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Finally the counting team showed me the great collection of shopping trolley tokens that we received in the collections in the past few months. Maybe they were put in by mistake but should you wish to avoid fumbling for one or two euro coins when shopping in the future you could 'buy' a shopping token from us!

On behalf of the Parish Finance Committee and the Parish Team I thank once again, our contributors, collectors and counters.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day
Fr. Damian

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER APPRECIATION

We are in awe of the concept of all the Christian denominations being united in prayer, worship and song around the world on the First Friday of March each year – from sunrise in the Orient to well after sunset in the remotest western boundaries and are delighted that we in Clondalkin are part of that collage. This year the women of the Bahamas compiled the prayers and hymns and their choices made for a very joyful and meaningful evening in St. John's last Friday. Yet again the girls of Transition Year in Coláiste Bríde under the guidance of the teacher, Michelle Dooley, made our evening with wonderful sensitive miming of Jesus' washing the feet of His disciples and 'signing' of the "Servant" hymn – what Jesus had done, we must do for one another.

"Thank You" Peter of O'Callaghan for the great musical contribution and the St. John's team for the hospitality afterwards. We really appreciate the support World Day of Prayer Committee.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING APPEAL

Members of our Local St. Vincent de Paul will be in attendance before and after all Masses next weekend distributing bags for unwanted good quality clothing, shoes etc that can be sold in their various shops around Dublin. The following weekend please return the filled bags where again the members will be in attendance to accept them before and after Mass with the exception of the 5.30pm

Please do not leave the bags in the porches as we do not have the facility to store them outside the Mass times.

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Thank you Jerry, Joe and Vincent for the great music you provided us with on Tuesday last, the club was really swinging

We would love to have new members, so come and join us on Tuesday mornings at The Round Towers at 10.30. No meeting next week as it is St. Patrick's Day, and hopefully all our members will be out marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade at Corkagh Park. We will meet at 1.30pm on Tuesday, so please dress up and come out and support our community. Afterwards to The Laurels for a few sambos, compliments of Damien, Thank You again Damien

On Monday morning next 16th March Newcastle Ladies Club are having a coffee morning in aid of cancer at St. Finian's Hall, Newcastle from 10.30am to 12.30pm, so please support this event, we will be entertained by the wonderful RAMS and of course Matt Dowling will be baking the scones assisted by his lovely wife Deirdre, which are not to be missed.

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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A TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION

The subject of parish finances is always a very difficult tightrope for Parish Priests to walk. You will have heard criticism of Priests who never mention or allude to finances and are accused of neglecting the Parish and Priests who mention finances more than once a year and are labelled as being obsessed with money.

Just some clarifications with regard to parish finances. You might like to keep this in case the matter comes up for discussion in non-ecclesial settings. Firstly, none of the Priests of the Parish know who contributes, how often or how much and that is the way I would like to keep it. Parishioner's contributions are kept in coded form and not identifiable. Secondly, contributions to the family offering are not used for income for clergy and are used only in and for our Parish. All monies collected from the shrine of Saint Anthony are used for charitable purposes WITHOUT deduction of the cost of the candles.

Many of our parishioners donate over €250 in any given year in Family Offering and Christmas and Easter Dues. If this applies to you please make contact with the Parish Office. Recent changes now allow the Parish to claim back the charity tax from parishioners who are self-assessed or whose incomes include share dividends and rental income. This is NOT an extra tax but as a registered charity we can claim a rebate on contributions already made.

Do you still have 'old Irish' notes or coins lying around? We can exchange these at the Central Bank for Euro. Likewise Sterling notes and coins that you may no longer need can be accepted as well. We get large amounts of foreign coins and notes that are of no use to us but I recently deposited all of them at a charity box so they haven't gone to waste.

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WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Audrey Charleton and Colm Valentine,

recently married.

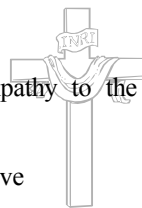


DEATHS

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

May Connolly, Dunawley Grove

recently deceased. May she rest in peace.



ADORATION

This Thursday, 19th 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

INVITATION TO TEA/COFFEE AFTER VIGIL MASS

Members of the Pastoral Council invite all who are attending the 7.30pm Vigil Mass this weekend to drop into the Pastoral Centre after Mass for the usual cuppa and a chat.

