STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

"THANK YOU"

I wish to express my deep appreciation to you, your clergy and your very generous parishioners for the Church Gate Collection recently

The sum collected was €1,922.98 which far exceeded our expectation. I would like you and all concerned to be assured that the total amount will go directly to the welfare of our residents and the upkeep of the Hostel John Bradley

(Extract from a letter received by Fr. Damian from the Morning Star Hostel)

FAITH FORMATION – STUDY OF THE CATHOLIC CATECHISM

You may have a copy of "Catechism of the Catholic Church" gathering dust on a shelf and would like to dust it off and follow the group studying the Catechism on Wednesday evenings in the Pastoral Centre

We began at the beginning – the letter of Pope St. John Paul introducing the Catechism to the Universal Church.

"The catechism describes catechesis as an education of the faith.....it involves teaching and learning. It is not a matter of preaching or worship, but of education.

....there is a systematic presentation of Catholic doctrine. It is not a presentation of any single individual's view about God and the universe, but a beautiful presentation of the Church's Faith"

Next week we begin our profession of faith - I/we believe in God, exploring "desire for God, ways of coming to know God, the knowledge of God according to the Church and how can we speak about God.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

The Pilgrimage will take place **Thursday 1st 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

Another great day at our meeting on Tuesday last. We were entertained by Bertie Brown and Frank, and everyone had lots of fun and dance.

A big "thank you" to Ann Darbey for making our Active Retirement Sign! We will be showing this off on St Patrick's Day Parade in Corkagh Park, so please come out and join us.

We have formed a choir and making our first official appearance on April 10th at the Inchicore Club, so your support would be appreciated. "Thank" to Phyllis McCarthy who will play the piano and our Choir Master Peter, so we have lots to look forward to.

You don't have to be a teenager to get involved and have fun, we have a Wonderful Club with great members, so anyone out there that would like to pop in on Tuesday morning for a cuppa and a chat, you will be very welcome.

I want to wish Barbara O'Flaherty a very happy birthday, also a big Thank You to Fintan Mullally for all his help. 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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TO SING IS TO PRAY TWICE

One of the many fruits of the renewal of the Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council was to encourage congregational singing during the Eucharist. Many of the more popular hymns especially ones that people know the words to were traditionally sung at devotions or novenas and not at Mass. The diocesan liturgical and music commissions continually try to improve the level of congregational singing at Mass. In our three churches here in Clondalkin Parish we endeavour to sing not just hymns but the parts of the Mass such as the penitential rite, psalm, gospel acclamation, the holy holy, memorial acclamation, great Amen, Lamb of God etc. Both of our 12 noon music ministries (Village and Knockmitten) were well represented at the Emmanuel Gathering in the Helix at DCU during the past week. This annual event is organised by the Archdiocese to present music suitable for use at Mass and school liturgies. Gabrielle and Aine who are the respective co-ordinators of the music ministry in the Village and Knockmitten use what they learn and hear at the Emmanuel gathering back home.

PARISH CENSUS

It has been suggested or proposed to us by the diocese that we take up a census of our Parish. This is more than the headcount we carry out every October and is more detailed than the previous information gathering exercise of November 2013. For the next two weekends census forms will be distributed and collected at Masses in the Village Church. The information gathered will be securely stored and will not be passed to any outside agency and is in compliance with the Data Protection Act. The information will be used for future pastoral planning, forming a complete record of active parishioners and an assessment of skills and talents available to the Parish.

Fr. Damian

WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to Catherine O'Loughlin and Dave Ayres

recently married.

ADORATION

This Thursday, 12th March Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the: **Sisters' Oratory**: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am **Sisters' Oratory**: from after 7.30pm Mass to 9pm. All are welcome

EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday, 11th March the Rosary – Mysteries of Light at 7.30pm before the Prayer Meeting at 8pm in the Parish pastoral Centre and all are welcome.

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

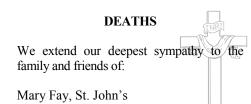
NOTICES

Monday 9th March

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 10th 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.



recently deceased. May she rest in peace.

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:** <u>**Parish Pastoral Centre**</u> **Date:** Tuesday 10th March. All are welcome.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rebecca Duggan and Betty Byrne Altar Linen: Teresa Coyne

SHAMROCK NOW READY!

My definition of "Optimism" <u>planting</u> <u>shamrock seed in August to have it</u> <u>available for St. Patrick's Day</u> has been rewarded! Fr. Seamus has a great crop of shamrock for harvesting and we need help to have it available in presentable sprigs for all to enjoy. If you would like to help we will have the shamrock in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass on the 16th.

ANNIVERSARIES

Wednesday 11th March 10.00am Christine Buckley

Sunday 15th March

10.30am Molly and Tommy O'Rourke John and Eleanor Coogan Paddy Murray, B/day Rem Leonard and Nan Hanna Myles Quinn and Kay O'Donoghue
12 noon Mary and Brendan O'Riordan 5.30pm Christina and James Quirke

CLONBURRIS	
Mass Intentions	

Saturday 7th March 6.30pm Karhleen McGovern An. Joseph Markey An.

Sunday 8th March

11am Rose Connolly An. Rose and Patrick Grealis An. Christy Downey R.D.

NOVENA OF GRACE CONTINUES

"All those who implore my help daily for nine consecutive days, from the fourth to the twelfth of March inclusive and worthily receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion on one of the nine days will experience my protection and may hope with entire assurance to obtain from God any Grace they ask that is for the good of their souls and the glory of God." St. Francis Zavier in an apparition to Fr. Mastrilli SJ, Naples in 1633

Fr. Mastrilli before leaving as a missionary to Japan had sought the intercession of Our Lady with a public Festival under the title of her "Immaculate Conception". He knew that Christians in Japan were subject to the horrendous torture of the "Pit" which involved hanging; head downwards over a volcanic pit from which sulphurous gases and waters welled up. At times the martyrdom lasted for several days before the victim died.

At the end of the Festival while a structure was being dismantled a heavy hammer slipped from the hands of a worker and fell with deadly precision on Fr. Mastrilli's head. The injury was severe, and Fr. Mastrilli was on the verge of death.

Fr. Mastrilli entirely cured led a band of thirty-three Jesuits to Japan. He had hardly landed there when he was seized and condemned to the "Pit" where he suffered from October 5^{th} to 17^{th} .

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

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

Universal: That those involved in scientific research may serve the wellbeing of the whole human person. **Evangelisation:** That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognised always.

MONDAY CLUB

We had a brilliant attentive crowd on Monday to welcome Kay Lee to tell us about her interesting trip to India. Kay and her friend visited Fr. Bala and his parishioners where they got a royal welcome.

Kay had photos of Fr. Bala and his parishioners at the various events in the parish while there. One of the photos showing a church being built and now beautifully finished and dedicated to St. Patrick is on display in the Parish Centre.

"Thank You" for an interesting and thought provoking account. It's all the more interesting since most of us know Fr. Bala from his time with us.

Kay and Monday Club are accepting donations to help Fr. Bala and all monies collected will go directly to Fr. Bala for his mission.

Next week we have two students from Coláiste Bríde and also Kathleen Murray's quiz!

Kathleen R.

(We will invite Kay to write of her experiences in India for the Newsletter)