

JESUS THE BREAD OF LIFE

One of the images used for the Eucharist is that it is the Bread of Life. This image comes from the Old Testament when the Israelites were in the desert led there by Moses after they escaped from Egypt. They were hungry in the harsh desert, a place where there is no food, where it is easier to die than to live. At Moses request God have them manna, bread from Heaven – the bread of life that sustained them physically on their journey to the Promised Land.

The prophet Elijah fled into the desert to escape from the evil queen Jezebel who was out to kill him because he spoke the truth. On the brink of despair and waiting to die Elijah lay down and then God gave him bread and water to revive his drooping spirit.

Sometimes it is like that for us, life gets to be too much for us. It is only when we are at the end of our tether that help in some form arrives unexpectedly. Like Elijah we can be lost in the desert of life's difficulties. This is the time we need a shot in the arm to lift us and give us the strength to carry on. "Come to me all you who labour and are heavy burdened and I will give you rest" Jesus said in the Gospel. The shot in the arm we get is the presence of Jesus in body, soul and divinity in the Eucharist. When he comes to us at Mass or in Exposition he will either heal us of whatever is troubling us or give us strength we did not know we had to bear the burden and lighten the load. This can be a turning point in people's lives leading to new happiness for themselves and those they love. We can never expect to be totally free of pain and trouble in this life, it is the human condition. But the word of God will be our guide – as the Gospel of John says "Your sorrow will turn to joy... the kind of joy no one can take from you.

Fr. Padraig

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

I hope you all had a nice time on Tuesday last with our very own dance teacher doing a few steps, you all seemed to be having good fun, and its lovely to see so many smiling faces.

Unfortunately, there will be no club next Tuesday 13th May, as most of you are going on your little trips, organised by the one and only Kay Doyle, thank you Kay for all your hard work.

Coming up in the very near future, Viking Splash Tour, trip to Punchestown and a trip to Waterford Glass, so get your names in so you won't be disappointed.

See you all on the 20th May
Clare

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Aindriú Báicéir a regular entrant to our quiz "is not doing children's corner anymore because he is "too old" and would like to wish everybody luck in the future. Aindriú we are sorry to lose you but wish you well for the future!

This week's winner is Síofra Pitts. Congratulations Síofra! Your prize is waiting to be picked up by you from the Sacristy after Mass today

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

This week we heard of St. Stephen, the first Martyr. What does "Martyr" mean?

Your entries to ellenteresacoyn@eircom.net by Tuesday 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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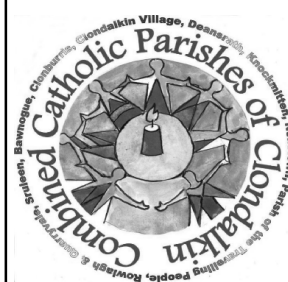
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"WE MEASURE FIVE TIMES AS WE ONLY CUT ONCE"

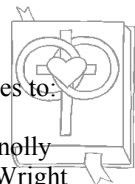
Fr. John Wall used this expression on numerous occasions as once something goes to print it cannot be retracted. I know some of you got a good laugh at my expense with the numerous errors in last week's newsletter. My only excuse is that I was late with the front page and neither Peter Siney our Parish Pastoral Worker nor Anne Brett our ever reliable secretary was on hand to review my work and correct any errors.

We still have lots of joyful celebrations this month. Saturday was a big day for the girls from the Presentation Schools who received the Body of Christ for the first time. Next Saturday it will be the boys from Saint Joseph's School and the 24th will be the turn of the pupils from Queen of the Apostles National School Clonburris agus na Gaelscoileanna. All of these children and indeed all are invited to join in the May Procession which will be on Tuesday 29th May, full details next week.

Seamus McEntee our deacon will be ordained to the priesthood on the 3rd June 2014 at 11am in the Pro-Cathedral by Archbishop Dermot Martin. All are welcome to join in this diocesan celebration, as Seamus is the only ordination to the priesthood in the diocese this year. Fr. Seamus as he will be then, will celebrate Mass here in the Village Church on Wednesday 4th June at 7.30pm. Once again all are welcome.

Bye for now,
Fr. Damian

WEDDINGS



Congratulations and best wishes to:

Pamela Moran and Colm Connolly
Karoline Bernardes and Neil Wright
Michelle Talbot and Alan Kavanagh

recently married.