MOTHERS' DAY

We thank God for the wonderful gift of "Motherhood" and we thank and appreciate all Mothers, young, old and those gone to their eternal home. To mark the occasion the Pastoral Council has a "Mothers' Day" card for all mums.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Bernardine Wynn, Veronica Bayly, Tracey Whelan, Josephine Hearty and Kitty Egan

Altar Linen: Marie Harrington

NOTICES

Monday 16th March

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

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

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

St. Patrick's Day – **No Meeting**

ANNIVERSARIES

St. Patrick's Day

10.30am William Hogan
Jack and Katie Fitzgerald
Patrick and Mary Cosgrove
12 Noon Patrick Dolan

Thursday 19th March

7.30pm Sarah Delaney, B/day Rem

Sunday 22nd March

7.30pm (Vigil) Angela Darbey, MM
Mairéad Doyle, 1st An
Jack Daly and Mary Daly
10.30am Gay Norton
Eileen Tiedt
Leonard and Nan Hanna
Paddy Murray, B/day Rem
12 Noon Josephine Kelly, 1st An
Nicola O'Connor, 4th An
Elizabeth and Patrick West
Patrick and Mary Hendley
Tom Healy, 5th An
Charles Gray, 30th An

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 14th March

6.30pm Sean Mc Dermott An.

Sunday 15th March

11am Sean O'Leary An.
Sabina Donoghue An.
Bob Donoghue An.

FEAST OF ST. PATRICK – TUESDAY 17TH MARCH

Mass times for St. Patrick's Day:

Village: Vigil Mass on Monday evening 7.30pm, 9am as Gaeilge, 10.30am and 12 noon on St. Patrick's Day

Clonburris: Vigil Mass on Monday 6.30pm and 11am on the Feast day

Knockmitten: Vigil Mass on Monday 6.30pm, and 12 noon 10am on the Feast Day.

"LOCALISE" CAKE SALE

The young people of "LOCALISE" are holding a "CAKE SALE" after all Masses next week end to help fund their various community activities and ask for your usual generosity.

ST PATRICK'S DAY PREPARATION

As already reported the Shamrock – the pride of Fr. Seamus is ready for presentation and anyone interested to be part of this new venture are invited to come to the Pastoral Centre at 12. 15pm on Monday (After the Monday Club where some of the people attending the music session are staying back to help the Ministers of the Liturgical Environment. The shamrock has grown abundantly, St Patrick must have 'smiled' on it, and we are confident that there will be sufficient for all. It will be blessed at all Masses and you are free to take it home to the sick and housebound after each Mass.

FAITH FORMATION – STUDY OF THE CATHOLIC CATECHISM

"I/We Believe in God" our study during the week if you are still following the group at home of with others – what do we mean?

We are made in God's Image and Likeness and so have the desire and capacity to know, love and worship Him.

"Once we know that God sent His only Son to die for us, we must look at ourselves with 'deep amazement' at what our worth and dignity must be" Pope St John Paul

"When people cease to believe in God they do not believe in nothing, they believe anything" (G. K Chesterton)

"Men go abroad to wonder at the height of mountains, at the huge waves of the sea, at the vast compass of the oceans, at the long courses of the rivers, at the circular motion of the stars and they pass by themselves without wondering" St. Augustine

Next week we continue with "God's Plan Revealed, Jesus Christ, Mediator and Fullness of Revelation, the apostolic Tradition, the Interpretation of the Heritage of Faith and the Supernatural Sense of Faith.

MONDAY CLUB

Last Monday we welcomed two young ladies from Coláiste Bríde to tell us about a forthcoming trip to Michael Collins Museum. Second year students are arranging this event as part of their community studies.

We also had Kathleen Murray's quiz where she always puts us to the test with her thought provoking quiz – e.g "where in Dublin is the other O'Connell Bridge?"

Next week being St. Patrick's day eve we will have "Timpeall na Tighe" local Irish music group to help us to get in the spirit of the Feast Day with some good uplifting music, song and dance.

Kathleen R

PS. Anyone have a free half hour after the club to help prepare shamrock?