FAITH FORMATION – STUDY OF THE CATHOLIC CATECHISM

The group of 20 who attended the introduction course last Wednesday learned that they are now the 5th of such groups studying the Catechism in the Dublin Diocese. The letter written by St Pope John Paul 11 introducing the Catechism to the universal church is well worth reading and is available at the beginning of the catechism – the letter is included in our home work this week..

MEETING FOR MINISTERS OF THE LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT

A meeting of the Liturgical Environment Ministers and anyone who would like to be a part of the planning for decoration of the church for St. Patrick's day and Easter will be held on Monday 9th March after 10am Mass in the Pastoral Centre upstairs.

We always welcome new, constructive and practical ideas – all welcome

"STANDING AT THE CROSSROADS OF AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT IN 2015"

You are invited to a lecture on the above topic in Renehan Hall, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth on Thursday 5th March at 7.30pm, Speaker Cardinal Peter Kodwo Appiah, Turkson RSVP: Mary Boyce, 015053291

"IN LOVING MEMORY"

In their loving memory, the ashes of Nuala and Seamus McNally, formally of 38 Commons Road, Clondalkin, and Tasmania, are being brought to midday Mass (Today) Sunday the 1st in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Clondalkin. After this Mass, their nephew Father Paul Churchill will have a memorial in their honour and a blessing of the ashes. Mary and James McNally

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

The Pilgrimage will take place **Thursday** 1^{st} October 2015. The price of $\in 1099$ 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

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Thank you Sean Coughlan for the great music at our Club on Tuesday last, it is great to see people happy and having a good time.

We are having an Easter Party on Wednesday 1st April in The Laurels, good food and entertainment from 4 to 8pm, so anyone wants tickets please call me on 086 3274323 as soon as possible.

We have formed a Choir, and we need a pianist to play for us every Tuesday from 12 to 1.30 so if anyone can help us out, we would be very grateful, we can collect you and bring you home, so please give me a call, also we will provide the piano.

It is wonderful that we are having a St Patricks Day Parade in Corkagh Park this year, and please God it will be back in the village next year, so please support this event.

A big "congratulations" to Audrey Hughes on becoming a Nan for the first time, well done Orla and Graham on the birth of your beautiful son CIAN.

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.

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HOME AND AWAY

Hearing a Trinidadian accent proclaiming the Word of God at the Requiem Mass of Kathleen Kelly during the week brought back to me many happy memories of that beautiful country. Some of you know that my younger brother Niall has lived there for fifteen years. During my last visit I noticed that the nearest Church to Niall's house, Saint Cecilia, has daily Mass at 5.45am and the next parish Saint Joseph has daily Mass this Lenten season at 6am. Attending Mass in various parts of Trinidad is a very different experience. The most noticeable difference is the whirring of fans giving some relief from the tropical heat and that sense of belonging to a worshiping community. In our own modest way our parish is attempting to create that here. Baptisms, weddings and funerals should be a celebration of the parish community and not an individual experience. Kathleen Kelly and Brendan Flanagan, both of whom died recently, were full, active and involved members of our Parish worshiping community and one got a sense of that from their funeral liturgies.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Last Wednesday saw the launch of our study of the "Catechism of the Catholic Church". This is a joint initiative with Newcastle Parish and around thirty people attended the opening session. It is a guided study of the Catechism in modular form and if you missed the first night please feel free to come along next Wednesday. The presenter, Mairín Ní Suilleabháin mentioned that there would be some element of prayer and reflection which would take a half an hour a day for five days a week. Whilst this seems a lot, Mairín reminded the attendees that if you follow any soap opera that involves a two to three hour commitment per week and what do you have at the end? I trust Lent is going well for you.

Fr. Damian

ADORATION

This Thursday, 5th March Exposition of We extend our deepest sympathy to the the Blessed Sacrament will be in the: Sisters' Oratory: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am **Church:** from 8pm Mass to 9pm All are welcome

HOUR OF PRAYER – THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 8PM TO 9PM

There will be an hour of prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers for healing and individual blessings finishing with Benediction at 9pm

You are invited to come to this hour of prayer where we will gather to pray with you and for you as we ask the Healing Hand of the Lord to touch and strengthen us. All are welcome!

