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ANNE CAHILL

living, the world of God. The sign of the cross traced on me at the time of my Baptism was for me a door of faith, as it is every time I bless myself when I am invoking with all my heart God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In making the sign of the cross, I express the faith of the Church because, as Pope Benedict XVI said, "the sign of the cross is like a summary of our faith." At the beginning of the first apparition, the Virgin Mary showed Bernadette how to "make the sign of the cross well." Let us allow ourselves to be guided by Our Lady of Lourdes so that our sign of the cross tells the faith of the Church and expresses our faith.

As I looked around me in Lourdes, I saw signs and doorways of faith everywhere, from the great Eucharistic and candle lit processions in the afternoon and evening, to those queuing for the baths along with the multitude of pilgrims moving slowly before entering the Grotto.

Entering the Grotto was a highly personal experience of faith but it was also a collective one. I realised that my own faith which participates in the faith of the Church, is called to be lived out with others, in the Church and in the parish. In the Grotto I noticed that at some point, almost everyone reaches out their hand to touch the rock. This was not some kind of a magical gesture but a human gesture, which depends on my attitude for that simple gesture to become for me a door of faith, a door that I can cross because it was opened for me. All that is needed is for me to make this gesture in prayer, expressing to God what it means for me.

I realise that Lourdes is a special place of pilgrimage for so many millions of people because it is also one of those doors to faith, just as Mary is a doorway to her Son Jesus and as Jesus is the Doorway to the Father.

Deacon Séamus

I thank Anne Cahill for the generous gift of her time and talent as co-ordinator of the 'Altar Linens and Sacred Vestments' team in the Village Church. Anne responded very kindly to Fr. Martin Ryan's invitation many years ago. Like all ministries there is need for succession planning and Anne is stepping aside as co-ordinator. We are looking for a replacement, so if this appeal to you could you make contact with me by phone or email. Anne will provide the necessary help to ensure a smooth transition and will be available to provide on-going support. Sometimes clergy can take clean linen and vestments for granted but I publicly thank Anne and her team for the loyalty to the parish and to Anne in particular for dedication and perseverance. May the Lord bless and reward her.

Fr. Damian

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Emma Ní Bháicéir is this week's winner. Congratulations Emma! Your prize is waiting to be picked up by you from the Sacristy after Mass today



THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

During the week we celebrated the anniversary of the 1st apparition of our Lady in Fatima

1. Where is Fatima?
2. The names of the children who saw Our Lady

Your entries email ellenteresacoyme@eircom.net by Tuesday or to the Sacristy

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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LOURDES, A DOOR OF FAITH

Our small, but fervent and fun group of pilgrims returned from our annual parish pilgrimage to Lourdes last Tuesday. Our spiritual director was Fr. Shan O'Cuiv and we had two students from Colaiste Bride with us, Aukse and Shauna, who assisted us in various ways. They are a credit to their school and parents. Pdraig Doyle, who was unable to travel this year, organised the pilgrimage, which helped ensure that everything ran smoothly until we arrived home safely.

We were blessed with mostly sunny weather during our stay which helped lift our spirits. Clondalkin parishioners and their intentions were included at all our masses. On our final evening in Lourdes, we processed to the Grotto of Our Lady, carrying the large candle. The candle would remain there burning for days after we departed, offering the prayers, petitions and intentions of all parishioners to Jesus through Mary.

The candle is also a reminder to us of what we are called to be to one another and to the world. Just as it consumed in giving out its light for the benefit of others, so too we are called to give of ourselves, to be self-consumed in the love and service of others. The monies collected for the Lourdes appeal, went to purchase the big candle, while the remainder was given to the City of the Poor, the Poor Clares and the church of the Seven Dolours, where masses were celebrated.

We went carrying the prayers and petitions, burdens and weaknesses of ourselves and of others. Some had lists of names and intentions; others carried them in their hearts. Though we travelled as individuals, we were part of a parish group, who became part of a larger group of faith-filled and faith-seeking people once we arrived in Lourdes, all seeking hope and strength which we could take back with us and help sustain us in the year ahead.

