APPRECIATION

Vera and Jack Pidgeon and family would like to thank everyone who remembered Jack in his illness.We appreciate very much all the Mass cards, prayers and support we received. Your support was invaluable and helped us through tough times. A Mass will be offered for your intentions. Thank you all

Vera, Jack and Family

MOTHERS DAY

Today is Mothers day, Happy Mother's Day to all mothers.

Hymn to Mary Our Mother

THOU Mother, fount of love! Touch my spirit from above; Make my heart with thine accord. Make me feel as thou hast felt: Make my soul to glow and melt With the love of Christ our Lord.

Holy Mother, pierce me through; In my heart each wound renew. Of my Savior crucified! Let me share with thee His pain, Who for all my sins was slain, Who for me in torments died

Virgin of all virgins best, Listen to my fond request: Let me share thy grief divine. Let me, to my latest breath, In my body bear the death Of that dying Son of thine. Christ, when Thou shalt call me hence, Be Thy Mother my defense, Be Thy Cross my victory. While my body here decays, May my soul Thy goodness praise, Safe in paradise with Thee. Amen

ALTAR SERVERS

The Village Church is recruiting Altar Servers very shortly. Christina Malone, one of our Pastoral Workers will be coordinating the recruitment and training and it is hoped to form a group to look after the servers. So if you are over nine and have made your First Communion and come to Mass here in the Village please take a form, available in the Sacristy or Parish Office and bring it home and return it to the Sacristy or Parish Office.

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

A very enjoyable morning on Tuesday last with Sean singing his heart out, and all our ladies having a little dance at 11am..... we are a hard act to follow, thanks Sean.

Well our Spring Soiree on Wednesday in the Laurels was just fantastic. We did a bit of clustering with other Active Retirement Groups, we had The Silver Surfers, Tallaght, Lucan Active Retirement, Ladies Club, Newcastle and The Rams, Newcastle, thank you all for your support. Thank you Kieran and your fantastic staff for the beautiful food,.

Also, a huge thank you to Finbar Coady, a wonderful entertainer. I invited our new elected candidate John Curran to pop in for a chat. When I ran The Hollywood Gala Night last November for Lauralynn, you provided the sound and lighting, and for this I will always be grateful to you. Well that's all folks, have a great week.

Regards 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.

PARISH TEAM **PARISH NEWS** CONTACTS Clondalkin Village, Village **Clonburris & Knockmitten** Office/Sacristy clondalkinchurch@eircom.net www.clondalkinparish.com 459 3520 Sunday -6^{th} March 2016 Vol. 21 No 10 THE PRODIGAL WATER CHARGE PAYER I am sure that I am not the only person who finds the extract from the Gospel of Luke about the Prodigal Son a difficult one. This parable is a great example of reconciliation showing the forgiveness of the Father

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> Christina Malone 0857162152

Frank Brown 086 1018173 but part of me feels sorry for the older Son who did the right thing all of his life. Now, it is true that one shouldn't get a reward for merely doing the right thing but in my weakness I often ask why some people seem to get through life without accepting their responsibilities and those who work hard and act responsibly look on with envy or disappointment.

Thoughts such as this ran through my mind when on Thursday morning when the internet rumour mill went into overdrive suggesting that the water charge may be abolished without any refund or credit for those who had already paid. I felt somewhat foolish having just paid my most recent bill the previous day. My thoughts then turned to those families for whom the water charge though modest were a real burden and yet paid their water charge on time.

In the midst of the excitement of the return of the errand son the Father reminds the 'good' son that everything he has will be his, suggesting perhaps his inheritance in the fullness of time. We can forget at times that our journey through this world is in preparation for the eternal journey and that there is an inheritance for us if we follow the ways of the Lord.

ADORATION

This Thursday 10th March there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Sisters' Oratory: Morning: 10.45am to 11.45am, and **Evening:** 8pm to 9pm All are welcome.

EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday, 9th March the Rosary, Mysteries of Light will be recited at 7.30pm before Prayer Meeting at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre and all are welcome.

