

## LEGION OF MARY ACIES 2014

The annual Consecration of Legionaries to Our Lady will take place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014 at 3.00 p.m. in the Church of St. Nicholas of Myra, Francis St. All Auxiliary Members are invited to attend

## ST PATRICK'S DAY



Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early seventeenth century. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland as well as celebrate the heritage and culture of the Irish in general. It is also widely celebrated by the Irish diaspora around the world;

**It is a holy day of obligation and Masses are as follows:**

9am, as Gaeilge, 10.30am, 12 noon and 6.30pm in Clonburris – please note: no evening Mass here in this church.

Shamrock will be blessed and hopefully we will have some for taking away to the sick and housebound

## SACRED HEART FILM CLUB

Sacred Heart Film Club continues next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March Parish Centre, St John's Drive at 7.30 p.m. with the multiple Oscar winning movie "The Life of Pi." A young man who survives a disaster at sea is hurtled into an epic journey of adventure and discovery. All Welcome  
Fr. Mike

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING APPEAL

Members of the Local St. Vincent de Paul Conference will distribute bags for donations of good quality clothing, shoes etc that can be sold in their charity shops. The bags will be distributed after all Masses and please return them the following Sunday for collection by the members.

## 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:** Church for Mass, continue in Village Parish Centre  
**Date:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

## FAITHFEST 4

Faithfest 4 is an exciting, fun filled Faith event for young people of secondary school age. It will be held in the Holy Cross Diocesan Centre – Clonliffe on Friday March 28<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9:30pm. To register email: faithfest@dublindiocese.ie or contact the Parish Priest/Parish Pastoral Worker

## "BLOWING IN THE WIND"

Mass for the Holy Souls was offered on Monday morning at 7.30am (10<sup>th</sup> March) at the request of Margaret O'Hara who donated the €20 note she found "blowing in the wind" last Saturday morning.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Eimear Monaghan is this week's winner. Congratulations Eimear! Your prize is waiting to be picked up by you from the Sacristy after Mass today.

## THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

Shamrock is forever associated with St. Patrick! Why?



Your entries by email – ellenteresacoyn@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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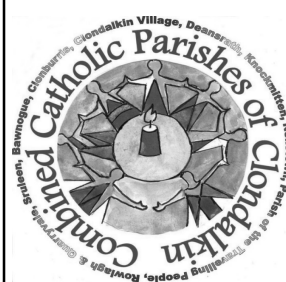
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# PARISH NEWS

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Clonburris & Knockmitten



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## ST. PATRICK, THE HUMBLE APOSTLE TO IRELAND

The celebration of St. Patrick's Day on March 17<sup>th</sup>, gives us some respite during our Lenten fasts, as it is celebrated as a solemnity here in the Irish Church.

Most of what we know about St. Patrick comes from two documents, the Confessio (Confession) and the Epistola (Letter), written by Patrick himself. Though much of what we know is inconclusive, we can say a little about his life. Patrick, born c 385, was captured as a slave from Roman Britain at age 16. He was taken to Ireland, probably Armagh, where he was a herdsman for six years. These were formative years, as he grew in faith and love of God and empathy with the Irish people. At the age of 22 he escaped and went to study in Gaul and Italy, before returning in 432 as a bishop, to mission in Ireland until his death in 461. During these years, he carries out the onerous sacramental and religious functions of a bishop with zeal and willingness: Baptising, Confirming, Ordaining, celebrating the Eucharist and inducting monks and nuns into monastic life. Though aware of his deficiencies in his education, he is a person of great warmth, compassion and sympathy. He feels strongly for the victims of the horrible slave system and is sympathetic to the plight of the weak and suffering.

Saint Patrick is at the 'very top of the wall' that forms the Irish Church, yet the historical Patrick is in many ways inaccessible to us in the twenty first century, buried as he is under the 'deep mud' that centuries of lore and legend have heaped on top of him. Yet what has remained of his legacy is the living, vibrant faith of believing Christians. Perhaps we could reflect on these humble words of St. Patrick, and make them my own this Lenten season, "I was like a stone lying in deep mud; and He who is mighty came, and in His own mercy raised me and lifted me up, and placed me at the very top of the wall."

