

## OUT FROM OUR "SAFE" BUNKER

A story was told by the great spiritual writer, Archbishop Fulton Sheen. He had a friend who had a canary who sang beautifully. Fulton Sheen imagined a scenario where he could have a conversation with this canary and what he might say to him. He would point out that there was another world out there beyond the bars of the cage. This world was where those wings were meant to fly and that beautiful birdsong was meant to be heard. But in his imagined conversation with the canary the reply given to the Archbishop was disappointing. The bird only wanted the world of his cage; it was safe and comfortable with plenty of food and drink. This was the only world he knew. He did not want any other world. And so the canary died, his life ended in the shadows, his greatness never fulfilled. Material things are necessary and good but they are secondary goods. They imprison us when we make them the be all and end all of our lives. Only when we prioritise the spiritual will we break out of the prison to where we can be full alive.

We pray that we will seek the bread that lasts forever and gives eternal life  
Fr. Padraig

## CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

It was an early start for most of us as the 9.30 train pulled out of Connolly Station, for our day trip to the Titanic Exhibition in Belfast.

For some, this was to be their first time ever to set foot in Belfast, soon the tea trolley arrived with tea and coffee to wash down our own tasty sandwiches.

The Exhibition was a memorable experience coupled with the usual shopping excursion around the City high street fashion shops.

After a long day, the journey home was shortened by a well earned snooze!!!!

Thomas

## ALZHEIMER CAFÉ SOUTH COUNTY DUBLIN

Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm  
Topic: Legal matters in dementia  
Speaker: Eleanor Edmund - Legal Capacity and Advocacy Specialist, Capacity Training and Consultancy. (formerly Legal Policy Officer, Alzheimer Society of Ireland.)  
Location: Bloomfield Hospital, Stocking Lane, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16.  
Attendance at the Café is FREE  
[www.bloomfield/acscd.ie](http://www.bloomfield/acscd.ie)

### B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce  
Next residential weekend will be held 10th - 12TH May 2013 in Emmaus Retreat Centre, Swords Co Dublin. For further information please contact 01-6790556 or email [bedublin@gmail.com](mailto:bedublin@gmail.com)

### CHILDREN'S QUIZ

Congratulations to Ella Kerrigan this week's winner. Your prize can be picked up by you from the Sacristy after Mass today.

### THIS WEEKS QUIZ

May is traditionally the month of Mary and the rosary is a devotion associated with her. Can you name the 5 different themes for the decades of the Mysteries of Light which were introduced by Pope John Paul II in 2002?



### 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

Clondalkin Village,  
Clonburris & Knockmitten



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## HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK

Once again we had a very busy week here in the Parish. Last Sunday at the Midday Mass, as part of the Diocesan Baptism Pilot Programme, as a worshipping community we welcomed baby Caoimhe Lucy, her parents, godparents, grandparents and great-grandmother. Caoimhe will be Baptised on Pentecost Sunday during the 12 Mass.

On Tuesday the pupils from the Gaelscoileanna were Confirmed by Fr. John Wall and on Wednesday the boys of Saint Joseph's were confirmed by Fr. John Hughes O.S.A, brother of Kathleen Cosgrove a parishioner. Both ceremonies were certainly full of the Holy Spirit!

On Tuesday night the Pastoral Council hosted a very successful book launch of "Praying with Christian Mystics" by Annetta Maguire, a parishioner. The publisher, Columba Press set up an attractive display and catering was provided by the outreach group of the PPC, pictures of the launch will be available on the parish website. There are copies of the book on sale in the parish repository. In her talk Annetta gave witness to the role of the mystic as ordinary folk and to the possibility that there were modern day mystics in the room.

We extend our sympathies to the son and family of Havilland Renier a member of the Church of Ireland at Saint John's who passed away during the week. He and his dear wife Ann, who died in January, were regular visitors to our church. Havilland brought his wife to Mass during her illness as did some of their neighbours from Floraville.

On this bank holiday weekend we welcome all our visitors especially those living away from home and back for the long weekend.

May our Blessed Lady protect us all during this month of May.

Fr. Damian

## BAPTISMS



Congratulations and welcome to:

Jacob Thomas Paul Horan, Cappaghmore  
Liam Micéal Ryan-Scanlan, Woodford Drive  
Ella Lauren O'Connor-Garagan, Moorfield Walk  
Harry Frank Duczynski, Bushfield Lawns

recently Baptised.

