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Jesus instructs all of us, as his disciples in his Ascension message to finish his work of saving mankind by proclaiming His Good News by our words and deeds, lived out in our daily lives.

Fr. Séamus

**PENTECOST SUNDAY THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

“The Holy Spirit is the sanctifier, who was sent by the Father and Son to complete the work of the Son. He makes "holy." The Spirit also imparts the gifts of faith, hope and charity, enabling us to grow in our relationship with God and with one another”

Pope John Paul II

Next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost – the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of Church.

**MAY PROCESSION**

“Bring flowers of the fairest and flowers of the rarest”

Next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, we add a very special celebration - we honour Mary our Mother and Mother of the Church.

After 12 noon Mass we will have a Rosary Procession around the grounds and returning to the Church where we present our flowers as tributes to our Mother of the Church. The procession will be led by the children who received their first Holy Communion during the month and wearing the Holy Communion outfits. We need donations of flowers to enable everyone to make their presentation. Flowers may be left in the Sacristy on Saturday or in the baskets provided and these flowers may be collected afterward and given to anyone sick and housebound.

Ministers of the Environment: please be in the Church at 3pm on Saturday to prepare the church for the celebrations.

**LOURDES**

We arrived home on Tuesday having spent five days in glorious sunshine and in an atmosphere of peace and friendship. Lourdes is a place for the sick and it was wonderful to see so many people, priests, nurses, handmaids and young people helping those in need. In our own group we had two girls, Angelika and Rachel from Coláiste Bríde who were always willing to help with the task asked of them. They and their teacher Gabrielle brought two knitted blankets, handknit by them and some of the pupils from Coláiste Bríde and presented them to the Hospital in Lourdes. The Sisters there were very appreciative of their efforts and the blankets will be used by the patients as they attend the processions each day.

It was also a pleasure to have three other young people with us, Stephnie, Emma and Rachel who took part in all our Masses, processions and Holy Hour. They are a credit to their parents and teachers in Coláiste Bríde.

Fr. Shan O’Cuiv, our Spiritual Director was an inspiration to us all, at our Masses and in his friendship. Unfortunately our leader Padraig was unable to be with us due to illness, but we thank him that despite his illness he organised the pilgrimage to enable it to run smoothly and we pray for his recovery.

The large candle representing the Clondalkin Parish was placed at the grotto on Monday night and we prayed as the flame burned, rising a prayer to God, through Our Lady for the needs of all our community.

Lourdes Team

**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 DISCIPLES WHO COMPLETED PUCCINI’S OPERA TURANDOT**

Back in the late 80’s, I was a real fan of Pop music. I listening to such groups as Duran Duran, Spandau Ballet, Tears for fears, Simple Minds, Yazoo, Human League, ABC, Ultravox, Peter Gabriel, Depeche Mode and the list goes on. In fact, in my late teens, along with some school friends, we formed a band, writing and playing our own music, with the hope that one day we too would follow in the success and world domination of the bands we admired. I was the bass player, and look back now on those happy formative years of my early adult life. So when I read a story recently about another famous music composer, naturally I had more than a passing interest.

The story was about the Italian composer Giacomo Puccini who wrote the Operas, La Boheme, Madama Butterfly and Tosca. It was during his battle with terminal cancer in 1922 that he began to write Turandot, which many now consider his best work. He worked on the score day and night, despite his friends' advice to rest, and to save his energy. When his sickness worsened, Puccini said to his disciples, “If I don't finish Turandot, I want you to finish it.” He died in 1924, leaving the work unfinished. His disciples, those close to him, gathered all that was written of Turandot, studied it in great detail, and then proceeded to write the remainder of the opera. The world premier was performed in La Scala Opera House in Milan in 1926, and Toscanini, Puccini’s favorite student, conducted it. The opera went beautifully, until Toscanini came to the end of the part written by Puccini. He stopped the music, put down the baton, turned to the audience, and announced, “Thus far the master wrote, but he died.” There was a long pause; no one moved. Then Toscanini picked up the baton, turned to the audience and, with tears in his eyes, announced, “But his disciples finished his work.” The opera closed to thunderous applause and found a permanent place in the annals of great works.