LOURDES 2016 7th to 12th MAY

There are now only 5places left

- Hotel: 4* Eliseo
- Fare: €725 (all inclusive) per person sharing and single room supplement is €150.

Booking forms are available in the Parish Office and Sacristy Spiritual Director:Fr Shán O'Cuív Padraig Doyle, Group Organiser.

NOTICES

Mass at 7.30pm each weekday as well as the morning Masses at 7.30am and 10am

Monday 7th March Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 1st 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.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of: Paddy Hodgins, St Patrick's Road

DEATHS

Nóirín Kearney, New Road.

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER **FOR 9 CLONDALKIN PARISHES**

This Tuesday 8th March Intercessory Praver for our Parishes in the Parish Pastoral Centre 7.30 to 8.30pm.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Kitty Egan, Veronica Bayly, Angela McCreevey, Kathleen Fitzpatrick and May Stynes Altar Linen: Vera Rodgers

LENTEN MERCY GARDEN

The dead flowers have been removed and there is now plenty of space for new ones - might be an nice idea for Mother's Day!

ANNIVERSARIES

Tuesday 8th March

Eileen Holohan 50th An 10.00am

Wednesday 9th March 10.00am Martin Maughan 6 Mths

Sunday 13th March

7.30pm (Vigil) Ann Courtney M.M. Gretta Priest Christine Buckley 10.30am Molly and Tommy O'Rourke Brendan Kelly 1st An 12.00 Noon Angela McGaughey

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 5th March

6.30pm Paddy Hodgins R.D. Liam and May Connolly An. Patrick and Kathleen Blackburn An. Deceased members of Blackburn Family.

Sunday 6th March

11.00am Rose and Peter Connolly An. Christopher Downey An. Maphie Molloy An. Annie Kavanagh An. William Kavanagh An. Mary and Patrick Murphy An.

NOVENA OF GRACE

Novena of Grace continues until Sunday 12th March.

ADULT CATECHISM STUDIES

The Sacraments of Healing are the sacrament of Penance and sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Since Christ intrusted to his Apostles the ministry of Reconciliation, Bishops and Priests by virtue of the sacrament of Holy Orders have the power to forgive all sins "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit". The season of Lent is an intense moment of penitential practice in the Church's liturgical year. This time is particularly appropriate for signs of penance, the main forms of which are fasting, prayer and almsgiving, these go back to the Gospels.

Priests encourage the faithful to come to the sacrament of Penance and make themselves available to celebrate the sacrament when penitents seek forgiveness.

Wednesday 9th March at 8.00pm in the Convent, The Sacrament of Penance, paragraphs 1420-1498.

MONDAY CLUB

We had a great turn out on Monday despite the wet morning. It was great to see Fran (former parish secretary) and welcome to Maria. We had a beautiful "Thank You" card from Fr Bala thanking us for our good wishes together with a small donation sent to him via K Lee who visited him in early February.

We had a letter and tickets from Our Lady's Hospice, Harolds Cross reminding us of the constant need for fundraising. They raised €225,000 last year.

A notice from South County Dublin to say that plans are being put in place for the forthcoming Bealtaine Festival in May. Details to follow:

We were delighted to welcome Paula Swayne who came to show us how to keep ourselves active even watching the news or saying the Angelus. We had a great fun filled morning exercising our feet, toes, hands and fingers etc. Then we had a game of skittles and horse shoe rings, and finally, exercising with a parachute.

When Paula mentioned a parachute I thought we might be flying high somewhere, but no, we were firmly rooted to the floor, but we had great fun hushing it up and down and exchanging places when the parachute was raised. One had to move fairly quickly before it was lowered again. We really got a nice workout from all the exercises without having to go the gym or pound the roads jogging.

Thank You Paula for your time and the nice easy relaxed manner you had, and for making our morning so enjoyable.

We finished with a prayer for Vera and we wish her a speedy recovery following surgery on Monday. Thank you Joan, Collette, Alan and Josie for all your help, and to Elsie's daughter-in-law for the lovely chocolate biscuit cake,

Kathleen R