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He is the vine dresser who prunes us to make us bear even more fruit. We pray that we will draw life from the vine we are grafted on to live out our vocation with energy and commitment!

Fr. Padraig

### “MERCY WALK”

Thanks for generous support for the World Youth Day pilgrims. This Bank Holiday weekend they invite you to join them for a “Walk of Mercy”. It starts today, 1<sup>st</sup> May with Mass in Knockmitten (10am). From there we will go to St. John’s Church (COI) before joining the congregation that is gathered to celebrate the 10.30am Mass in Clondalkin Village. We have many parish groups involved in the walk and it would be fantastic if you could join us for the 12km pilgrimage throughout the Clondalkin area. For further information where we go please check out the notice board or ring Christina Malone 085 71 62152

### CHURCH DUTY

**Cleaning:** Kitty Egan, Angela McCreevey, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Veronica Bayly and May Stynes

**Altar Linen:** Teresa Coyne

**Flowers:** Teresa Green from 6<sup>th</sup> May (Deirdre Alexander has retired from the “Altar Linen” Ministry. Deirdre has served loyally for many years and on behalf of the Parish we say “Thank You” and wish her well and every happiness.

### REVAMP OF NEWSLETTER

We are in the process of reviewing and revamping our newsletter and would like to hear from parishioners who would be interested in either contributing or becoming part of a group that would help to produce this valuable communication tool. For further information contact Frank Brown, 086 101 8173

### WELCOME!

Last weekend at our 10.30am in the Village Church we welcomed three new altar servers, Gráinne, Cathal and Jamie. We wish them and their family’s God’s blessing for their ministry and hope many will follow their example. Being an altar server is an important ministry in parishes and if you are interested in becoming an altar server please contact Christina Malone 085 71 62152

(Mol an Oige agus tiocfaidh sé was once again evident last Sunday as Altar Servers made a welcome return and on behalf of parishioners, congratulation and welcome are sincerely extended and a BIG “Thank You” to Christina)

### ADULT CATECHISM STUDIES

The Morality of Human Acts and the Passions- Articles 4 & 5

Reaching the perfect happiness, which God offers us, depends on how we use the freedom that is part of our nature as human beings. Human acts that are freely chosen as a result of a judgement of conscience can be morally evaluated to be either good or evil.

One may not do evil so that good may result from it. A morally good act is made up of three elements, the goodness of its object, of its end and of its circumstances together. An evil end corrupts the action, even if the object is good in itself.

The term “passion” refers to the affections or the feelings of man and by his emotions man senses the good and suspects evil.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm Presentation Convent, paragraphs 1749-1775.

### 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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Clonburris & Knockmitten



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### VINE DRESSER

Did Jesus come to bring peace to the world? The world was not at peace in his day, it brought him crucifixion. 2000 years later it’s still not at peace if we look at the news or read the newspapers. What are we to make of this? Jesus tells us in the Gospel that he has come to bring peace to his disciple but NOT as the world gives peace. Thomas Merton the American Trappist Mystic who did most of his writings in the 1960’s said “we are not at peace with others because we are not at peace with ourselves and we are not at peace with ourselves because we are not at peace with God. Jesus came to bring God’s peace NOT by making life easy for us but to make us great by firing us up.

Paradoxically when people are fired up to be great then peace enters our world. For the last three years of his life Jesus went about his mission of salvation with a fire and energy that was divisive and disturbing. And he wants us to be like him, passionate, fired up, and energetic. Jesus was energetic, he was a man fully alive, passionate without being fanatical. He respected people’s free will in that he never forced anyone to follow him or believe in him. He was divisive and is divisive in our day in that he gives us no middle ground in being a disciple. He presents us with a stark choice we are either for him or against him. He shakes people out of their comfort zones and escorts them on to the road less travelled to live out the great potential that is in all of us and is our God’s given vocation. And yet there is another side to Jesus – the gentle good shepherd who brought healing to the sick, the poor and the outcasts. Many time I have found this a perplexing paradox in my reading of scripture. And yet there is method to the apparent contradiction. The Lord disturbs me when I am comfortable and comforts me when I am disturbed.

When I am disheartened and disillusioned he shepherds me out of the dark valley. When I am complacent and self-assured he brings me back to earth with a bump for without him I can do nothing.