## ADORATION

This Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be

**In the Sisters' Oratory:** from after 10am Mass to 11.45am

**In the CHURCH:** 7pm to 9pm and all are welcome

## "PRAYING WITH CHRISTIAN MYSTICS"

"Praying with Christian Mystics" the book by parishioner Annetta Maguire is now available to purchase in the Repository. The price is €8.99

## NOTICES

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

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

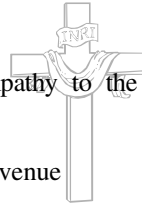
### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Lectio Divina in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass and Rosary

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

The prayer group meet in the Pastoral Centre at 8.00pm (downstairs). All are welcome.

## DEATHS



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

Aine McFadden, Floraville Avenue  
Dermot McGann, Australia

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

## FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €2,235 – your planned giving contributions this week.

## FAITHFEST 2

FaithFest 2 is an event for any young person of secondary school attending age and takes place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013 from 5-9pm.

It will be held at Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Rd., Dublin 3 [just across from Croke Park stadium] Cost €2. All young people will need a Jam Jar (please remove any labels) and a warm jumper/coat as some of the event will be outdoors. For more information please contact Peter Siney, Parish Pastoral Worker 089 461 4226

## MISSION TODAY AND TOMORROW

A two-day International Conference on the "Changing Reality of Mission and Missionary Development Today" from 9am to 5.30pm on the 5-6 June 2013 in All Hallows College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9.

Registration Fee: €60 – Two Days; €40 – One Day.

For Booking and further information contact All Hallows College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9: Tel 01 8520736, Email: missiontt@allhallows.ie. www.allhallows.ie.

## CLONBURRIS

### Mass Intentions

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

6.30pm Maureen Hickey An,  
Patsy Fagan An.  
Mary Rogers An.

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

11.00am Paddy Deans A,  
Annie Maher A.  
Paddy and Catherine  
McElligott An

Congratulations to Dylan Wall this week's winner. Your prize can be collected after Mass today.

## CLONDALKIN DRAMA GROUP

Interested in meeting new people, learning new skills. Why not join the group, we are looking for new members to act, make costumes, make sets for plays and panto and help back stage.

Contact us now:

Facebook: Clondalkin Drama Group  
Email: dramaclondalkin@gmail.com  
Phone: 0851406139

## CLONDALKIN GROW IT YOURSELF (GIY)

To celebrate Clondalkin GIY's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday, Clondalkin Library are hosting a talk by world renowned plantswoman Helen Dillon, entitled "the evolution of a garden". The event starts at 6.45pm Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May in Clondalkin Library. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

The Clondalkin GIY group meet upstairs in Clondalkin Library, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.

For further information contact Clondalkin Library phone no 459 3315.

## "TIME OUT" FOR PARENTS

Time Out for Parents (18 - 35 Years) - Sat 11<sup>th</sup> May 2013, 10:30am-4:00pm at Hill St. Family Resource Centre and Playground

For many parents quality time just for you is a rare treat. Enjoy a gentle day of mindfulness - time to stop and sink into simple quiet and reflection. Join us in a casual, comfortable setting – Hill Street Family Resource Centre, Hill Street Dublin 1. We will provide child minding service.

Contact: debbie.moore@magisireland.com  
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Cost: By Donation

## THE MONDAY CLUB OUR MONTHLY QUIZ

An apology to Liz Doyle – Liz I'm sorry I wrote Murphy last week, Mea Culpa.

As hospitals are a feature of our lives on an increasing basis due to our time of life, Kathleen very cleverly used an iconic date to focus us on a different time. She used the date 1834. That year saw the establishment of St Vincents hospital in St Stephen's Green. This had given us some great conversations on the transfer and demise of so many Dublin City hospitals at the end of the last century. With the upcoming date of the flyover to start at Newlands Cross Kathleen asked the question – What life saving device came into law in 1969? It was of course "the Breathalyser" which has saved so many, many lives in recent years. Kathleen thank you so much for your expertise on our behalf. The winners by a short head were Kathleen Clarke, Kathleen Ryder and Joan Steed.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend. See you on the 13<sup>th</sup> when a Pharmacist will visit us to answer questions on recent changes in medical care.

## THOUGHT FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH

Show the children how to make a May Altar.  
Joan Steed