



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 5th February 2017



TOP OF THE
HOUSE TO
FATHER DES!!

Regular bingo players will recognise the chorus of 'top of the house' when the number ninety is called out. Well, this month that honour falls to Father Des Byrne who turns ninety shortly. In February 1926 Sean O' Casey's 'plough and the stars' had its opening night and across the water Walt Disney gave his name to an animation studio. However, in Tuckmill, Baltinglass, County Wicklow, John Desmond Byrne arrived into the world. Des entered the Holy Ghost Fathers, today called the Spiritans and was ordained on July 4th 1954. After years of service in Nigeria, Des returned to Ireland serving in Greenhills Parish from 1979 to 1990 and the next six years in Kimmage Manor, and arrived in Woodford in 1998.



It would be fair to say that Des always encouraged the people of God to use their God-given talents to build up their parish. He was instrumental in promoting daily liturgies when a priest wasn't available and fully supportive of our funeral ministry team. His concern for the younger parents with children preparing for the Sacraments is obvious. He gives them the language to journey with their children and was very

much ahead of time in this respect.

The people of Woodford and indeed the wider Clondalkin Parish Community are lucky to have Des with us for so long.

Indeed, a couple who arrived into the parish office during the week booking their wedding for April 2018 requested that Des would officiate at their wedding. Des is a great example to young and middle aged clergy not to give up when obstacles come upon their paths. In my opinion Des's ability to appeal to parishioners of all generations, from those of his own age to the members of the twelve O' clock music ministry and children's liturgy group is his special gift. Long may he continue.

In conclusion, from all of us Happy 90th Birthday Des.

Fr. Damian

"You know you are getting old when the candles cost more than the cake." -Bob Hope



Masses

Clondalkin Village

Sundays: (Vigil) Sat 7.30pm,
Sunday 9am (Gaeilge)
10.30am (Choral),
12 noon (Family) &
5.30pm

Weekdays (Mon – Fri) 7.30am and
10am. Sat 10am

First Fridays 7.30am, 10am.

Holy Days 7.30pm (Vigil), 7.30am,
10am

Confessions Sat 10.30 - 11am &
6.45 - 7.15pm

Clonburris

Sundays (Vigil) Sat 6.30 pm,
Sunday 11am (Family);

Holy Days 11am

Confessions Before Masses

Knockmitten

Sundays (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm,
Sunday 10am, 12noon (Family)

Weekdays Mon to Fri 9.30am

Holy Days (Vigil) 6.30pm;
Holy Day 11am

Confessions Sat 6pm &
by request

Parish Office Hours

Clondalkin: Mon-Fri 9:30 - 12:30

Clonburris: Contact through Village

Knockmitten: Mon-Fri Mass times

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Scoil Mhuire, Scoil Aine and Scoil Ide are currently taking enrolments for Junior Infants. The closing date is **Monday 6th February 2017.**



Clondalkin Village, Deansrath, Srulleen, Knockmitten, Clonburris, Bawnogues, Neilstown, Rowlagh-Quarryvale, Parish of the Travelling People

After the success and response to our CCPC Local Prayer Book



You're invited!

To Submit & Send in prayers to help us make a **NEW LOCAL CHILDREN'S PRAYER BOOK**

We hope to put together collection of the favourite, fun, inspiring, traditional and comforting prayers especially for children used by the younger parishioners from our local area!!

If you or your children would like to send us in your favourite children's prayers leave them into the parish office or email:

ccpcprayerbook@gmail.com
By Friday 10th February

Morning Prayers, Night Prayers, Prayers For parents, for special occasions, etc!! We hope to have the book published and available for the beginning of Lent this year (1st March 2017)

Following on from the success and response to our **CCPC Local Prayer Book** the suggestion came from a number of people to do a similar prayer book for Children. So we are asking people/children to submit their favourite prayers and we hope to put together a collection of the favourite, fun, inspiring, traditional and comforting prayers especially for children used by the younger parishioners from our local area!! You can leave them in your local

parish office or email: **ccpcprayerbook@gmail.com** before the cut off date of **Friday 10th February**. We hope to have the book published and available for the beginning of Lent this year (**1st March 2017**) - So please start sending in you prayers and spread the word!!



