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instead of fostering real greatness. In spite of the shortcomings of our society many of us want to be great, want to be heroes. Even the most selfish hedonist seeks to be great in his quiet reflective moments. That is one of the extraordinary aspects of human nature, we don't always like what is easy, and we are attracted to what is difficult. When Christianity says "Take up your cross and follow me" it thrives – when it says "anything goes it withers!

Fr. Padraig

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

Today Pentecost Sunday concludes the Easter Season and from tomorrow we enter Ordinary Time. All Easter decorations will come down in the morning and the "Mercy" Garden will be moved outside on Tuesday after 10am Mass and Rosary to give the flowers their natural habitat.

We welcome the planting of flowers, as before, for your particular intention and we hope that the outside Garden will still give pleasure to many.

### ROUND TOWER 1916 COMMEMORATION NIGHT

Round Tower GAA Club welcomes you to a night of talks to commemorate and celebrate the Anniversary of the 1916 Rising. Presentations will be delivered by Mark Reynolds, GAA Archivist, who will speak on 'The GAA and 1916' and Comdt. Stephen Mac Eoin, whose presentation is titled Ireland 2016 and Military Archive Sources for 1916; 'Finding your connections to 1916'. The event will take place Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the Round Tower clubhouse at Convent Road, Clondalkin village. There is no charge to event and all are welcome.

Michael McGlynn

### VACANCY

Presentation Brothers seek to appoint a full-time Co-ordinator of Youth Ministry.

The post will be based at Presentation Brothers Youth Ministry (PBYM) Centre, Mardyke House in Cork City. Travel will also be required and a full, clean driving license is necessary.

Garda Vetting as part of our Child Safeguarding Policy is a condition of employment.

Salary: €35,000 p.a. + travel expenses.  
Closing date: Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
Further information and Job Description from: Br Raymond Dwyer, Presentation Brothers House, Glasthule, Dun Laoghaire.  
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Email: dwyer\_raymond1984@yahoo.ie  
Applicants must include a CV and a cover letter detailing why they feel they are qualified and suited to this post.

### CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Our BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE CHOIR sang outside The Laurels last Friday evening in aid of The Irish Heart Foundation and raised approximately €500. Thank you to all who supported this great cause.

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May our choir will be singing at The Active Retirement Trade Show, venue: Whites Hotel, Wexford, so anyone who has a train pass, go and have a lovely free day out, alternatively, we are running a bus and we have approximately 10 spaces left at a cost of €10 return, so please call me on 086 3274323 if you are interested. Clare

### 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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### THE ROAD LESS TRAVELLED – THE PATH TO HEROISM

"Go by the road less travelled and enter by the narrow gate" we are told in Matthew, Ch.7 which is part of the Sermon on the Mount. Living the Christian life is meant to be an adventure and adventure has challenge built into it. Life is interesting and fulfilling when it is an adventure – it becomes boring and dull when it is not.

Jesus did not come to make life easy but to make us great. There is a hero in all of us and he came to draw that hero out. Our contemporary culture has a strange anti-hero quality about it. Sure it puts people up on pedestals but at the same time it says "No heroes allowed",

We come to see that there is a difference between God's idea of a hero and our culture's idea of a hero. It tends to go for celebrities, puts them on a pedestal for a while and then takes great pleasure in knocking them off when it's discovered that they have feet of clay.

When I was working in London 20 years ago there was a saying about celebrities who were the centre of attention at the time that 'they were famous for being famous'. They got themselves into the right nightclubs, went to the right parties and schemed themselves into the right circle of the great and good.

20 years later these celebrities have long been knocked off their pedestals and their present day replacements won't last long either. This is a sad situation and it is even sadder that there are very few heroes for our young people to look up to and emulate. The celebrities they are presented with are all too often vulnerable, flawed individuals whose personal lives are in disarray. It is no wonder that the glare of the limelight gets to be too painful and many of them resort to drugs and alcohol abuse.

