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know ourselves honestly and allow for the fact that we cannot know others as well as we know ourselves.

Through our communion with Christ at this Mass, we can learn some of his gentleness, forgiveness, and understanding.

Fr Seamus

POLISH TRADITION OF THE BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS

The blessing of the Easter baskets is one of the most enduring and beloved Polish traditions on Holy Saturday with roots dating back to the early history of Poland

Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday.

The Polish people living in our parish continue the tradition and invite all to the ceremony here in the church on Holy Saturday at 12 noon, again at 12.30pm and 1pm.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

The Pilgrimage will take place **Thursday 1**st **October 2015.** The price of €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

PARISH WEBSITE

The Parish Website can be visited on www.clondalkinparish.com for Parish information

CHILDREN'S ART FOR EASTER

We have left a variety of colouring pages at the entrances of the church and in the shop for you to take away and colour in time for Easter. Fr. Damian has a prize for all who enter. You can colour as many as you like but there is only one prize per ENTRANT

Jean and Veronica would like to have all the ART in by Good Friday so to mount them ready for presentation. Please leave your paintings in the Sacristy or in the shop

CORRECTION

12 noon Mass last Sunday, 22nd March included Nuala O'Connor in the Anniversary list

10.30am Mass today, 29th include Patrick and John James Norton in the Anniversary list

Please accept our apologies for the inadvertent mistakes!

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Another great morning at Towers Club! Thank you Sean Coughlan for the pleasure you gave to our members, dancing around the floor.

I still have a few tickets left for our Easter Party at The Laurels on Wednesday next 1st April, time 4 to 8, dinner included and entertainment, all for €10, so give me a call if you need tickets... 086 3274323. A great evening was had by all at Mary Brennan's evening on Tuesday last at Quinlans, it is great the support senior citizens get, and hopefully this will continue. Thank you all for your support.

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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MORE GENTLENESS

Perhaps some of you, like me, wonder and regret occasionally that really good people in our country – people of integrity and character – don't run for public office and get in to politics. We'd think, wouldn't they be great if they got in, they would be honest and make some great changes. One reason put forward as to why they don't get into politics, is that once someone puts himself, or herself forward in this way, he or she becomes a constant target for attack and probing and scrutiny; one's private life is over. They are in the spotlight and media constantly. Even the slightest lapse in one's past can become fodder for the press, media and other politicians.

Just think of what an unforgiving enemy or press could do with the histories of two people like those we hear about in reading Susanna (Book of Daniel, she was falsely accused of infidelity) and the woman taken in adultery in our Gospel! The two women there stand for all of us. Like the woman taken adultery, most of us have sins and failures in our past, if not in our present.

Like Susanna, any one of us is open to accusations – whether false or with some truth, or based on misunderstanding or misinterpretation. Our only security is God and our conscience. If, despite failures in the past, we are trying to live a good life today, we need to trust in what we know to be true of ourselves; we need to trust in our intentions and God's acceptance.

Furthermore, we all contribute to the climate of our society by the severity or gentleness with which we judge each other. Do we possibly impose outrageously unrealistic standards on others, while excusing ourselves? We need to

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ADORATION

Time will be afforded to all to stay in quiet adoration at the Altar of Repose after the Mass of the last Supper of the Lord on Thursday evening.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CEREMONIES

The Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies Programmes and envelopes for Easter Dues are now available for collection. It is hoped that they will be delivered to all homes in the Parish during the week with the help of parishioners.

Masses on Easter Sunday are offered for the intentions of all parishioners.

DAWN MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

The Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin invite you to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at dawn on Easter Sunday morning.

Assemble at 6.45am, Mass at dawn at 6.50am in Corkagh Park at the BLUE BRIDGE over the lake.

CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR 9 CLONDALKIN PARISHES

This Tuesday 31st March Intercessory Group praying is in:

Parish Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm to 8.30pm Come and join with us if you can

NOTICES

Monday 30th March

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 31st 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:

Donal Dunne, Castle View Rd

recently deceased. May he rest in peace.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rita Arnold and Elsie Naughton **Altar Linen:** Mary Jenkins.

PREPARATION OF THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

Flowers will be available from the Pastoral Centre after 10am Morning Prayer for the people who are making the arrangements.

All the Ministers of the Environment and all who would like to take part please be in the Church at 4pm to put all decorations in situ.

You may have little bottles from previous years lying about unused and would like to see them reused. We would gladly accept them so that everyone at all Masses can avail of them to take home Holy Water blessed at the Easter Vigil.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING APPEAL

Members of the Local St. Vincent de Paul will be in attendance at all Masses to accept your donations of good quality clothing, shoes etc suitable for sale in their shops in the Diocese.

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 30th March

10.00am Pat Ryder, B/day Rem

Tuesday 31st March

7.15am Carole Thunder 10.00am John Duggan

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Sunday 29th March

11am Kathleen and Joe Fagan A.

Dessie Lawlor A.

Veronica Kennedy R.D.

ADORATION IN THE PRAYER GROUP

"Could you not watch one hour with me" (Matt.ch.26v40)

The Prayer Group will have a quiet time in the presence of the Eucharistic Lord this Wednesday 1st April in the Pastoral Centre at 8.15pm to 9.15pm and everyone is invited and welcomed.

SUMMER TIME IS HERE

The clocks went forward one hour at 1am so we are now officially in SUMMER TIME.

PALM SUNDAY

"The Coming of Zion's King – See your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9)

According to the Gospels, Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem, and the celebrating people there laid down their cloaks and small branches of trees in front of him

(It was perceived that Jesus was declaring he was the King of Israel to the anger of the Sanhedrin. A king rode upon a horse when he was bent on war and upon a donkey when he wanted to point out he was coming in peace. Jesus' entry to Jerusalem would thus symbolise his entry as the Prince of Peace, not as a war-waging king)

Today we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem by the blessing of palms at all Masses today.

Please take some blessed palms home with you and give to the sick and housebound.

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

CLONDALKIN HISTORY SOCIETY LECTURE

'The Wit & Wisdom of Ireland's Colourful Folklore' is the title of Seamus MacGabhann's talk to the Society on Monday 30th March 2015. Aras Chronan, Watery Lane is the venue, commencing at 8p.m. Admission is €5.00 (non-members). All are welcome

Padraig A Ó'Murchú

MONDAY CLUB

This week we welcomed Fr. Seamus to the Monday Club who told us about his recent trip to Ethiopia.

He was one of the 12 priests visiting places funded by TRÓCAIRE. He had a slide show set up showing us of the places visited and depicting the harsh primitive living conditions of the people. Life there is a constant struggle of survival to get basics like water and fuel. People carrying huge loads of firewood etc on their backs! Even the poor donkey does not have it easy!

Fr. Seamus donated three beautiful shawls woven by the women to the Monday Club which will be raffled in the Monday Club tomorrow. The money raised from the raffle will be given to TRÓCAIRE. Tickets will be on sale in the Club after Mass.

Elizabeth Mary Doyle will be leading us in meditation this week as we start Holy Week

Kathleen R