

maybe this thorn in his side was instrumental in keeping him that way. Great good come out of the adversity, he endured and Paul bore much fruit from the adversity he endured.

We pray today that we will be in communion with Jesus, the true vine through our celebration of Mass and Holy Communion. May we bear much fruit even in times of adversity because very often it is these times that are of greatest spiritual growth.

Fr. Padraig

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

The Pilgrimage will take place **Thursday 1st 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

98th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST APPARITION IN FATIMA 13TH MAY 1917

As important as the place and the time is the situation of the world. At that moment the First World War raged in Europe, introducing mankind to the most savage forms of warfare seen to that date. In far off Moscow Lenin prepared the revolution that would overturn the Russian social order in November 1917 and eventually engulf almost half the peoples of the earth. It was in that context that heaven intervened and provided the antidote to the moral and social evils of the world - the message of Fatima which still applies as much today as then.

On Tuesday 13th May we obey Our Lady message "Say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war".

"THANK YOU"

The Clondalkin Youth Band would like to extend a sincere 'Thank You' to everyone who attended the pub quiz in April. The night was a fantastic success and would not have been possible without your support. The Clondalkin Youth Band is currently starting their summer show so keep your eyes and ears open for us.

Sarah

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

We had a good turn out on Tuesday last even though the weather was very bad. We had a few games of bingo, which everybody enjoyed, thanks Sally for calling out all those numbers. Our Fantastic Choir BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE are making their debut on Thursday 14th May at Towers Club at 7.30pm, so please drop in, a good night guaranteed. Anyone who would like to join the choir pop in on Tuesday around 12, and of course anyone who would like to join Clondalkin Active Retirement, 10.30am to 12 on Tuesday mornings, you will all be made very welcome.

A fine young boy from Clondalkin, Reece Byrne is representing Ireland in Jesolo, Italy from 26th to 31st May in the Taekwon-Do World Championships. As this sport does not get any funding, any little donation would be gratefully appreciated, as Reece's family have to fund this trip. You can contact me on 086 3274323 thank you.

Hope to see a lot of you on Thursday 14th at Towers Club at 7.30. I promise you will not be disappointed

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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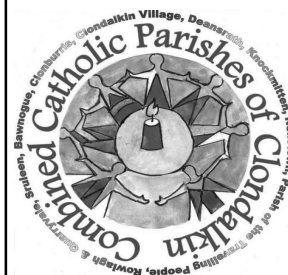
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"PRUNING THE VINE"

In St. John's Gospel Jesus uses the image of the vine to signify communion with Him and with each other. we are the branches of the vine and when we are connected to Jesus the true vine we will bear much fruit both for ourselves and each other. For some the connection to the vine is tenuous and fragile but even in this case the delicate branch can be fruitful. Conversion and redemption are always possible.

Jesus tells us that pruning is necessary in order for the vine to bear even more fruit. Even a person who is living a good Christian life will undergo pruning which will result in even greater growth. The pruning may be painful as even the best of us carry baggage that acts as an obstacle in our journey through life. We develop attachments that have to be pruned back to allow greater growth. There can be times when our spiritual lives go well – prayer comes easy and God is very close.

The good feelings associated with this serve a purpose but they are not the "be and end all". Indeed we can become too fond of them and develop what St. John of the Cross calls a "spiritual sweet tooth". Then there is a danger of spiritual pride and an overbearing attitude of being holier than thou.

The pruning of the vine prevent this, it keeps us from being dependant on good feelings and growing as followers of Christ. All the great saints experienced periods of painful pruning from time to time and sometimes for lengthy periods.

St Paul speaks about a thorn in his side, which was a cause of adversity in his life. He doesn't tell us what it is – it could have been a physical ailment or a spiritual trial of some sort. We know that he was passionate and given to impatience and hot headedness. He prayed to the Lord to be rid of this thorn in his side but God saw a good need for this adversity. This problem kept him humble and stopped him from falling into the trap of spiritual pride. Paul always recognised his need for God and

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ADORATION

This Thursday, 14th May Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the:

Sisters' Oratory: from 10.45am to 11.45am

Church: 7pm to 9pm

All are welcome

EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday 13th May, the Rosary Mysteries of Light will be prayed at 7.30pm before the Prayer Meeting at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre. All are welcome.

