard Maguire

Mary and Josephine Maguire and deceased members of

Maguire Family

10.30am 12 Noon Joe and Madge Sheerin Betty Griffin

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 21st June

6.30pm John Sheridan B.R.

Sunday 22nd June

11.00am Josephine Kennedy An.
Pat Downey An..

"END OF YEAR" MASSES

Tuesday, 24th: 11.30am Scoil Áine Wednesday, 25th: 11.00am Scoil Íde Thursday 26th: St. Joseph's School Friday 27th::10.00am Scoil Mhuire

WALK FOR IRELAND

The 2014 Dublin to Drogheda nine day novena prayer walk for Ireland and her people, starts Ely House, Ely Place 4pm next Saturday 28th June visiting sites of interest in the lives of the Dublin beatified martyrs and will progress up the coast over the following 8 days to arrive Sunday July 6th at St. Peter's Church Drogheda to meet the official procession with the relics of St. Oliver Plunkett followed by Mass 4pm: beatifiedmartyrs@gmail.com or 0862097330 or see porch notices for details, All welcome.

"OPERATION TRANSFORMATION"

Come join former Olympic boxer Kenneth Egan, Operation Transformation leader Siobhan McKillen and RTE's Mary Kennedy among others for the final event in South Dublin County Sports Partnership's Ramble Aid series, a 10km fun run/walk on Sunday June 29th at 11am in Corkagh. Entry is just €10 with proceeds going to The Carers Association, Ireland's national voluntary organisation for family carers in the home. Parking will be provided. For full details and to register see www.rambleaid.ie

PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION OF THE SACRED HEART

Pioneer Total Abstinence Ass of the Sacred Heart are having a Recruiting Drive after all the Masses next week-end. There will be a representative in the Parish Shop taking names from all those interested in becoming members. This is a special Devotion to the Sacred Heart whose feast will be next Friday. All ages accepted from 12 to 100 years.

Betty McDaid

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima (originally Clondalkin Parish 8 days Pilgrimage to Fatima for the past 24 years)

Date: 11 – 18th September

Spiritual Director: Rev. Fr. Owen

Lambert CSSp

Hotel: Domus Pacis, Fatima **Fare:** €725 per person sharing

Further details from Eileen Carty, 4574832

36TH ANNUAL CLUB MASS

The 36th Annual Club Mass for Deceased Members will be celebrated in the Clubrooms, Clondalkin by Father Damian Farnon Parish Administrator on Wednesday 2nd July at 8.00pm.

The Club Committee wishes to invite all members, past and present and also relatives and friends of deceased members to attend and asks that if possible, people be seated by 7.45pm.

While every effort will be made to notify personally the large numbers of people involved, the Committee would welcome your assistance in spreading the word to former Club members who may have moved from the locality.

Tommy Keogh

(Additional car parking space is available in St Josephs Boys School)