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It is the same with God – like a good dentist he will not let sleeping dogs lie – give him an inch and he will take a mile.

Our ultimate destiny is to do great things and be a great person, to be fully alive is to be Christ-like and once Christ is in the door he will not stop until we are like Him. He will draw us out of our comfort zones as a dentist draws a bad tooth. He will awaken the sleeping giant within

This process involves suffering in some shape or form. It costs. The good news is that Jesus takes delight in our fumbling, feeble efforts to meet him halfway. Every little baby step is a step towards greatness, towards heroism. Our biggest baby step is to take part in the greatest of all prayers, the Mass. It is here we find the grace to be fully alive and the glory of God is a man or a woman fully alive.

Fr. Padraig

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Another great day was had by all on Tuesday last. We had a Quiz, which went down very well. Thank you Aidan Dardis, our Quiz Master!

The Marigold Festival Series, Eastern Region takes place on Thursday 18th June at Airfield, Dundrum, from 10.30am to 4.30pm

Everyone is welcome. Bring your friends and have a great day out. Entry fee is €5 which includes a tour of the house and grounds, vintage cars and farm - guest speaker Anne Doyle. There will be workshops, exhibition stands, live music and lots more. Hope to see you all there as it will be a great day out. For further details, you can contact me on 086 3274323.

Clare

FRANK DUFF

The Annual Commemoration Ceremony for the Servant of God Frank Duff, founder of the Legion of Mary, will be held in the Chapel near the entrance of Glasnevin Cemetery on next Sunday 7th June at 3pm.

CELEBRATING PENTECOST!

“Holy Spirit” was the common theme at all Masses last Sunday as we gathered to celebrate the “Birthday of Church. The Church suitably decorated music and liturgies, reflecting the enormity of the celebration.

The reception of the Sacrament of Baptism and Sacrament of Confirmation during the Masses brought home to me the reality of what the Church is all about.

We welcome:

Mia Rose Sneyd, St. Jarlath Rd, Cabra, Billy Rose O’Brien, Belfry Hall, Citywest Emma Louise Dunning, Griffen Glen Boulevard, Lucan who had also her great, great grandmother in attendance Daniel Pietrzyk, Rathgeal, Deansrath Esther Michael, Áras na Cluaine Olivia Shannon Muddiman – Dowd, Riversdale Green

And Karolina Niedo Jad, Orchard Lodge who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on the day

The May procession recognising Mary, Mother of the Church, took place around the grounds of the Church and we thank the people who brought flowers for the occasion for their generosity and of course the Pastoral Council members who had tea/ coffee and biscuits available for all in the Pastoral Centre – truly “Church on Fire”

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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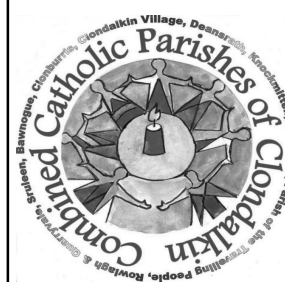
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THE GLORY OF HEROISM AND ITS COST

If Jesus did not come to make life easy for us did he come to make it hard?

He came to make us great, to make us Christ – like. We all admire heroes – we all have it in us to do what is great. Yet when we look around the contemporary world heroes are in short supply. In my young days we had quite a number of heroes to look up to, some were politicians, some church personnel – popes, bishops, saints, some sporting figures and others were in the entertainment business. Now it seems that there is no one that young people can look up to except over paid, over indulged celebrities who are here today and gone tomorrow.

One of the most obvious causes of this is the mass consumerism of our culture. It distracts people away for the self-discipline necessary to promote greatness. A deeper reason is that greatness scares us. At the same time we have a paradoxical yearning to be heroic but when we count the cost of what it would take we lose our confidence and shy away from it. Jesus came to make us great and even though we find Him fascinating he scares us. We sense that if we engage with him at all he will enter into our lives like a whirlwind and overturn all our comfortable attitudes and habits and complacencies. Give him an inch and he will take a mile. C.S. Lewis, the great Christian Apologist tells the story of his experience of toothache when he was a child. He would try to hold out until the pain was very bad and only then go to his mother for an aspirin. He did not doubt that his mother would give him the aspirin but he knew she would do something else. She would take him to the dentist. His mother would not stop at giing her son pain relief for an aching tooth and young C, S. Lewis knew the dentist would not stop at curing the aching tooth. He would start fiddling around the other teeth that did not ache at all – those dentists would not let sleeping dogs lie- if you gave them an inch they would take a mile.