THE PARISH SHOP

The Parish Shop is open after all Masses on Sunday and after 10am Mass on weekdays. Mass Cards and greeting cards for all occasions, religious items suitable for Confirmation and First Holy Communion events are on sale. Also available is the Irish Catholic newspaper and this week it features information on the upcoming referendum on marriage as well as other newsworthy items.

NOTICES

Monday 11th May

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 12th May

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.

Scoil Mhuire girls will attend the 10am Mass

Thursday 14th May

The boys of **St. Joseph's School** will attend the 10am Mass

The Divine Chaplet will be prayed at 3pm in the Church

WEDDINGS



Congratulations and best wishes to:

Ciara Dooley and David Doyle

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: **Parish Pastoral Centre**

Date: Tuesday 12th May. All are welcome

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Bernardine Wynne, Veronica Bayly, Tracey Whelan, Josephine Hearty

Altar Linen: Deirdre Alexander

Flowers: Maintenance of arrangements up to and including Pentecost 24th May (First Holy Communion Saturday)

SUNSHINE FUND

The Sunshine Fund wish to thank all who contributed to their recent Church Gate Collection. The amount collected was €1,320.20 for which we are most grateful. The fund relies entirely on donations and we appreciate your kindness.

ANNIVERSARIES

Tuesday 14th May

7.30am Carmel and Edmund
Murphy

Sunday 17th May

7.30pm (Vigil) Jim Plunkett, B/day Rem
10.30am Emma Curran, 10th An
12 noon Carol Nolan, 2nd An
Joseph (Joe) Barrett, MM
Larry Farnon
5.30pm Andy Maguire

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Sunday 10th May

11.00am Rose Fay 15th An.

Marie Gleeson An.

Baptism

Congratulations to Faye Byrne who was Baptised last Sunday after 11am Mass.

PRAYING THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited on Fridays at 3pm in Sruleen Church and in St Ronan's Church Deansrath every Wednesday at 11.30am, with Exposition.

All are invited

CLONDALKIN DRAMA GROUP

"Juno and the Paycock" drama performance in Sruleen Sacred Heart School today at 3pm

Tickets €10 and €5 will be available at the door.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION – STUDY OF THE CATECHISM

God the Creator – the fact that we can seek the truth about the origin of ourselves and the universe points to man's greatness. The discoveries we make about the age and the extent of the cosmos invite us both to admire the greatness of the Creator and to thank God for giving us the ability to understand creation.

Science can try to answer "when and how" the universe and man appeared but science can never answer the "why" there is a universe.

For those still following on their own Catechism we continue on page 69 to page 75

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE 2015

Date: 9th to 16th September

Spiritual Director: Fr. Owen Lambert CSsp

Hotel: Domus Pacis Fatima

Fare: €765 inclusive of all taxes

Single room supplement €175

Further information from:

Eileen Carty, 11 Orchard Rd, phone 4574832

"MEDITATION"

"Meditation" every Wednesday 8 to 9pm in Rowlagh Parish Church. All are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion Ceremonies and indeed the reception of the Sacraments by the children of our local schools always bring an air of joy and anticipation to all in the parish and yesterday was no exception. The girls from the local schools received their First Holy Communion. We appreciate the preparation that goes into the joyful event – dedication of the teachers and parents, the music, prayer, decoration of the church and we can only say "thanks" and "congratulations". We hope a lovely and spiritual uplifting day was had by all.

The boys from St. Joseph's School will receive their First Holy Communion next Saturday: to facilitate their First Communion Mass morning Mass will be at 9.30am instead of 10am

MONDAY CLUB

The Monday Club resumes in the morning and all are invited to drop into the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass and if new to the Parish you will be provided with information of various activities going on in the area.