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## BAPTISMS



Congratulations and welcome to:

Loribeth Christine McGregor, Michael Collins Park

Igor Pawel Czynowski, Beech Row

Chioma Jessica Chinedu, Áras na Cluaine  
Lacey-Mae lara McCann, St. Finian's Grove, Lucan

Finn Patrick Christopher Gallagher, Riversdale Drive.

recently Baptised.

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## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The children of the Gaelscoileanna will receive their First Holy Communion **next Saturday at 11am:** to facilitate the occasion **Mass will be at 9.30am instead of 10am**

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## CHURCH DUTY

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

**Altar Linen:** Teresa Coyne

**Flowers:** Decoration of the church for Pentecost Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm and removal of all Easter decorations on Monday morning after 10am Mass and Rosary – all members of the Environment Ministry required.

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## NOTICES

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## ADORATION

This Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the:

**Church:** from 10.45am to 11.45am

**Church:** 7pm to 9pm

All are welcome

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## 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 19<sup>th</sup> May and all are welcome

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## ANNIVERSARIES

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

10.00am Larry Farnon

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

7.30am Raymond Condron

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

10.00am Brian McDonagh

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

10.00am Nicholas and Imelda McEvoy

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

10.00am Kathleen and Pat Duggan

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

9.30am Gerry McCabe

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

7.30pm (Vigil) Elizabeth Foley

9.00am Margaret Minihan

10.30am Lucy and John Corcoran

Kathleen McCormack

12 noon Larry Farnon

William McDonnell

Margaret McInerney

Mary and Phil Smith

William Noonan

Brid Hughes, MM

## CLONBURRIS

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

11.00am Frank and Annie Pitts An

Ena Reilly B.Rem.

Kevin Blackburn An

Deceased members of Blackburn

Family; Patrick and Kathleen

Blackburn An,

Patrick Denton An.

Collette Brown An.

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## ADULT FAITH FORMATION – STUDY OF THE CATECHISM

“But with infinite wisdom and goodness God freely willed to create a world in a state of journeying towards its ultimate perfection” – studying God the Creator, on why the world is not yet perfect!

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## “CÉAD MÍLE Fáilte”

Coláiste Bríde is hosting 16 students and 4 teachers from its sister school, the Presentation Convent School in Delhi, India. This is part of the Global Education Experience, a development project of the Presentation Sisters in Ireland with other Presentation groups overseas. The visiting group will be staying in Clondalkin and would like to meet and greet everyone.

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## GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY

John Grenham, the author of Tracing Your Irish Ancestors will speak on this subject in Clondalkin Library at 6.30pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

If you have an interest in researching your family history, don't miss this opportunity to hear one of the foremost Irish genealogists. All are welcome.

## “CROSSCARE”

“Crosscare” is the social support agency of the Dublin Archdiocese. Since 1941 Crosscare has been delivering services to the needy. These services are currently run from nearly 90 locations throughout the Dublin Archdiocese, providing those in need with emergency accommodation, working with young people in the community to help them reach their true potential and developing innovative approaches to tackle food poverty and deprivation within the community.

To enable the continued work a collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend and it will replace the “SHARE” collection.

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## MONDAY CLUB

After a very enjoyable chat and our cuppa we had a “Where in the World” quiz. The question cards selected by Elsie were interesting eg “what is the name of a house extension in Australia? Answer sleepout and what country did the King Charles spaniel originate? The quiz was made easy when on one occasion the answer was accidentally given in the question to the merriment of those who spotted it. We had two rounds of ten questions and Noel Wall was the winner of both rounds. Congratulations Noel!

Thanks to Frank Hegarty who very kindly brought a bag of rhubarb for distribution.

Thanks to Collette White who looked after the Club while Joan and I were absent on 27<sup>th</sup> April.

This Monday we will be going to Colaiste Bríde to visit the students who are busy preparing a presentation on the 1916 rising. We will meet outside the Church at the entrance to the Sacristy at 10.45am after Mass and Rosary. There will be students to meet us to guide the way so I hope to see you all there

Kathleen R