

## PADRE PIO "GLOVE"

Padre Pio's Glove will be in Malone, Shindella, Rathangan on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April from 11.30am to 5.30pm.

More information from Betty at 045 252094

## EASTER BLESSING

"Deep peace of the running wave to you  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you  
Deep peace of the Son of peace to you"  
(Iona Community)

Wishing everyone all the blessings of this joyful Easter day, especially the sick and the housebound.

Newsletter Team

## ADVOCATE COLLECTION

A "BIG THANK YOU" to all who contributed to the Sunshine Fund collection on Palm Sunday and to all the volunteers who made it possible. A total of €1,595 was raised.

Nora O'Brien

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING APPEAL

The Annual Clothing Appeal in aid of St. Vincent de Paul begins next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Bags for good quality clothing, shoes etc. for sale in their shops, will be distributed after all Masses and the bags containing the clothing must be returned the following Sunday where members of St. Vincent de Paul will accept them.

Sheets and old duvets will also be accepted to be sold for rags for cleaning etc.

Please do not leave bags of clothing in the porches as there are no facilities for storing them.

## SUMMER TIME BEGINS!

Today we have a double celebration – the Feast of the Resurrection and Summer time. The clocks went forward at 2am today. We pray for a long, warm and sun filled days until Autumn returns!

## "THE MERCY EASTER" GARDEN

The Lenten Garden has now evolved into the Easter Garden. Our appreciation to all who kept the garden well planted and we now ask that you continue for the Easter Season. Plant the flower for someone special for a special intention. Easter Holy Water will be available there and you are welcome to help yourself and please remember someone who is sick and housebound.

## CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

What a fantastic St Patrick's Day Parade we had. Everyone smiling and in good form with the beautiful sunshine. The floats and walking groups looked fabulous. A very big thank you to Peter Maguire, Massey Bros for providing that beautiful vintage car, and indeed driving Mary Kennedy, Grand Marshal. The sound was really great, thank you Trevor Smith, Sound City and Finbar Coady, who did MC. Last but not least, Francis Timmons and Darren Lamont, you played a blinder guys but all of your hard work paid off.

We had the ladies from Third Age with us on Tuesday last giving us a talk on all the good voluntary work they do, great ladies, thank you.

A very Happy Easter to you all.

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.

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# PARISH NEWS

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## THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

It was remarkable that soon after the devastating explosions in Brussels during the week that improvised gatherings and makeshift shrines sprung up in various parts of the city. Locals and workers representing many of the nationalities working in that most European of cities came together to comfort and support each other. Here at home the tragedy of the drowning of five members of the McGrotty family shocked the nation with the enormity of the loss felt by so many people.

In moments such as this, I often reflect on two quotes from the writer Elie Wiesel who spent time in Auschwitz concentration camp. In his book "Open Heart" he wrote

*"Even in darkness it is possible to create light and encourage compassion. That it is possible to feel free inside a prison. That even in exile, friendship exists and can become an anchor. That one instant before dying, humankind is still immortal."*

In our Parish we have journeyed in Holy Week along with the universal Church and we recall that there were moments of darkness in the last days of the life of Jesus. The committing of Jesus's spirit to the Father and his pleading to "let this cup pass by" is a stark reminder of the real human experience of the death of Jesus. We can often struggle to find the place of God in the midst of such tragedies. A second quote from Wiesel, in his book "Night" having seen fellow prisoners die, he wrote.

*Behind me, I heard the same man asking: "for God's sake, where is God?" And from within me, I heard a voice answer: "where is He? This is where, hanging from this gallows"*

May the Light of Christ be with you and your family this Eastertide.

