GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

A Youth event on Holy Thursday, 24th of March is taking place in St. Peter the Apostle Church in Neilstown. It starts at 9pm and finishes at 11.30pm for the under 18s and at 2.30am for the over 18s. This event is organised by World Youth Day Pilgrims that will travel to Krakow this summer. For more information ring Christina Malone, 085 7162152

THE VEILING OF STATUES AND CRUCIFIXES – 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

The veiling of statues and images of Christ on the last two weeks before Easter (Passiontide) is an ancient Catholic practice which seems puzzling at first sight. Surely, it is at this time that we ought above all to be mindful of Jesus' offering of himself for us?

The new Catholic Encyclopaedia says that it is based on part of the Gospel reading for the day in the Latin

Mass: John 11v. 54: 'Jesus therefore no longer walked about openly among the Jews' (because they planned to put him to death). The image of Jesus is veiled because he hid himself at this time; also, one writer says, to remind us that his divinity was hidden during his suffering and death.

The Roman Missal provides that on Passion Sunday the crosses, statues and pictures of Christ and of the saints throughout the church, with the exception of the Stations of the Cross, are to be covered with a purple veil. The crosses remain covered until the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday; the other statues remain covered until Easter Eve.

Veiling during all of Lent may have been a common practice in the Middle Ages, but it has been restricted to Passiontide for several centuries.

Please note: next Sunday, Palm Sunday, palm will be blessed at all Masses and will be available for taking to the sick and housebound

ADULT CATECHISM STUDIES

The Church believes and confesses that among the seven sacraments there is one especially intended to strengthen those who are being tried by illness, the Anointing of the Sick.

"Heal the sick!" this is the command from the Lord and the Church strives to carry it out by taking care of the sick. Pastors instruct the faithful on the benefits of this sacrament and the faithful should encourage the sick to call for a priest to receive this sacrament whenever there is serious illness or old age.

Wednesday 16th March at 8.00pm in the Convent, The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, paragraphs 1499-1535.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rita Arnold Altar Linen: Mary Jenkins

Decoration of the Church for St. Patrick's Day: entire teams after 10am

Mass on Wednesday 16th March

ST PATRICK'S DAY

Clondalkin Parish has become the home for people from all over the World. To celebrate the different nationalities in our parish we invite you to become involved in an International Mass on Wednesday 16th at 7.30pm in the Village Church. In order for this Mass to be a success we need to hear from you. If you are Irish, Polish, Nigerian, from the Philippines or another part of the world you should ring our German Parish Pastoral Worker Christina Malone 085 7162152.

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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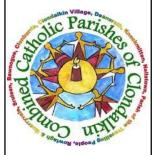
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HAIL GLORIOUS SAINT PATRICK

Greetings and welcome to all our visitors joining us for Mass today, those who are here on holidays or who are living overseas and are home to be with their families. I'm sure you know that in addition to being the patron saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick is also the patron of Nigeria and Montserrat. There has been an effort to extinguish or airbrush this essentially Christian celebration and replace it with human centred celebrations. There is an ecumenical dimension in celebrating Saint Patrick, the majority of Christian Churches honour him as the herald of the Christian message to our Island and will have liturgical celebrations on Thursday.

On Saint Patrick's day we thank the Lord for the ministry of Patrick who brought the Good News to our land, we welcome our Christian brothers and sisters from other lands who have made Clondalkin their home and who worship with us and we ask the Lord to bless and protect our family members who live overseas especially those younger parishioners who have left recently in search of employment.

An Old Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind always be at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of this hand.

A little reminder that the traditional Lenten exemption applies on the feastday.

Enjoy the day, Fr. Damian

NO ADORATION - ST PATRICK'S DAY

Adoration will **NOT** be available on Thursday next, 17th March – St. Patrick's Day

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Thursday, 17th March we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Patrick, our National Saint. Masses are at:

7.30pm Vigil, 9am as Gaeilge, 10.30am and 12 noon. Please note: no Evening Mass We hope to have the shamrock harvested that Fr. Seamus sowed at the end of summer last year.