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## BAPTISMS



Congratulations and welcome to:

Sophie Greely Clarke, St. John's Crescent  
Rosie Christina Tobin Thornberry,  
Riversdale Park

Kate Séana Fogarty, Brown's Barn Wood  
Bronte Phoenix Manning Van Der Ven,  
Boulevard, Mount Eustace, Tyrellstown  
Conor Ryan Power, Elmfield Court

who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

## WEDDINGS



Congratulations and best wishes to:

Michelle Kinsella and Barry Hogan  
Niamh Shadlow and Andrew Reilly

who received the Sacrament of Marriage

## NOTICES

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May

**Bank holiday**, Mass at 10am only  
Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am  
Mass and Rosary.

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May

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

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

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Meeting in preparation for Baptism in the  
Pastoral Centre at 8pm

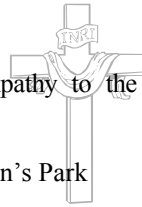
### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May

1<sup>st</sup> Friday, Masses are offered for all whose  
names are on the Altar List of the Dead

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Fatima Devotions after 10am Mass and  
Rosary

## DEATHS



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

John Paul McNulty, St. Killian's Park

recently deceased. May he rest in peace.

## ADORATION

This Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May there will be  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

**Morning: Sisters' Oratory** at 10.45am to  
11.45am

## MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIS

**Please Note:** New rosters now available  
for collection from the Sacristy

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

10.00am Joe Farrell

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

10.00am Romy and René Sell

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am Josephine (Josie) McEntaggart,  
MM

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am Joseph Cleary and Patrick,  
Sarah, Brendan and Frank  
Byrne

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am Elizabeth McDonnell, MM

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May

7.30pm (Vigil) George Guilfoyle  
10.30am Annie Fitzsimons  
Christopher, Lillian and  
Brendan Behan  
12 noon Pat Mooney

## CLONBURRIS

### Mass Intentions

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May

11.00am Paddy Deans An.  
Jenny Molloy An.  
Annie Maher An.  
Patsy Fagan An.  
Jack Fagan An

## CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR CLONDALKIN PARISH CLUSTER

Group NOT meeting this Tuesday instead  
we are joining with the Adoration Group  
in Deansrath Church at 7.30pm to 8.30pm.  
All are welcome.

## RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS

This is the time of year when the children of  
the local schools receive the Sacraments of  
Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

On **Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May at 11am** the boys  
from St. Joseph's will be confirmed and on  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May the girls** from the local  
schools will receive their **First Holy  
Communion at 11am**

We wish the children, their families  
and teachers every grace and blessing and  
as we pray for them we ask that they  
remember all of us in the parish.

**To facilitate the Ceremonies please note:  
Mass at 9.30am instead of 10am**

## EVANGELISATION TEAM IRELAND

Invites You For The

Ephphatha Catholic Bible Retreat

**DATES:** May: 9, 10, 11, 2016

**Times:** Monday, Tuesday 5pm to 9pm,  
Wednesday 9.30am to 1.30pm

**Venue:** Sons of Divine Providence Chapel,  
Sarsfield House, Sarsfield Road,  
Ballyfermot, Dublin 10

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## HOOR OF PRAYER

An Hour of Prayer takes place on  
Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May - 8 to 9pm

There will be an hour of prayer with  
exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,  
Prayers for healing and individual blessing  
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  
All are welcome

## PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION

Next meeting of the Pioneer Total  
Abstinence Association will be held next  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May in the Pastoral Centre after  
10am Mass and Rosary and new members  
always welcome

## "FINDING NEW LIFE" TALKS

Our preparation for Pentecost in the  
Prayer Group continues with 3<sup>rd</sup> Talk:  
New Life this Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm  
in the Parish Centre and all welcome

List of Talks

4<sup>th</sup> Talk: Receiving God's Gift

5<sup>th</sup> Talk: Baptised in the Spirit – 18<sup>th</sup> May

6<sup>th</sup> Talk: Growth- 25<sup>th</sup> May

7<sup>th</sup> Talk Transformation in Christ, 1<sup>st</sup> June

## MONDAY CLUB

We just had a chat accompanied of course  
by the usual tea/coffee last week at the  
Club. Many of our regulars were away.

Bank holiday next Monday so no get-  
together. The following Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May  
we will have an outing to the GPO. Please  
meet as usual at the Pastoral Centre and  
after Mass and Rosary and we will get  
going. Hope the sunshine brightly for us!

Elsie Naughton