CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rita Arnold **Altar Linen:** Teresa Coyne

(Church in use for schools Mon and Tues

weddings on Saturday)

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT – COVERING THE STATUES WITH PURPLE CLOTH

The Catholic Encyclopaedia describes this custom as follows: "Before Vespers of Saturday preceding Passion Sunday [5th Sunday of Lent, next Sunday] the crosses, statues, and pictures of our Lord and of the saints on the altar and throughout the church, with the sole exception of the crosses and pictures of the Way of the Cross, are to be covered with a violet veil. The crosses remain covered until after the solemn veneration of the principal crucifix on Good Friday. The statues are unveiled quietly on Holy Saturday.

Abbot Gueranger enlightens us with a mystical interpretation of the Gospel which, in former times, was read on this Sunday: As Christ hid himself from the rage of the Jewish authorities (John 8:59), so now he is hidden from the world in preparation for the mysteries of his passion.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Hi there everybody, hope you all had a good week. Another good morning was had by all at Towers Club on Tuesday last.

Mr Bertie Brown and Frank gave us a blast from the past and the usual suspects bopping around the floor. Great fun!

I hope you are all enjoying our weekly raffle. If you have any little gift at home you don't want, please bring it in for our raffle, and I am sure it will put a smile on somebody's face.

To the members we have not seen for a while, I hope you are all doing well and we hope to see you soon.

Clare

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers Needed for Study at Trinity College Dublin. Healthy men and women aged 18-80 years are needed for a study investigating the effects of ageing on the brain. Participation involves between 1-3 visits to Trinity College, one of which involves an MRI brain scan. MRI is safe and completely non-invasive. All travel expenses will be reimbursed. If interested, please call Ciara/Sinead for more information at 01-896-4102, or email your contact details to brainstudiestcd@gmail.com"

Sinéad Nugent

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

Jack Quinlan's mammy has written: I am sorry to say that Jack will no longer be taking part in 'children's corner'. He turned 13 at the end of Jan. He had many years of fun & in recent times has learned a lot from the competition. He has bought wonderful gifts from the church shop with the vouchers he received. His younger brother Conor is 6 yrs old & will look forward to entering the quiz in the coming years. We wish Jack "A

VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

THIS WEEK'S OUIZ



From today how many more days are there to "GOOD FRIDAY"?

Your entries: email to ellenteresacoyne@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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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

If you are reading this on Sunday morning and you find that there are very few people around you, chances are you forgot to move your clock or watch forward. Today marks the start of summertime and hopefully some summer weather. Whatever about forgetting to move your clock forward I hope you didn't forget that today is Mother's Day. Cynics and sceptics argue that this day is the creation of flowers sellers, candle makers and chocolatiers, a so called "Hallmark holiday" but as those who have lost their Mother in the past few months said "you won't miss your Mother till she is gone" so we celebrate and thank our Mothers for all they do for us.

Professor Google told me that it is only Ireland, Britain and Nigeria that observe Mother's day on the fourth Sunday of Lent. Our thanks to Anne Brett our ever reliable parish secretary who organised the bookmarks distributed at all Masses this weekend. If you Mam is still alive do make contact today or if she is gone to God you might like to pray for her.

CLONBURRIS CONFIRMATION

There was a great display of faith and community at the first of our four confirmations last Wednesday when the sixth class pupils from Our Lady Queen of the Apostles National School, Clonburris were confirmed by Father Kieran Mc Dermott. He gave an inspiring homily which I may use myself later on in the year!!! Congratulations to the boys and girls who were confirmed and to all involved in the liturgy. As always the music ministry excelled themselves.

Fr. Damian

WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Yvonne Finegan and Damian McAuley

recently married.

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 7.30pm Mass and follow with Intercessory Prayer in the Pastoral Centre till 8.30pm

Date: Tuesday 1st April

NOTICES

Today Sunday we are now officially into summer time – the clock went forward one hour

Monday 31st March

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 1st April

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

Wednesday 2nd April

Meeting of parents with babies for Baptism at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre Prayer Group meets in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm, downstairs

Friday 4th April - First Friday,

All Masses are offered for all whose names are listed on the Altar List of the Dead

Saturday 4th April - First Saturday; Fatima devotions 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:

Johanna Boggans Cramer died in London; she is formerly of Boot Road. Mairéad Doyle, Castle Avenue Josephine Kelly, Cherrywood Villas

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

ADORATION

This **Thursday 3rd April** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held **in the Sisters' Oratory: from** after 10am Mass to 11.45am, **and from** 7pm to 9pm.

MEDJUGORJE 2014

Pilgrimage will depart 5^{th} May, fare €649, which includes flights and accommodation.

For further details please contact Liam Cotter – 01 4928194 or 087 6281157

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 31st March

All are welcome.

7.30am Carole Thunder, 9th An

Thursday 3rd April

10.00am John Duggan, MM

Sunday 6th April

12 Noon

7.30pm (Vigil) Mary O'Shea, her mother

Mary Furlong and daughter

Veronica Furlong William Beesley

9.00am William Beesley10.30am Belle and Josie Broderick

Margaret Tyson

Teresa Cahill Patrick Coby

Mark Doyle, 1st An

Mary and Brendan O'Riordan

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 29^{thd} March

6.30pm Mairead Doyle R.D

Sunday 30th March

11.00am Kathleen and Joe Fagan An.

Dessie Lawlor An. May Mc Carthy An. Walter Harrington An.

Congratulations to the boys and girls who were confitmed on Wednesday

SACRED HEART FILM CLUB

Sacred Heart Film Club continues next Friday 3rd April Parish Centre, St John's Drive at 7.30 p.m. with the recently Oscar nominated and BAFTA lauded movie "Philomena." Based on a true story the film is a compelling narrative of human love and loss that ultimately celebrates life, showing that there is laughter even in the darkest places. All Welcome!

Fr. Mike

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING APPEAL

Members of the local Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will be in attendance at the morning Massed to accept your donations of used clothing etc. Please do not leave your donations unattended in the Church porches. We do not have the facilities to deal with them.

CLONDALKIN HISTORY SOCIETY - LECTURE

The Shamrock Fund in World War I is the title of Brian White's talk to members and friends. It will be held on Monday 30th March 2014 in Aras Chronáin, Water lane commencing at 8pm. Admission is €5.00 (non members). All are welcome.'

Padraig A Ó'Murchú

LOURDES 2014

Date: 7th 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

CONFIRMATIONS

Our Fr. John Wall returns on Wednesday to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the children of Gaelscoileanna Cluain Dolcáin and Camóige at 11am

We pray that the sun will shine brightly and that the children will have a day to remember always.

TIDY TOWNS

We need help to achieve extra points in this year's National Tidy Towns Competition.

If you can give us one hour a week towards achieving our goal, especially people with interest in gardening etc. relevant to our work.

Please contact Mary Dardis 087 6200373

MONDAY CLUB

We had a great morning with over twenty present for a cup of tea, chat and our crazy quiz.

Questions asked were randomly picked from history, sport and general knowledge and was enjoyed by all present. Deacon Seamus joined us today and tested his knowledge in the quiz

Prizes won by Noel, Vera and Josie. There was a special prize won by Kathleen Finan for knowing the location of the barracks in the Book the Barracks written by John McGahern.

Next week the girls from Coláiste Bríde will be visiting us.

God Bless and take care till next week
Kathleen (R)