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Presentation School in Delhi who spent the last week visiting their sister schools in Ireland. I thought this last week was cold but the girls must have perished as it is 45C back home. Send some sun back to us.

Fr. Damian

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

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CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

What a wonderful DEBUT our BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE CHOIR had last week. They were just fantastic. Thank you to the RAMS from Newcastle for your part in their Debut. Thank you to Peter Bramble, Choir Master and Phyllis McCarthy, Musical Director for all your hard work and thank you to everyone who came to support us.

We had a Snap Tournament on Tuesday last, under the direction of Mary MacNamara and Tom O'Flaherty, everyone had such fun and congratulations to Joan Deveraux who was the overall winner.

Our sincere sympathy goes to our TREASURER Maura Mannix on the death of her son Donal, who fought a long hard battle for the last couple of years, our thoughts and prayers are with Maura and her family, May He Rest In Peace.

Our members meet on Tuesday mornings, 10.30 to 12.00 in the Towers Club, so anyone who would like to pop in for a cup of tea/coffee will be made very welcome.

Clare

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society will be held on Wednesday 27th Mass after 9.30am Mass in the Parish Centre.

THANK YOU

The family of the late Donal Dunne would like to thank all those who sympathised with them, those who sent Mass Cards and attended the funeral. A special word of "thanks" to Fr. Des and Pat Millea. Mass has been offered for your intentions.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Bishop Field will be in attendance to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the girls from the local Presentation schools on Wednesday next 27th May at 11am.

We wish the girls, their families and teachers well and pray that the summer will at long last make an appearance

To facilitate Confirmation morning Mass will be at 9.30am instead of 10am.

CLONDALKIN HISTORY SOCIETY LECTURE

James Scannell will deliver the final lecture in the current series. 'The Last Voyage of the RMS Lusitania 7th May 1915' in Aras Chronain, Water Lane, on Monday 25th May 2015, commencing at 8p.m. Admission is €5 (non members). All are welcome.

Padraig A O'Murchu

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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MISSCELLANEOUS

I was attending a meeting of a board of which I am a member of, where another member lamented that he was dealing with unusual situations that came under no one's remit, that he described himself as the miscellaneous member of the Board. This week's newsletter is a gathering of random but connected thoughts. Pentecost Sunday is described by some writers as the birthday of the Church. The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles is the same Holy Spirit we received at our Baptism and Confirmation. Our Blessed lady was present with the Apostles at Pentecost so it is appropriate that we have our May Procession after the Middy Mass in the Village Church on Sunday. The procession will be around the Church and convent grounds, all are welcome particularly our many First Communicants. At three of the Masses today we will have Baptism and a Confirmation. We welcome all who were Baptised this Pentecost weekend and their parents and sponsors.

Last Sunday I had the great privilege of celebrating Mass for the residents of Saint Killian's Park to mark the 50th Anniversary of the founding of their estate. It was great to see some of the first residents alive and active. Thanks to George and the team for the invitation and the Knockmitten Youth Choir for providing the music ministry. Coincidentally the Mass was held in the neighbouring Scouts Hall who are celebrating their 75th Anniversary this year. Congratulations. The annual gathering for the Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin was hosted by Sruleen Parish last Monday. Fr. David Halpin, Parish Priest of Neilstown, Rowlagh and Quarryvale gave an excellent presentation during which he highlighted that there are eight vigil Masses, thirteen morning Masses combined with our Sunday evening Mass making a total of twenty two Masses celebrated each weekend in our area. *Slan abhaile* to our visitors from

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ADORATION

This Thursday, 28th 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 27th May The Missionary Rosary at 7.30pm before the Prayer Meeting at 8.00pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre. All welcome

HOLY HOUR

All are invited to join with Fr. Sheils, Aid to the Church in Need, in praying a Holy hour here in the Church on Tuesday next 26th May at 7.30pm.

PHOTOS OF 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. KILLIAN'S

Photos of the occasion, courtesy of Tommy Keogh are posted on the Parish website and they are impressive!!

