

## ST. JUSTIN, MARTYR AND HIS "APOLOGIA"

St. Justin Martyr was one of the early Christian martyrs born about the year 100 in Palestine. As a young man he was taken by the philosophy of the Ancient Greeks. This was a good starting point for what he was to achieve later but on its own it had its limitations. The Greeks did a good job at answering the big questions in life but Justin discovered that ultimate truth and reality eluded them.

Human cleverness on its own eventually falters and gets stuck in the mud. In his frustration at the gaps in natural philosophy Justin turned to this strange new religion, Christianity and at the behest of an old man who was a committed disciple he found the answer he was looking for.

The meaning of life was not to be discovered in the endless speculations of natural philosophy but in the person of Jesus himself.

Our natural cleverness needs the supernatural grace given to us from the presence of Christ and our faith in Him to get us over the bump that philosophy cannot overcome.

Justin went to Rome where he began writing and teaching. He found that philosophy could be used very effectively as a means of conversion if it is combined with our knowledge of God as taught to us by Jesus and inspired by the grace of the Holy Spirit. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> time that faith and reason came together as a powerful means of redemption thanks to the writings of St. Justin Martyr. He was the first to write a book of Christian Apologetics in which he defended the faith in a very reasonable way from the misinterpretations that were doing the rounds in Rome at that time. The church has always had a tradition of Apologetics right down to the aftermath of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council.

The main drawback of Catholic Apologetics at that time was its dogmatic

tone and it disappeared the late 1960's. It is now making a comeback in a revitalised and updated form which is persuasive rather than dogmatic.

St. Justin Martyr was so good at defending the faith in his Apologia that he was denounced to the authorities and died a martyr's death in 165AD. We pray for his intercession for all those who are searching for the truth that they may find it in the harmonious integration of faith and reason.

Fr. Padraig

### "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:

Eileen Carty at 4574832

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

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



#### This week's quiz

In the gospel reading Jesus asks his followers who do they think he is, **who does Peter say he is?**

Your entries – to the Sacristy by Wednesday morning or to [ellenteresacoyne@eircom.net](mailto:ellenteresacoyne@eircom.net)

by Tuesday evening

### 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 CONTACTS

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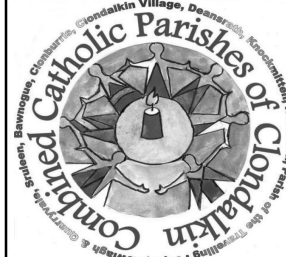
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# PARISH NEWS

Clondalkin Village,  
Clonburris & Knockmitten



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## SQUARE BASKETS

The bright boys and girls of first class in Scoil Áine, along with their teacher, gently reminded me that the baskets we use for the Share Collection are not square but rectangular. Speaking of collections, despite the challenging economic situation, the collections taken up at Mass are holding their own. However the Planned Giving offering is down by 10 per cent. This is the collection we take up via the envelopes and standing orders. At the most recent meeting of the Parish Finance Committee the extent of the decline of the income of the parish was revealed. This is due of course to the worsening economic climate, emigration, the death of long standing parishioners and the declining numbers attending Mass. We as a parish are very fortunate to have generous parishioners. However, we are also aware that there may be regular worshippers here who do not live in the parish. If you would like to talk about contributing to the Planned Giving collection please contact the Parish Office.

This week I received the annual report from the Apostolic Work Society. This small, dedicated and committed group meet in Scoil Mhuire every Monday afternoon. The four active members, supported by a further twenty five honorary members, play a vital role in supplying Mass kits and other requisites for churches in the developing world. When we need something for one of our three churches usually we just go out and purchase it, confident that the money is there to meet the bills. Many Eucharistic communities have to save for months or even years for basic items such as Altar Cloths, Crucifixes, linens, etc.

Fr Damian

## BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to:

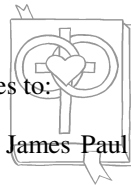
Noah James Boylan, Knockmeenagh Rd  
recently Baptised.



## WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Natalie Marie McAuliffe and James Paul Hannigan  
Cindy Ward and Michael Ward



recently married.