I am on a journey of faith because I went through a door as a child, a door called Baptism. It was through this door that I immediately entered another world and a different way of

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BAPTISMS



Congratulations and welcome to:

Hailey Marie Murphy, Castle Park
James Robert Thompson, Church View,
Green Park
Brigid Nóra Lawless, Cherrywood Villas
Charlotte Karen Coby, Pomeroy Park, Rathangan
Ryan Martin Skelton, Monastery Rd

recently Baptised.

ADORATION

This Thursday, 22nd 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

EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

At 7.30pm the Mysteries of Light Rosary will be recited prior to Prayer Meeting at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre next Wednesday 21st May and all are welcome

CHURCH DUTY

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

Altar Linen: Vera Pidgeon

Flowers: Marie Harrington from 16th to 30th May – vases only
(Weddings Fri. and Sat)

NOTICES

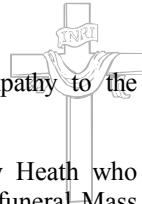
Monday 19th May

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 20th May

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

DEATHS



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

Frances Brennan, Monastery Heath who died on 2nd May and whose funeral-Mass took place in Walkinstown Church of the Assumption

recently deceased. May she 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

Wednesday 21st May

10.00am Nicholas and Imelda McEvoy and May, Paddy and Tommy Douglas

Thursday 22nd May

7.30am Michael Malone, B/day Rem
10.00am Kathleen and Pat Duggan

Sunday 25th May

7.30pm (Vigil) James McGrath, MM
10.30am Lucy, Olive and Susan Corcoran

12 noon

Thomas Courtney
Angela and Christy Buckley

Margaret McInerney
Mary and Phil Smith
Sean Ryan, 5th An
William Noonan

5.30pm

Gerry Bolger, MM

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 17th May

6.30pm Frank and Ann Pitts An.
Ena Reilly An.
Kathleen and Patrick Blackburn An.
Deceased members of Blackburn Family.

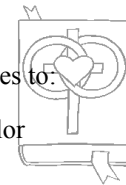
Sunday 18th May

11.00am Collette Brown An.
Christopher McDermott An.
Patrick Denton R.D

Competition Winner

Congratulations to Lucy Gleeson competition winner, your prize can be collected after Mass.

WEDDINGS



Congratulations and best wishes to:

Tracey Gaynor and Marc Taylor

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: Clondalkin Parish Pastoral Centre

Date: Tuesday 20th May

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Congratulations to the boys of St. Joseph's who received their First Holy Communion yesterday and on Saturday next at 11am it will be the turn of the children of the Gaelscoileanna. We wish them well

(Please note: Mass on Saturday will be at 9.30am instead of 10am)

MONDAY CLUB

Grateful thanks to Jackie Pidgeon for his input into our visit to the National Print Museum last Monday! We were treated like royalty and had a most entertaining and interesting day. Anyone with an interest in our past should make a trip there – it is without doubt a “gem” of a place. First of all it is situated in what was the Garrison Chapel in Beggars bush Barracks and is a treasure trove of the printing craft and associated skills in Ireland.

Next week as most of us are going to Connemara there will be tea/coffee etc available for those who wish to meet and have a chat.

A note for your diary: Kathleen Murray will hold her quiz on Monday 26th May. We hope that we will have a good attendance on the day to welcome Kathleen back

Joan

CLONDALKIN PAPER MILLS

South Dublin Co. Co. in conjunction with www.irishlifeandlore.com are compiling an oral history of the paper mills which has played such a big part in the history of Clondalkin over many years.

An appeal for help with this project is being made so as to complete the history of the Paper Mills with this request for any Memorabilia, photos, letters, newspapers cuttings etc to be donated to the project. All documents/photos loaned will be scanned and returned.

Contact can be made with Sile Coleman @ Tallaght Library 4620073 or Tommy Keogh 087 2812626

Sile and Tommy will be in attendance at the Clondalkin Paper Mills Social Club on Old Nangor Rd. on Tuesday next 20th May from 7pm to accept any materials donated