NOTICES

Monday 25th May

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 26th 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.

Thursday 28th May:

Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm

Friday 29th May

Colaiste Cillian students and teachers will join us for their end of year Mass at 10.00am

DEATHS

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

Treasa Daly, St. Brigid's
Mary Owens, Monksfield Court
Breda Guy, Laurel Park

recently deceased. May she rest in peace.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rita Arnold and Elsie Naughton

Altar Linen: Marie Harrington

Flowers: All teams to remove all Easter decorations after 10am Mass on Monday, as we now enter "Ordinary" time.

FOCUS IRELAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Suzanne McCabe, community Fundraiser acknowledges with thanks your kind contribution €713.79 raised at the Church gate collection recently and assures everyone that the money donated will continue to help all who need their help

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 25th May

10.00am Elizabeth and John Heller

Thursday 28th May

10.00am Michael and Mary Lacey

Friday 29th May

7.30am Mary and Patrick Kinnane

Sunday 31st May

7.30pm (Vigil) Brian Roberts, 1st An

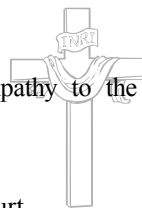
10.30am Robert Cullen, 40th An

Michael Cullen, 19th An

Enie (Josephine) Fitzgerald,

B/day Rem

5.30pm Christie Collins



CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Sunday 24th May

11.00am Anthony O'Brien An.

Fr. Paddy Finn An.

Colette Brown An .

Mary Scannell An.

Patrick Denton An.

First Communion

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who made their First Communion on Saturday.

MONDAY CLUB

The Monday Club went to school when we accepted an invitation to visit the 2nd year students of Rang Aongus and their teacher Ms. McArdle in Colaiste Bride. The students had researched and prepared an excellent presentation on the 1916 Rising. They did very comprehensive research on the lead up to the rising from 1912 with facts and figures of those in leadership, injured, killed or assassinated and those imprisoned. Some prisoners were sent to Fromgoch. One of the ladies told us her father was one on those sent to Fromgoch. The students also did a very interesting and informative profile on those great men whose signatures are on the Proclamation. Noel played the Foggy Dew and Roisin Dubh on the harmonica and Kathleen Finan recited the poem written by Thomas Clarke "See his blood upon the Rose". Our morning finished with tea/coffee and lovely homemade chocolate buns provided by the students.

"Thank you" Ms.Ardle, Harry Keogh and the students for a wonderful welcoming, interesting and formative morning! We wish you all the best of luck for the future.

Monday 25th the music group "Timpeall an Tighe" will come to play music and also there will be a visitor from Australia. We hope to have a good Irish morning.

Kathleen R

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH -ADULT STUDIES

The twenty people together with our Spiritual Directors who make up the adult studies group of the Catechism of the Catholic Church are nearing the end of the first stage of a three year journey to rediscover the truths of our faith. The study of the catechism consists of a daily reflection/study and a weekly group meeting with a Spiritual Director and facilitator. We start each session with a prayer to the Holy Spirit for enlightenment. The Catechism is supplemented by notes provided by the Maryvale Institute which act as a means to gain a deeper understanding of the Catechism.

Catechism is an explanation of the faith in written form. Its purpose is to guard the deposit of faith so that the Christian message can be presented more clearly and adequately in the modern world. Today in our society, we can experience an indifference and even hostility towards our Faith and the Catholic Church. The Catechism provides clear and concise answers to life's questions. It provides guidelines on the ways in which we should face the challenges of living in the 21st century.

In studying the rich deposit of faith so far, we have encountered many profound truths about the fundamentals of our faith, Divine Revelation, The Holy Trinity and Creation. While we recall our childhood teachings we bring adult understanding to bear on the mysteries of our faith. The studies of the Catechism leave us more secure in our faith and validates our beliefs. We are all asked to spread the Good News however, in order to do this we have to know what the news is and have sound and firm knowledge of the faith. The Catechism has been written to provide us with this knowledge. Adults who possess a mature faith serve as an example to others.

Ronan Leydon