And so there is a vacuum in our western civilisation. It intends to encourage the mediocre and the superficial

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## BAPTISMS



Congratulations and welcome to:

Vanessa Wiktoria Szurawska / Aras / na Cluaine

Christopher Jacob Culverwell, Fettercairn Rd

Lena Naomi Szmit, Cedarbrook Walk

Samira Maria Scott, Floraville Avenue

Althea Patricia Maria Kavanagh, Thomas Davis St. West, Inchicore

Genea Billie Marie Kavanagh, Thomas Davis St. West, Inchicore

who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

## CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR 9 CLONDALKIN PARISHES

This Tuesday evening 17<sup>th</sup> May Intercessory Group praying in Parish Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Come along if you can to join us in praying for the needs of our whole group of parishes.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – ST JOSEPH’S

The boys of St. Joseph’s School will receive their First Holy Communion next Saturday.

Please Note: To facilitate the First Holy Communion, Mass will be at 9.30am instead of 10am

## NOTICES

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

### Tuesday 17<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.

## WEDDINGS

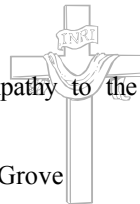


Congratulations and best wishes to:

April Raymond and Barry Reid

who received the Sacrament of Marriage

## DEATHS



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

William Caney, Cherrywood Grove

recently deceased. May he rest in peace.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May

7.30am Breda Guy

10.00am Kathleen and Pat Duggan

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May

7.30am Carmel and Edmund Murphy

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am Joseph Cleary, 1<sup>st</sup> An

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May

9.30am Joseph Cleary, 1<sup>st</sup> An

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

7.30pm (Vigil) Deceased members of McDonagh Family  
9.00 am Treasa Daly, 1<sup>st</sup> An and her mother Theresa Daly  
10.30am Emma Curran  
Lucy Corcoran  
Kathleen McCormack  
Mick O’Keeffe  
Gerry McCabe, 4<sup>th</sup> An  
12 noon William McDonnell, 7<sup>th</sup> An  
Tilly Barr  
5.30pm Colette Brown and deceased family members

## CLONBURRIS

### Mass Intentions

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May

6.30pm Kevin Blackburn (An)

Deceased members of the Blackburn family

## ADORATION

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May: **No Adoration in the morning**, Church in use and Sisters’ Oratory is unavailable

Adoration in the Church 7pm to 9pm. All are welcome

## CHURCH DUTY

**Cleaning:** Betty Byrne and Rebecca Duggan

**Altar Linen:** Vera Rogers

**Flowers:** Noreen King from 15<sup>th</sup> May

## “CROSSCARE” COLLECTION

Founded in 1941 to tackle the dreadful poverty in Dublin during the war years as the Catholic Social Service Conference, it provided food centres providing nourishing meals for those who were hungry, while the clothing department provided those in need with new clothes. The growth in Crosscare’s services has emerged as the needs and concept of poverty has kept changing in the Archdiocese over the past seventy years. However the central remit of our social support agency has always been to address and redress poverty, marginalisation and social exclusion in Dublin.

To enable this work to continue the **SHARE** Collection today will be replaced by a collection for **CROSSCARE** (The Presentation Associates collection is deferred to next weekend. Your generosity is appreciated.)

## ADULT CATECHISM STUDIES

### Article 7 the Virtues

Virtue means loving what is morally good and living it for that reason. It teaches us to combat what threatens moral goodness. Moral virtue deals with what is morally good and allows the person not only to perform good acts but to give the best of himself.

The virtuous person cares for his attitudes and dispositions, and in this way is more likely to do good and avoid evil. Our understanding of the moral good and our willingness to seek good and avoid evil are major factors in the sort of people we become. Without the active assistance of the Holy Spirit through grace, we would not be able to attain virtue.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm  
Presentation Convent, paragraphs 1803-1845.

## MONDAY CLUB

On Monday nineteen of us had our outing to the wonderful exhibition of the 1916 “Rising” currently on display in the GPO.

On arrival we met Aimee who gave us an introduction to what we would see and experience during our visit.

The exhibition took us through the events leading to the “Rising” those involved, the rising itself and beyond.

Hopefully we will have an outing to Kilmainham in a few weeks!

The coffee morning on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May is part of the Bealtaine Festival where we hope to have plenty of tea/coffee and cakes and chat. Please bring any craft items to put into the “What makes you happy as you age” section of the Festival. Please put your name and Monday Club on your item. Entry forms will be available and I will bring the items to the Co. Council Office in Tallaght on Wednesday. Closing date for entries is Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> May.

Kathleen R.