## ADORATION

This Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> June Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be **in the:**

**Sisters' Oratory:** after 10am Mass to 11.45am

**Church:** 7pm to 9pm and all are welcome (School Mass at 11am)

## FR. JIM'S "THANK YOU" MASS

We will have the privilege and opportunity to say our "thanks" to Fr. Jim next Saturday at 10am Mass. Fr. Jim certainly deserves our "thanks" for the many years he gave us undivided service during his time in the parish.

## "PETER'S PENCE" COLLECTION

"Peter's Pence" Collection next weekend will replace the Share Collection. The money collected is used by the Pope for his various charities

## CHURCH DUTY

**Altar Linen:** Mary Leonard

**Flowers:** Aileen Skelton, Kathleen Cosgrove from Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

"THANKS" to the person who gave in much appreciated donations of flowers over the last two weeks

(Church in use: Mon, Thurs. Fri. – school Masses, weddings Thurs and Friday)

## NOTICES

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

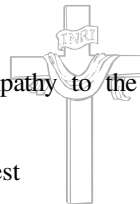
Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 7.30pm. New members are welcome

## DEATHS

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

Neil Doran, St. John's Rd West

recently deceased. May he rest in peace.



## CLONDALKIN PILGRIMAGE WALK

The combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin cordially invite you to join our pilgrim walk to Church of Immaculate Conception, Clondalkin Village on July 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:30pm

**Start Place:** Church of the Transfiguration Bawnogue or Church of St Peter the Apostle, Neilstown

Both groups will meet at the Civic Offices Finish with Mass in Village Church at 5.30 p.m.

Refreshments afterwards and all welcome!

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

10.00am Bridget Dee

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June

7.30am Vincent Kells, B/day Rem

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June

7.30pm (Vigil) Pat McDaid

9.00am Theresa Daly

12 noon Joe Moloney

Larry Barr, 1<sup>st</sup> An

## CLONBURRIS

### Mass Intentions

### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

6.30pm Fr. Paddy Finn M.M.  
Rita Mc Carthy B.R.  
Josephine Kennedy An.

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

11.00am Pat Downey An.  
Dolores Farrell An.  
John Sherridan B.R.

### Competition Winner

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

## ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY

Please note: next meeting on Wednesday morning, 26<sup>th</sup> June, after 10am Mass and Rosary in the Pastoral Centre and new members always welcome

## "THE GATHERING" 2013

Past and present players, members and supporters are invited for the "GATHERING" on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June in Round Towers GAA's Club at 8pm

The night will bring old team-mates and friends together and will feature footage and pictures from times past. All welcome

## ART EXHIBITION AND AUCTION

"Frames etc" are delighted to invite you to their Art Exhibition and Auction. Áras Chrónáin will be transformed into an "Art Gallery" for the weekend. Local artists will have their artwork on display and for sale.

The Exhibition will be open from 11am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday, 29/30 June. It will culminate with an auction on Sunday evening.

Please phone Cathal O'Donoghue 4429289, email info@framesetc.ie. Proceeds of the event will go to Tidy Towns

## EARLY START TO PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, Missionary Rosary will be recited in the Prayer Group at 7.30pm prior to Prayer Meeting at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre and all are welcome

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SAYS "THANKS"

The Immaculate Conception Conference would like to thank the members and committee of Newlands Golf Club for their wonderful donation of over €1000, the proceeds of their Golf Classic. This will enable many families here in our own community to enjoy visits to the zoo, cinema, day trips, McDonald's and swimming, during the summer holiday period.

Rita Carroll

## CLONDALKIN VILLAGE FESTIVAL

The Village Festival, organised by Clondalkin Chamber of Commerce and South Dublin Co. Council, will be held next weekend starting on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June until Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> and will feature activities for all. Programme of events is available at the back of the church.

## NATIONAL CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE 2013

"Make my Word your home" is the theme for this year's conference which will be held in City West Hotel next weekend 29/30<sup>th</sup> June – Saturday 10am to 8.30pm, Sunday 10am to 4pm

**Speakers:** Fr. Fio Mascarenhas is from India and has preached healing retreats and conferences all over the world.

Margaret Duncan, Scotland & Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will celebrate Mass on Sunday. For further information contact NSC Office 01-66 70 570 Sr Bridget 021 425 1100