Deacon Séamus

## WEDDINGS



Congratulations and best wishes to:

Mariae Kiely and Rory Barber  
Erica Brady and Gavin Fitzpatrick

recently married.

## LENTEN TALKS

“The Catholic Mystics: prayer and spirituality” given by Annetta Maguire, author of the book “Praying with Christians Mystics”

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March: 8pm to 9.30pm

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March: 8pm to 9.30pm

Venue: upstairs in the Pastoral Centre

The talks are facilitated by the Parish Faith Formation Group and all are welcome

## LENTEN HOUR OF PRAYER – TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

There will be an hour of prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm

There will be prayers for healing and individual blessings and will finish with Benediction at 9pm

You are invited to come to this hour of prayer where we will gather to pray with you and for you as we ask the healing hand of the Lord to touch and strengthen us

## NOTICES

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March

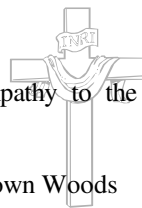
Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

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

**REMINDER:** In addition to the morning Masses there will be Mass at 7.30pm during the weekdays for Lent

## DEATHS



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

Bartley McGovern, Palmerstown Woods  
John Duggan, New Rd

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

## ADORATION

This **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held **in the Sisters' Oratory: from** after 10am Mass to 11.45am, **and from** 7pm to 9pm.

All are welcome.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €1,887 – your contributions this week  
Please note: no planned giving count on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March, St. Patrick's Day

10.30am Jack and Kate Fitzgerald  
Billy Hogan  
Patrick and Mary Cosrove  
12 Noon Patrick Dolan

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

7.30pm (Vigil) John, Ellen and Winnie Maughan  
Elizabeth West  
9.00am Jack Daly  
10.30am Gay Norton  
Patrick and John James Martin; Special Intention  
Eileen Tiedt  
Frank Connolly  
12 Noon Tom Healy  
Anastasia Kennedy  
5.30pm Betty Millea

## CLONBURRIS

### Mass Intentions

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March

6.30pm Brian Cruise B.R.

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March

11.00am Rose and Patrick Grealis An.  
Eileen O'Connor An.  
Kathleen Hayden An

### *Baptism*

Congratulations to Brody Higgins who was Baptised last Saturday.

## “LOCALISE” CAKE SALE

The young people of LOCALISE will hold a cake sale after all Masses next Sunday. Monies raised will go to get small presents for long term residents in Peamount Hospital when the members go to visit in time for Easter

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – APPRECIATION

I don't think anyone who attended the Ecumenical World Day of Prayer Service in the Church last Friday evening will ever forget the Gospel story of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well – it really came alive for us with the brilliant dramatisation of the scene by the girls of Coláiste Bríde followed by an awe inspiring meditation by Sr. Anne Nevin, challenging us to run with the message of the Gospel – as the Samaritan woman did – she was so full of joy after her encounter with Jesus she wanted to tell all the others in the village about Him. Phyllis' music was uplifting as ever and we really appreciated all who came to support us on the night. We thank everyone for their help, not least our local LOCALISE who provided the gorgeous cup of tea afterwards, so professionally and joyfully.

World Day of Prayer Committee

## LOURDES 2014

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> May – 5nights

**Hotel:** Jeanne D'Arc

**Fare:** €735 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

## NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

Novena to St Joseph, at the request of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society commences next Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, Feast of St. Joseph to give at least one week's break after the Novena of Grace. Novena prayers will be available at the Church entrances.

## SCHOOL MASSES

The 10am Mass goers are always happy to welcome the children of local schools when they join us for Mass.

On Thursday St. Joseph's Boys School and on Friday the girls of Scoil Íde will be in attendance

## MONDAY CLUB

Our very talented ladies from Betty's musical group had our feet tapping and hands clapping along with gusto last Monday. Our own Kathleen has joined them and we were delighted as she plays the tin whistle. So with two violins, a melodeon, a flute, concertina and bodhrán we were certainly entertained in good old Irish fashion for St. Patrick's Day.

Noel gave us a lovely selection which rounded off the morning very nicely as we all joined in for a rousing rendition “Hail Glorious St. Patrick”

Thank you all for a lovely morning!

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all

Joan

(Please note: no club to morrow – St. Patrick's day – back the following week)