Fr. Damian

## WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Helen Mc Donagh and Patrick O'Driscoll

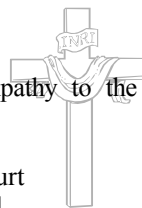
who received the Sacrament of Marriage



## DEATHS

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

Ann Pownall, Cross Keys Court  
Frances Farrelly, Cherrywood



recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

## ADORATION

This Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> March there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the **Church:**

**Morning:** from 10.45am to 11.45am

**Evening:** from 7pm to 9pm

## LOURDES 2016 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> MAY

**There are now only 3 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 Doyle, Group Organiser.

## NOTICES

**Masses during the week are at 10am only**

### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March

**The Legion of Mary** meets in the Convent at 11.00am. New members are welcome.

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April

**First Friday**, Mass offered for all whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

First Saturday, Fatima Devotions after 10am Mass.

## ASHRAM RETREAT

An Ashram Retreat comes from the Indian Spiritual tradition. There are now over 150 Christian Ashrams in India.

There is a full day Ashram Retreat in Rowlagh –Quarryvale Church on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April beginning at 9am.

Soup will be provided but please bring own sandwiches. Cost for the day is €10 payable on the day. If you have Yoga mat and small blanket please bring them along. Book in advance by phoning Toni, Rowlagh Parish 6261010 or email Fr. David on [dpm.halpin@gmail.com](mailto:dpm.halpin@gmail.com), text to 0872048898

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am Rosaleen, Joseph and Liam Walsh

### Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am John Duggan

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

7.30pm (Vigil) Dalton McElroy  
Dermot Hegarty  
10.30am Mary Minogue, 5<sup>th</sup> An  
10.30am Mary Ryan, 1<sup>st</sup> An  
Pat and John James Martin  
Angela Annett  
Margaret Tyson  
12 noon Christina Murray, 1<sup>st</sup> An  
Patrick Coby  
Mary McGee, MM  
5.30pm Frank and Patricia Farrell

## CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March

11.00am Dessie Lawlor A.  
May Mc Carthy A,  
Dan Aherne A.

## LEGION OF MARY ACIES 2016

The annual Consecration of Legionaries to Our Lady will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 3.00 p.m. in the Church of St. Nicholas of Myra, Francis St. All Auxiliary Members are invited to attend

## ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY

The next meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society will be held on Wednesday next, 30<sup>th</sup> March after 10am Mass in the Pastoral Centre and new members always welcome

## EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March the Missionary Rosary will be recited at 7.30pm before Prayer Meeting at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre. All are welcome

## WHAT? NO SHAMROCK

"The shamrock has gone into mourning because of the departure of Fr. Seamus" was the reason supplied by Fr. Shan on hearing the news that the shamrock sown by Fr. Seamus did not grow. But thanks to Kitty Egan who has shamrock for us every year we still could manage a display but unfortunately not enough for everyone. Maybe someone will come forward to plant the shamrock for next year! Fr. Padraig's garden supplied us with lots of daffodils which made a lovely display in honour of our Patron Saint.

## BLESSING CEREMONY FOR THOSE EXPECTING THE BIRTH OF A CHILD/CHILDREN

We invite all expecting mothers and fathers (to be) to come to a special ceremony on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April @7pm in Clondalkin Village Church.

Afterwards feel free to join me for a cuppa and a chat. For more information please contact Christina Malone, 085 7162152. Parish Pastoral Worker

## CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR 9 CLONDALKIN PARISHES

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March Intercessory Prayer for all our Parishes in the Parish Pastoral Centre 7.30 to 8.30pm.

## CHURCH DUTY

**Cleaning:** Veronica Bayly, Bernardine Wynne, Tracy Whelan and Josephine Hearty  
**Altar Linen:** Mary Leonard

**Decoration:** Flowers – just maintenance as the need arises

## A THANK YOU, FROM THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Firstly, to all our contributors, collectors and counters and to Fran who looks after the CHY forms. If you haven't completed the form sent recently please do so. This initiative is one where the parish can claim charity tax back on contributions over € 250 made by parishioners at no extra cost to the parish or parishioner. Please contact the parish office for more information. Thank you to the Monday club who made a donation for heat and for flowers recently and to those who donate anonymously on a regular basis and a reminder that the old Irish money is welcome too.

Monica Dowling  
Finance Committee Chairperson  
Fr. Damian Moderator