

NOVENA OF GRACE – GARDINER ST CHURCH

The Novena of Grace: March 4th - Preacher Fr Vincent Vaz SJ, from Mumbai (Bombay) Jesuit Province will take place weekdays (Monday-Friday): 11am 1pm , 5.30, and 7.30 Saturday: 11am,1pm,6pm Sunday: 11am 12.30pm and 3.30pm

NOVENA OF GRACE HERE IN THE CHURCH

Novena prayers, available at the end of the church, will be recited after Mass starting tomorrow 4th March and continues to 12th March

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

It's great to see the daffodils return after such a long cold spell! Hopefully, a change in the weather will soon do away with all the runny noses and chest infections.

Our members main thoughts at the moment are what to wear to the Concert Hall on Monday evening 11th March.(we hope they have the red carpet out)!!!!

This coming Tuesday 5th March, the Marie Keating Foundation will be with us, keeping us informed, by making Cancer less frightening by enlightening.

Everybody welcome

Thomas

ANTI CYBER BULLYING EVENT

There will be an information evening on Cyber Bullying, on Thursday 7th March at 8pm in Moyle Park College.

This talk will be about ensuring that young people know how to stay safe whilst online and that parents, youth workers and teachers are informed of the protections available to young people.

Guest speakers on the night will include leading experts from Facebook and Webwise, who will help explain how to stay safe online and answer any questions you may have.

PRAYER WITH SCRIPTURE DURING LENT

Sr. Anne will help us to explore the Word of God in a prayerful and meaningful way. All are welcome to join us on Tuesday March 5th and Thursday March 14th in the Pastoral Centre from 8 00pm to 9 00pm after evening Mass.

Pastoral Council

APPRECIATIONS

The family of the late Robert Hagerty thanks friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy!

Your presence at the funeral service was greatly appreciated. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Brenda Hagarty

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Emma Carr is this week's winner. Congratulations Emma! Your prize is waiting to be picked up by you from the Sacristy after Mass today. The answers were (1) 14 pictures and (2) the 6th Cinealtás or Veronica wipes the face of Jesus!

This week's quiz

Soon Cardinals from all over the world will gather in Rome to elect a new Pope. Can you tell me what is this gathering called and what is the name of the Chapel

where the meeting will be held?

You will need help from a grown-up.

Your entries to 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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FASTING AND ALMSGIVING

Following on from prayer, two further dimensions to the season of Lent are fasting and almsgiving. Almsgiving is tied closely with fasting. We are familiar with the notion of fasting. However, it is more than giving up food. I heard that some of our younger parishioners have given up Facebook or playing computer games, others give up attending cinema or theater. A greater challenge may be to refrain from complaining, gossiping, grumbling or losing one's temper.

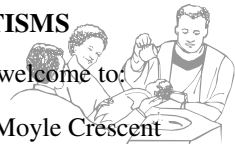
Whatever we give up, the money we save should go to the needy. It should be given away to the missions, the Church, or a worthy charity. In a family with small children it helps to make this a visual practice by, for example, having a Trocaire box the center of the table as a reminder and measure of progress.

It is also considered almsgiving to give one's time and goods to those who are in need, for example; donating time, often our most precious asset, to work in a charity shop or a homeless shelter. I see the Irish Cancer Society regularly looks for volunteers to transport patients receiving chemotherapy.

On Thursday we witnessed Pope Benedict's retirement from the Papacy. The image of the Swiss Guards leaving Castle Gondolfo was a very public reminder of how, on a human level, power moved away. However he said he is not abandoning the Church but will use his newfound free time to pray for the Church.

Fr. Damian

BAPTISMS



Congratulations and welcome to:

Finn William Ryan, Moyle Crescent
Holly Frances Callaghan, Woodford Garth
Dylan Archer Drinkwater, Castle View Rd
Hayleigh Bernadette McMahon Brennan, Riversdale Rd
Calliana Mary Gill Kavanagh, Monastery Gate Lawns
Dylan Robert James Cunningham, Cherrywood Drive
Nathan Bernard Kenny, Willow Avenue
Darcie Lillie Mary Sweeney Sneddon, St. Brigid's Rd
Sophia Lilly Anne Talbot, Griffin Glen Court, Lucan
Brooke Kathleen Kinsella, Blackthorn Hill Drive, Rathcoole

recently Baptised .