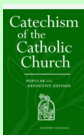
We organize pilgrimages to Medjugorje throughout the year. My family first got involved in Medjugorje in 1984 and we have been working there for the past 14 years bringing out groups and individuals. Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages

Airport transport and 7 nights B&B €279.

Tel: (01) 4434510 or email

reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Call for flight information.



The Eight Commandment – “*You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour*” - By our very nature we are created for the truth. Man is obliged to bear witness to the truth.

Witness is an act of justice that makes the truth known and also is a transmission of the faith by word and deed.

Jesus, unaffected by original sin, proclaims to Pilot that he “has come into the world to bear witness to the truth”. A martyr bears witness to the truth of the faith even unto death.

A lie which is the most direct offence against the truth is speaking a falsehood with the intension of deceiving. Lying undermines trust among men and is destructive of society. When an offence against truth is committed there is a requirement for reparation.

Truth carries with it the joy and splendour of spiritual beauty.

Wednesday 8th February at 7.30pm-Presentation Convent (paragraphs 2464-2513)

Ronan



We are always looking for new people to help out with the our Newsletter, Website & Facebook page - We would love to hear from anyone with skills in any of these areas!! Please drop us an email!!

Monday Club 20 January 2017



We had a great gathering in the club this morning to make St Brigid's Cross. Welcome to Frank, Anna Hegarty and their daughter Maureen, Bernie, Mary, Noreen and Fr Pearse.

Frank & Anna and Maureen came to teach us how to make the crosses. After the tea we set to making the crosses under their guidance. Most of us got a few crosses made while some of us like me for example were all fingers and thumbs. It's quite easy when one gets the know-how.

However, we all got crosses made. Last week I thought I might have no rushes at all. I thank my brother Jimmy Foley in Leitrim for getting them for me at home in Roscommon, and Michael & Charlotte Joyce also came to the rescue when they heard I needed rushes. Charlotte delivered a bag of them to me. In the end there was more than enough and we got to share with Fr Pearse and St Joseph's School.

Thank you Frank for all the work you did in preparing the rushes and all the beautiful crosses you made to distribute to us all, and all involved for making the morning successful. Josie and Collette for making the teas and Alan for setting tables and all who helped in the tidy up.

I apologise for a mistake in last week's newsletter. My sentence should have read "the Monday Club offer our condolences to the husband and family of our dear friend Elsie Naughton" who departed this life recently.

Until next week take care

Kathleen R



The national organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on

Monday 13th February from 19.30 to 21.30 in the Glashaugh Hotel, Belgard Square West, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

This is a free event open to all bereaved parents.

As Anam Cara will need to confirm figures for the event, please RSVP to **info@anamcara.ie** before Friday 10th February or call (01) 4045378.



During the week as part of the celebrations for Catholic Schools' Week we invited all grandparents to our school where we sang and prayed together. As grandparents always do they laughed and clapped at our antics. This story had everyone laughing and I want all of you reading this to tell it to make your grandparents laugh.

"A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own, so she likes other people's children. A grandfather is a man grandmother. He goes for walks with the boys, and they talk about fishing and tractors and like that. Grandmas don't have to do anything except be there.

Usually, they are fat, but not too fat to tie kids' shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwear. They can take off their teeth and gums. They don't have to be smart, only answer questions like why dogs hate cats and how come God isn't married? They don't talk baby talk like visitors do, because it is hard to understand. When they read to us they don't skip or mind if it is the same story again. Everybody should have a Granny especially if you don't have television, because Grannies are the only grown-ups who have got time."



Please do send us in your favourite story, poem, quiz etc by Tuesday at the very latest.