ADORATION

This Thursday, 15th May, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

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

Church: 7pm to 9pm and all are welcome

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: Clondalkin Parish Pastoral Centre

Date: Tuesday 13th May

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Bernardine Wynne, Veronica Bayly, Tracy Whelan and Josephine Hearty

Altar Linen: Catherine Sherwin

Flowers: Marie Harrington from 16th to 30th May – vases only

(Weddings Friday and Saturday)

NOTICES

Monday 12th May

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

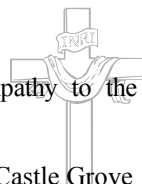
Tuesday 13th May

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

Wednesday 14th May

Prayer Meeting in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm

DEATHS



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

Elizabeth (Betty) Dunworth, Castle Grove
Theresa Callinan, Moyfield Park, Tallaght

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima (originally Clondalkin Parish 8 days Pilgrimage to Fatima for the past 24 years)

Date: 11 – 18th September

Spiritual Director: Rev. Fr. Owen Lambert CSSp

Hotel: Domus Pacis, Fatima

Fare: €725 per person sharing

Further details from Eileen Carty, 4574832

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 12th May

10.00am Joe Moore

Tuesday 13th May

7.30am Betty Power

Wednesday 14th May

7.30am Carmel and Edmund Murphy

Friday 16th May

10.00am John and Kevin Lambe

Sunday 18th May

7.30pm (Vigil) Mary (Maisie) McAuley, 2nd An

10.30am Emma Curran
Gerry McCabe

12 noon Liam O'Hanrahan, MM

Laurence (Sonny) O'Brien

Lee Reid, 3rd An

Bill McDonnell, 5th An

Larry Farnon

Freya Wamsted, 2nd An

Carol Nolan, 1st An

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 10th May

6.30pm Marie Gleeson An.
Jack Fagan An.

Sunday 11th May

11.00am Mary V. Scannell An.

Competition Winner

Congratulations to Jessica Kenny competition winner, your prize can be collected after Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Congratulations to the girls of our local schools who received their First Holy Communion yesterday and on Saturday next at 11am it will be the turn of the boys of St. Joseph's. We wish them well
(Please note: Mass on Saturday will be at 9.30am instead of 10am)

REMINDER FROM MONDAY CLUB

On Monday 12th we hope to go to the Print Museum. We will meet after Mass in the Parish Social Centre and then hopefully leave around 11am. There will a small charge for the tour of Museum.

Joan

LIKE A HUGE PICTURE FRAME

A huge wooden picture frame has come into our possession. The frame was given to the sisters and they would like someone who has use for it to have it for free.

The frame is in the Pastoral Centre and can be seen during the weekdays. It will be gifted on a "first come" basis and must be removed – we don't have delivery service.

Interested? Please phone 4593993/0851434019 or email ellenteresacoyne@eircom.net

"BAT WALK"!

We are having a bat walk on Saturday 24th May in the Community Centre, run by Sean Meehan of Irish Wildlife Trust for Biodiversity Week and will start at 9.30pm Meeting at entrance to Community Leisure Centre
Marie Kearney, Tidy Towns

I MET POPE JOHN PAUL 11

Six months prior to the death of Pope John Paul 11. September 2004 Pat (RIP) and I went on a pilgrimage to San Giovanni which also took in Rome. While we were there, Pope John Paul 11 was in the summer residence at Castel Gandolfo. Our group of 18 pilgrims were brought there on Sunday 26th September. We had just arrived in the square a short time when an official dressed in black suddenly ushered Pat & I to an area cordoned off from the main crowd to just in front of where the Pope would be seated. There were six people in this area. There was in front of us a beautiful flower display behind which the Pope was seated. The Pope was wheeled out in his wheelchair in time to recite the Angelus after which he addressed the people in different languages with great difficulty at times. Then suddenly the same gentleman came to us again and ushered us up behind the floral displays to meet Pope John Paul. What a shock and surprise to get this unique privilege to greet the Pope.

Then being escorted away from the ramp into a passage through the crowd, everyone nearest wanted to touch us. I suppose they felt since we had spoken and shook hands with the Pope it was the nearest they could physically get to him.

I feel so lucky and privileged to have met such a wonderful person who was a true representative of Jesus on Earth and is being justly rewarded.

May He intercede for us all!

Kathleen Ryder