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €2,591 – your contributions last week

ADORATION

This Thursday 1st March Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the:
Sisters' Oratory: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am
Sisters' Oratory: in the evening 7pm to 9pm and all are welcome

NOTICES

Monday 4th March
Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.
Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 7.30pm. New members are welcome

Tuesday 5th March
Lectio Divina under the direction of Sr. Anne in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass.

DEATHS

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

Gerard Cleary, Newlands Rd
Gary Clynton, Willow Avenue

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

LOURDES 2013

DATE: Tuesday 7th May – 5 nights
SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Fr. Shán O'Cuív
GROUP LEADER: Pdraig Doyle
HOTEL: Paradis Hotel
FARE: €735 per person sharing
BOOKING DEPOSIT: €100
Early booking advisable as places are very limited

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rita Arnold
Anyone wishing to help Rita please leave name and contact no. in the Sacristy
Altar Linen: Teresa Coyne

ANNIVERSARIES

Tuesday 5th March
7.30pm John Quinlan, MM
Thursday 7th March
7.30pm Matthew Farrell
Friday 8th March
10.00am Eileen Holohan, 47th An
Sunday 10th March
7.30pm (Vigil) Paul Loughran
Rose and James McKenna
Gretta Priest, 3rd An
Jack Corrigan, 9th An
10.30am Mollie and Tommy O'Rourke
Frank Heaney, 5th An
12 noon Angela McGaughey
Martin, Teresa and John O'Hara
5.30pm John Quinlan

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 2nd March
6.30pm Anita Brannigan An

Sunday 3rd March
11.00am Gerard Mc Kenna An.
Maphie Molloy 1st An.
Rose and Peter Connolly An.
Annie and William Kavanagh An.
Sean O'Leary An.

Competition Winner

Congratulations to this week's winners Matthew and Gabrielle O'Doherty. Your prize can be collected after Mass today.

"ENTERTAINING ANGELS"

In this year of Faith come along and be inspired by the remarkable and true story of one great woman of faith who took the Gospel at face value. "Entertaining Angels" tells the moving story of Dorothy Day and stars Moira Kelly & Martin Sheen. Sacred Heart Film Club: Sruleen Parish Centre, St John's Drive, Clondalkin: Friday 8th March at 7.30 p.m.

"LAUDAMUS" CD

A CD – morning and evening prayers sung by the Cistercian sisters and featuring Sr. Mairéad McDonagh who is remembered by many in the parish, - she served as Minister of the Eucharist and was also a reader before leaving to join the religious order.

The CD is on sale in the Parish Shop and costs €15. It would be a lovely gift for anyone especially for Lent and Easter.

While visiting the Parish Shop you make like to donate "Sanctuary" lights for use in front of the Blessed Sacrament for that special intention. Also available are First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards and other religious items.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

The Parish intends to start a faith development programme in this Year of Faith which will be facilitated by Fr Pdraig. These are small group faith development seminars so places are limited (to 8 per group) but, depending on the response, we may start several groups. If you are interested please put your name and phone number on the enrolment sheet in the Sacristy. Names will be taken after all weekend Masses on Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd March. The Seminars will be held in Fr Pdraig's house "St Columbas" on Wednesday evenings from 8pm and will last an hour to an hour and a half. The first session starts on Wednesday 13th March. If you are interested you can put your name and phone number on the enrolment sheet and also collect an information sheet from the Sacristy.

MONDAY CLUB

Kathleen as usual gave us a run for our money with some of her questions last Monday. One very unusual one was "Who has the most bones in the neck - a human or a giraffe"? Thinking it was a trick question we opted for human – but the answer was wait for it... the same number!! Another was what did Oscar Wilde die from? - Meningitis and not the awful wallpaper in his bedroom! It's great to have these quizzes as we learn so much from Kathleen's great choice of subjects – some serious and thought provoking against the fun ones. The winners were: Minnie Murphy, Noel Wall and Joan Steed.

Next week Minnie will host her musical morning so "begone dull care" as we enjoy ourselves and so will you if you come along.

THOUGHT FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH

Pray for respite and care for the homeless in this very severe weather

Joan