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ADORATION

This Thursday, 4th June Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the **Church:**
Morning: from 10.45am to 11.45am
Evening: Holy Hour 8pm to 9pm.

MONTHLY HOUR OF PRAYER THURSDAY 4TH JUNE 8PM TO 9PM

There will be an hour of prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers for healing and individual blessings, finishing with benediction at 9pm.

You are invited to come to this hour of prayer where we will gather to pray with you and for you as we ask the healing hand of the Lord to touch and strengthen us. All are welcome!

NOTICES

Monday 1st June

Bank Holiday, Mass at 10am only
Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 2nd June

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.

Wednesday 3rd June

Meeting of parents with babies for Sacrament of Baptism at 8pm in the Church (Study of Catechism in Pastoral Centre)

Thursday 4th June

Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm

Saturday 6th June

First Saturday, Mass at 10am, Fatima devotions and blessing with relic of St. Bernadette after Mass

Sunday 7th June

Church Gate collection in aid of Sunflower Day for the Hospice.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Betty Byrne and Rebecca Duggan

Altar Linen: Vera Rogers

Flowers: Kathleen Cosgrove from Friday 5th to 18th June

(Sacrament of Marriage Wed, Thurs, and Friday)

PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association will be held on Friday 5th June at 10.15am in the Pastoral Centre. New members welcome!

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 1st June

10.00am Bridget Lynch

Wednesday 3rd June

10.00am Christine Moore, B/day Rem

Thursday 4th June

10.00am Dr Brendan Rooney

Friday 5th June – 1st Friday

7.30am and 10am All whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead
Also included at 10am Mass
Mary and John O'Neill and Carmel O'Neill, anniversaries

Sunday 7th June

7.30pm (Vigil) Jim Boggans

Frank Keane Jr

9.00am John Roebuck

10.30am Desmond and Ruby

Archibold

Thomas O'Brien

Roy Steed and parents

12 Noon Martina Mooney, 20th An

Jane and Willie Doherty

Sean Ryan

Eamonn O'Brien.

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 30th May

6.30pm Esther Lawless An.
Sr. Eilis O'Loughlin An.

Sunday 31st May

11.00am Bernie Keogh An.
Michael Byrne An.
Anthony O'Brien An.
Christy Mc Dermott An.
Michael McKenna An.

CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER

This Tuesday 2nd June Intercessory Group praying in Pastoral centre at 7.30pm to 8.30pm and all welcome.

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

Further information from:

Eileen Carty, 11 Orchard Rd, Ph: 4574832

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the girls from the local Presentation schools who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

The Pilgrimage will take place **Thursday 1st October 2015**. The price of €1099 includes return flights from Dublin, 4 nights on full board basis in San Giovanni, 3 nights in Rome on B&B basis, luxury coach and a guide. Our Fr. Damian will accompany the pilgrimage as spiritual director.

Interested? Call Fr. Damian or Imelda Farrell – 01 4965357 /087 2402756

KEY LOST

A key was lost after the Monday club last week in the vicinity of the church and as far as the Cancer Charity Shop in the Village. If found please return to the Sacristy or parish office and it will be returned to its owner.

MONDAY CLUB

We had a great party atmosphere in the club on Monday. We had our local music group "Timpeall an Tighe" came at short notice to play for us. We had an Australian visitor Annie who was spending a few days in Dublin with Joan. Annie enjoyed herself and also got us with Frances and Kathleen Finan to dance. She is in a friendship Club in Queensland where it like our Monday Club so there was a common interest and maybe we might get a few new ideas from her. We had jigs, hornpipes, waltzes and mazurkas. Noel played his harmonica, Joan brought McBreen's Heifer and Kathleen F recited. A good time was had by all!

As this was our last Monday in for the club as we closed for the summer I wish to thank most sincerely so many people for all their help and contributions in making the club enjoyable.

A million thanks to Alan for the setting tables and washup, Ann, Joan, Josie, Colette, Kathleen Murray, Minnie Murphy, Fr. Seamus, Harry Keogh and girls and boys from "LOCALISE", Ms. McArdle and girls from 2nd year Coláiste Bríde, Elizabeth Mary, Kay Lee, Kathleen F, Maire, Annette, Betty, Claire, Charlotte, Frances, Caoimhe (members of "Timpeall an Tighe") and Noel for all your contributions to making the club and all who come in every week for making it a friendly, welcoming, interesting and enjoyable club. Without each and everyone there would be no club.

Until Monday 13th September I wish you all a wonderful summer

Kathleen R