LOURDES 2016 7th to 12th MAY

We wish to remind those travelling to Lourdes to complete their fares before Saturday 19th March

There are now only 5 places left

- Hotel: 4* Eliseo
- Fare: €725 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 Dovle, Group Organiser.

NOTICES

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

Monday 14th March

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 15th 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.

DEATHS

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

David Somers, St. Brigid's

recently deceased. May he rest in peace.

CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR 9 CLONDALKIN PARISHES

This Tuesday 15th March Intercessory Prayer for our Parishes in the Parish Pastoral Centre 7.30 to 8.30pm.

ANNIVERSARIES

Thursday 17th - March St. Patrick's Dav

9.00am Billy Hogan Jack and Katie Fitzgerald 10.30am and deceased members of the family Patrick and Mary Cosgrove

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the family

12 noon Patrick Dolan

Saturday 19th March

Chris Stapleton, 9th An 10.00am

Sunday 20th March

7.30pm (Vigil) Mary and Brendan O'Riordan Mary McCormack Peter Fitzgerald and deceased members of Fitzgerald Family Jack Daly and Mary Daly 9.00am Gay Norton 10.30am Elizabeth West 12 noon Patrick and Mary Hendley Eileen and Michael O'Connor Mary, Catherine and Paddy 5.30pm O'Donnell and deceased members of McLoughlin Family

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 12th March

6.30pm Kathleen Mc Govern An.

Sunday 13th March

11.00am Rose and Patrick Grealis An. Joseph Markey An.

> Kathleen and Loftus Hayden An. Michael Maloney An.

> Sabina and Bob Donoghue An.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Mons. Dan O'Connor will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the children of Clonburris on Tuesday next at 11am. We pray for the children and their families and hope they will have a day to remember.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER -APPRECIATION

On the 1st Friday in March each year an Ecumenical Service takes place in many locations all across the world using the same format. The women of Cuba compiled a beautiful service this year, based on the Gospel story of Jesus encouraging the little children to come to him.

The girls of 2nd Class in Scoil Áine and the Transition Year students of Coláiste Bríde made it a really wonderful morning for us here in the Church of the Immaculate Conception on 4th March. We were in awe of the reverent way they enacted the Gospel Story and the joy and enthusiasm of the children as they sang the Butterfly song, with actions, and we want to thank them so much. Thank you Phyllis for the beautiful organ music throughout the service and the Pastoral Centre staff for having our cup of tea ready for us afterwards.

Make a note for 3rd March next year DV St. John's Church, Tower Rd, the women of the Philippines have a Service in hand – try to come and join us then!

World Day of Prayer Committee

"SACRED HEART MESSENGER" MAGAZINE PROMOTION

The first "Messenger of the Sacred Heart" was first published in France in 1861 and arrived in Ireland in 1888, the inspiration of a Jesuit, James Cullen, New Ross, Co Wexford.

Ireland had been consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 1873 and the Apostleship of Prayer had been established here as early as 1863, but it grew slowly in a country where the Land War, Home Rule and emigration were the most important issues of the time. Dublin, where Fr Cullen spent most of his Jesuit life, was a city where one-third of the people lived in appalling slums.

The magazine is still going and to encourage more people to buy it there is now a special promotion. The magazine is on offer at €18 for the year and if interested please phone Marie Harrington at 4594986

AFTERNOON OF MUSICAL FESTIVITIES

The Clondalkin Youth Band and 150 members of the John F Kennedy High School Marching Band, USA will perform an afternoon of music at the Mill Centre at 4:30 on Sunday 13th. Sarah Heffernan

MONDAY CLUB

On Monday we welcomed Kay Lee who came to tell us about her recent trip to India. Kay and a friend went to visit Fr. Bala and be present at the dedication of the Church of Divine Mercy.

Next Monday will be a lively morning to get us in the spirit of St. Patrick on Thursday next. We can stay on till 12.30pm on this occasion

Kathleen R.

(Due to lack of space Kathleen's full report on Kay's visit to Fr. Bala will be included in next week's issue, Teresa)