INVITATION

The Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin "Funeral Ministry" team invite all to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy on Thursday 5th March at 3pm here in the Church.

NOVENA GRACE

The Annual Novena of Grace Prayer in honour of St. Francis Xavier will be recited after 10am Mass from 4th to 12th March. Novena prayer will be available at Church entrances on the 4th

NOTICES

Monday 2nd March

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 3rd March

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. 12 noon

family and friends of:

DEATHS

Kathleen Kelly, Laurel Park Brendan Flanagan, Moyle Park

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rita Arnold and Elsie Naughton Altar Linen: Deirdre Alexander

UP COMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Funeral Ministry: Team meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday in the Pastoral Centre. downstairs St Joseph's School Mass: We welcome the boys and their teachers who will join us for their monthly Mass on Thursday at

10am Pioneer Meeting: Friday in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass and Rosary and

all welcome First Friday: all Masses are offered for

all on the Parish Altar List of the Dead First Saturday: Fatima Devotions after 10am Mass and Rosary

ANNIVERSARIES

Tuesday 3rd March

10.00am Patricia O'Rourke, B/day Rem

Sunday 8th March

10.30am

7.30pm (Vigil) Paul Loughran Matthew Farrell Gretta Priest, 5th An Jack Corrigan Bridie Naughton Eileen Holohan, 49th An Leaia and Eita Leonar Robert and Joan Crookes Angela McGaughey, 10th An

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 28th February 6.30pm Gerard Mc Kenna An

Sunday 1st March

Maphie Molloy An. 11am Annie and William Kavanagh An. Anita Brannigan An.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fr. Seamus will conduct The Stations of the Cross after the 10.00am Mass on every Friday during Lent

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: Parish Pastoral Centre Date:** Tuesday 3rd March. All are welcome

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Rosters now available for collection from the Sacristy! Please return completed form included with the Rosters as soon as possible if interested in taking part in the dav retreat.

"SON OF GOD"

Sacred Heart Film Club continues next Friday 6th March in the Parish Centre, St John's Drive at 7.30 p.m. with "The Son of God." A new and inspiring retelling of the story of Jesus from his birth to his Resurrection with a hauntingly beautiful score, the power of the message of God's love is conveyed with clarity and creativity as one comes to appreciate our Saviour in new ways. All Welcome!

Fr. Mike

LOURDES 2015

Date: 7th - 12th May - 5 nights Hotel: Jeanne D'Arc *Fare:* €750 per person sharing As we are limited to 30 places early booking is advisable. Booking forms are available in the Sacristy, Parish Shop and Office

"REDEFINATION OF MARRIAGE AND THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN"

All are invited to a talk on the 'Redefinition of Marriage and the Rights of Children' by Breda O'Brien of Iona Institute on Sunday March 1st (Today) at 4pm in the Stillorgan Park Hotel. Adrian O'Boyle

MONDAY CLUB

We had a lovely morning and great to see Fr. Seamus in for a cuppa and chat.

We were to have Kay Lee to come and tell us of her recent trip to India but due to unforeseen circumstances Kay sent her apologies and will be with us next week, Monday 2nd

However, Joan Steed very kindly obliged and told us of her recent holiday with her daughter in Australia. She told us of the places visited on the way, Dubai, Singapore and on to places visited in '03. It was very hot there so Joan enjoyed her spas and trips through the forest, to Brisbane, St Stephen's Cathedral and the citv beach.

She told us of how the people are very enterprising with different industries and projects e.g. cheese making, chocolate and many other projects. "Thank You" Joan for your very detailed and humorous account of your holiday!

Next week we look forward to Kay Lee who will tell of her trip to India and meeting with Fr. Bala

Kathleen R.