# PRAYER AND ALMSGIVING (PART 1)

Early in the "Sermon on the Mount" Jesus highlights the importance of almsgiving as accounted for in Matthew, ch. 6. Almsgiving is the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the two great commandments of Jesus, to love our neighbour as ourselves. We cannot love our neighbour unless we also love ourselves and we cannot do either unless we love God first.

In an affluent society we would be inclined to think there are a lot of people who love themselves to excess – they seem to be self centred and always looking after No.1. But underneath the surface of brashness a lot of people are very vulnerable - they don't really love themselves. They love themselves even less when the consumer culture we live in tells them they must buy this or buy that, get this or get that in order to be loveable. No one can live up to the ideals of materialistic consumerism and it leaves us feeling miserable when we don't. When we are miserable we are incapable of loving our neighbour. So what is the answer - how do we break the vicious circle of not loving either myself our neighbour?

The key that opens the door is to love God first. We love God in prayer and prayer is best when it is sacra mentally based. The two sustaining sacraments that do this are Mass and Confession. This is what powers us up to do everything else in love of neighbour and love of self. We need two lungs to breath. We need two sacraments to sustain us – Mass and Holy Communion to feed us and confession to heal us.

The Mass is the greatest of all prayers and the great mystics make it the foundation of their prayer life. When we avail of the two sustaining sacraments God's Spirit enters into us to inspire us how to pray, when to pray and how to go about loving our neighbour as ourselves. Then we find a harmony, and balance enters in our lives with regard for the other

activities of life we need to do. We pray well, we work well and we play well. (Continued next week)

Fr. Padraig

# 4<sup>TH</sup> CHURCH MUSIC SUMMER SCHOOL

The Irish Church Music Association will hold their annual church music summer school at St Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare from 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> July 2013 with the theme *Credo Credo Credo Amen* for the Year of Faith. There are many workshops and tutorials on various topics of interest to pastoral musicians. The guest director *is* **Fr. Paul Kenny**, priest of the Archdiocese of Dublin. Further information and registration information from Tomás Kenny (Tel 086 2366521) or **registrar@irishchurchmusicassociation.com** 

# CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

# THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

In today's Gospel Jesus walking along the road meets 3 people



What answer does Jesus give to the 1<sup>st</sup> person who says he will follow wherever Jesus goes?

Your entries to the Sacristy by Wednesday morning or

by email – 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.

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# WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

This time of the year is a time for looking back on the academic year just finished, a time of farewell and moving on. Each one of us leaves a legacy. On Saturday morning we marked the retirement of Fr. Jim McCaffrey. In celebrating his sixty one years of priesthood we reflect on his legacy as a missionary in Nigeria, as a hospital chaplain and finally as a priest here in Clondalkin. In each of those ministries he was an important witness to the Gospel of Christ and the building up of the Kingdom. Fr Jim's ministry is a reminder to us all of the call we each receive at our Baptism to share in Christ's ministry as Priest, Prophet and King and the responsibilities we have as followers of Christ to contribute to the legacy Jesus left: the Church.

Sean McNamara also retired this week after almost thirty five years of dedicated service to Clonburris National School. At the graduation service last Tuesday, the sixth class students paid special tribute to Sean. Sean's legacy to the many students is that of building up the whole person; spiritually, academically and physically to face the world with confidence. Interestingly the two sixth class teachers this year, Ciara Lannigan and Derek Murray, are both past pupils of Clonburris National School. We wish Sean all the best in his retirement and all our pupils and school staffs a very peaceful and safe summer.

Fr. Damian

# **BAPTISMS**

Congratulations and welcome to:

Elizaveta Vasilkova, Donaghmede Sofia Lauren Shaaban, Floraville Lawns Kayla Robinson Nestor, Dumawley Drive Harry Luke Kinsella, Rathgeal Tara May Cahill, Leinster Terrace

recently Baptised.

#### ADORATION

This Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> July Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the:

**Church:** from after 10am Mass to 11.45am **Church:** 7pm to 9pm and all are welcome

# **CHURCH DUTY**

Cleaning: Betty Byrne and Rebecca Duggan

Altar Linen: Catherine Sherwin

**Flowers:** Kathleen Cosgrove to 11<sup>th</sup> July,

Maura Gaffney from 12<sup>th</sup> July

(Wedding Saturday)

# **NOTICES**

# Monday 1st July

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

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

# Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Prayer Group meets in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm

Meeting of parents in preparation for Baptism in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm

# Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July - First Friday,

Additional morning Mass there will be Mass at 7.30pm. All Masses are offered for all whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead

# Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July

First Saturday, Fatima devotions after Monday 8th July 10am Mass

# WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Ann Marie Rogers and Bonne Christian Van der Meer Rachel Gahan and Derek Williams

recently married.

# **DEATHS**

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

Michael Walsh, Rockfield Drive Christina Nolan, Woodford

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

# PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK - NOT TAKING PLACE

The Annual Pilgrimage to Knock, originating from Shruleen is not taking place due to the unavailability of the usual organisers. It is hoped that someone (or two) may take up the reins and a pilgrimage may go ahead before the summer is through. Anyone willing? Please contact Fr. Mike who can introduce you to all information and help.

#### ANNIVERSARIES

# Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Matthew Fitzsimons 10.30am

Fred White Joseph Kearney Vincent Dunne

Terence and Gerard Doyle

12 Noon Sheila Hogan

Josie Collins, 20<sup>th</sup> An Kieran Aungier Joseph Carey, 1<sup>st</sup> An

7.30am Kieran Murphy, 35<sup>th</sup> An

# **CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions**

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

11.00am John and Anne Downey An Joe Gleeson Birthday remembrance

# Competition Winner

Congratulations to Jessica Kenny Age 12 this week's winner. Your prize can be collected after Mass today.

#### OBLATE SUMMER SCHOOL

Spirituality for Everyday Life -- The search for the meaning Led by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser OMI at Aras Mhuire Inchicore Dublin 8, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 10.30am -4.00pm Refreshments available from 10.00am Bring a packed lunch. Tickets free of charge – Donations accepted at door.

For further information: http:// searchformeaning.everbrite.ie

# **3 PEAKS CHALLENGE** PLEASE SPONSOR OUR TEAM!

On 9<sup>th</sup> August 2013, 5 intrepid, some would say crazy, climbers, set off on a challenge of a lifetime. Their task: to climb three mountain peaks - Ben Nevis in Scotland, Scafell Pike in England and Snowdonia in Wales.

They are doing it for the charitable outreach work of Alive Publishing:

- To prisoners through its International Prison Outreach.
- To missionaries through International Faith Outreach.
- To unemployed, recently widowed & those suffering financial hardship through its Cheerful Giver Fund.

To make a donation to the 3 Peaks Challenge all: +44 (0)1782 745600 or send by post to: Alive Publishing, 124 City Road, Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, ST4 2PH. www.alivepublishing.co.uk

# **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.

#### FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thank €2,246, last week and €1,300 this week - your planned giving contributions.

# CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

One of the first things you notice when you enter our Tuesday morning meetings, is the wonderful sound of people talking friends of all ages sharing the latest news of everything that has happened since the previous Tuesday.

Tea and biscuits are in big demand, all adding to a homely atmosphere.

Our group are now in our third year, and although some people join us for short periods, most of the original members remain, of late, many of the more active members keenly involved in the regular line dancing sessions, other popular events would be Country and Western singer Sean Coughlan performing a sing along with the members.

Much talk of late is where and when to take our Summer holiday (News of that soon).

You are welcome to call in any Tuesday morning for a cup of tea 10-12, we are in the Round Towers GAA Club.

**Thomas**