Ciara

CHURCH DUTY

Church Cleaning: Veronica Bayly, Bernardine Wynne, Tracy Whelan and Josephine Hearty

Flowers: Kathleen Cosgrove for February

NB: There is a meeting for all who decorate the Church and do the flowers to plan from now to the Feast of Pentecost. After the 10am Mass Monday 6th Feb. New people welcome!



Monday 6th February-Miraculous Medal

Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 7th February-Lectio Divina under the Guidance of Sr. Anne after 10am Mass in the Pastoral Centre.

CCPC Intercessory Prayer for 9 Clondalkin Parishes - this Tuesday evening joining Deansrath Adoration Group for Holy Hour *in their Church* from 1.74-8.30pm. All welcome.

Wednesday 8th February-Charismatic Prayer Group meets at 7.30pm for Rosary-Mysteries of Light-followed by Prayer Meeting at 8.00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre. All welcome.

Thursday 9th February-Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10.45 to 11.45am in the Church.

Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 12noon—new members always welcome.

Friday 10th February

St. Joseph's Boys' School will be in attendance at 10am Mass.



Margaret "Margo" Palmer

Newlands Park

We offer our condolences and prayers to Margo's family and friends at this sad time.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 3rd March 2017

Meeting to be held on **Wednesday 8th Feb** at 12noon in the Parish Pastoral Centre. Claire O'Connell.



HOUR OF PRAYER

The next Hour of Prayer takes place on

Thursday 9th February

There will be an hour of prayer with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayers for healing and individual blessing 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



This Plaque was made by the boys of St. Joseph's School to mark 25 years that George taught Nature and the care of flowers and was presented to George on his retirement. The boys now enjoy a lovely garden courtesy of George

Village Church

Sunday 5th February 2017

10.30am

John Quinlan (An)
Kathleen Mucha (9th An)
John Lynch (An)
Joseph McVeigh (RIP)

Monica Lernihan & Michael Lynch (An)

12noon

Rory McDonnell (An)
Michael Waters (8th An)

Monday 6th February

10.00am

Michael & Mattie Dwyer (An)

Tuesday 7th February

10.00am

Mary & Con Higgins (An)

Tuesday 9th February

10.00am

2nd & 6th Classes from Scoil Aine will attend.

Friday 10th February

10.00am

Lily Byrne (Birthday Remembrance)
St. Joseph's Boys' School will attend.

Saturday 11th Feb

10.00am

Peg Kelly (An)

Clonburris

Saturday 4th February

6.30pm

Winnie Mulheir (An)
Kay Lacey (An)



Lourdes 2017

Our annual Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes next year takes place from **12th - 17th May**.

Fare: **€680** per person sharing (single room supplement €150). **Deposit: €100.**

Fr. Shán O Cuiv will again be our Spiritual Director and our Pilgrimage will be looked after by Marian Pilgrimages. Booking Forms are now available in the Sacristy, Parish Office and Parish Shop. **Padraig Doyle, Group Organiser.**



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Immaculate Conception Conference of St. Vincent de Paul offer their sincere condolences to the families of **Noelle O'Brien** and **Elsie Naughton**, loyal and true friends of the Society. **Peter Gaynor, President**

Early Spring

"Intimations of Spring
Spring forth to break
new ground that
covered hope-buried
Prayers in darkness
cold of forgotten
months ago.

Shoots test the air
Hoping their hope
Has not deceived them
With frost or cold that
Should have passed by
Now; but still can
Chill the Soul
Like new shoots I too
Feel my goodness rise
in hope to others
Sometimes cut
By word or deed or
look, Can I in time then
learn, The secret of
growth in any clime
Is Life in Christ?
(I am the Vine)
Courtesy of Fr. Mike
from his book
"Seamless Robe"



Entrance to Monastery Estate last Spring



Entrance to our beautiful Village also last Spring. All photos by Tommy Keogh