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parish like ours enables these communities of faith to nurture and grow.

With every best wish, Fr. Damian

# "WHAT EARTH HAS GIVEN, WHAT HANDS HAVE MADE"

No matter how old or young we may be, I think that there are particular moments in all our lives when we say we learned something new. I don't mean high points of our lives when people get married or children are born or that kind of thing. What I mean is that, on some ordinary day in some ordinary place, we suddenly realise something very important, a light goes on, it's a eureka moment, it an ah – ha –ha experience. We get some insight into life and we know instinctively that we will never forget it.

I remember when with the Missionaries of Charity Fathers where I studied and worked in Tijuana, Mexico, we looked after a young man: Juan Carlos who had worked on a building site and after an accident was left paralysed. When the hospital could do no more he was discharged. Being poor; his wife and three young daughters could not afford the care he needed. Our community decided to take him in and look after him. Juan Carlos had come to terms with his disability and continued to enjoy the love and joy of his family, going on occasional outings with them. He often talked about his family and his faith in God and how he found joy and fulfilment in his life through both of them.

I remember feeling somewhat guilty that I rarely in my life ever thanked God for the gift of my limbs and ability to move independently. We take for granted so many precious gifts of God. We fill our minds with all that is wrong with the world and with our own world and we forget about all the things that are right about it. We complain because we haven't all the things that we think we need and we forget about the things that we have.

Today, even just for today, let's try to forget about "IFS and BUTS of life and let's thank God for the many and varied gifts he has given us!

That's not to say that appreciating what we have means ignoring the darker side of life. Today the sun will rise on a world where life is sometimes not that precious and people are persecuted, where thousands of people will go to bed hungry, on homes where children are not cared for etc and our thoughts and prayers are for them.

But today too, the sun will rise on children who are cherished, on spouses who love each other and where there's full and plenty!

Fr. Séamus

(Extract from the homily for the Harvest Thanksgiving Mass. Full copy available on request to "Newsletter")

#### **CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT**

I hope you enjoyed your talk this morning from Rosaleen Dwyer, from SDCC about the heritage of Clondalkin and surrounding areas, thank you Rosaleen.

Well boys and girls, not too many boys I might add, hope you are looking forward to MOUSETRAP next Wednesday, the bus will be collecting you at Round Towers at 1pm sharp, so anyone who has not a lift just ring me at 086 3274323 and ladies don't worry you will be left home to your doors, because I know this is very important to you, so don't worry.

We have a lot to look forward to between now and Christmas, you have my number and of course any committee member will be at your disposal.

Clare

#### **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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#### LET'S TALK ABOUT MONEY

I recall as a newly ordained Priest having to speak about parish finances one Sunday which I duly did. However it was obvious to parishioners and my parish Priest that my heart was not really in to it. It is true that preaching about money isn't my favourite topic but support for your parish only comes from parishioners. Firstly I wish to thank all who contribute, collect and count the family offering every week. If you currently do not contribute would you consider doing so? Please call the parish office to obtain an envelope or set up a standing order. Fran Mc Entegart manages the Charity Tax Rebate Scheme where the parish benefits from contributions over €250 in any given tax year. So far this year we have received over €11,000 euro back. Quite a few parishioners exceed the sum of €250 taking into account Family Offering, Christmas and Easter Dues. If you haven't heard from Fran or forgot to reply to her letter please make contact with her care of the Parish Office.

#### **MASS OFFERINGS**

You may have noticed that the suggested Mass offering is now €10. Firstly this is not the price of a Mass for which there is NO charge. As Moderator I have to ensure that a Mass is said for each Mass card issued through the repository or the parish office. I'm aware of shops 'selling' Mass cards but there is no guarantee that those Masses will ever be offered. It is impossible for the parish clergy to say all the Masses here so we ask the following to offer Masses for us: Aid to the Church in Need, is a Catholic charity which provides support for clergy in the world's poorest areas. Fr. Jim McCaffrey maintains links with his Spiritan Confers in Africa and he asks them to offer some Masses. I know that Fr. Asif Malik and Fr. Bala Raja offer Masses when they return to Pakistan and India. Finally, I ask our neighbouring clergy to offer Masses in Neilstown or Rowlagh/Quarryvale. I'm sure you will understand that support for clergy who are not as fortunate to minister in a

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#### WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to

Niamh Marie Rhodes and David Lawlor

recently married.

#### **ADORATION**

This Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the: **Church:** from after 10am Mass to 11.45am **Church:** 7pm to 9pm 7. All are welcome

# EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November the Rosary – Mysteries of Light will be recited in the Prayer Group at 7.30pm prior to Prayer Meeting starting at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre and all are welcome!

#### 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 11<sup>th</sup> November and all are

welcome.

#### NOTICES

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

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.

#### **DEATHS**

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

Luke Matthew Donoghue, Old Church Grove Ronnie Lowen, St. Brigid's

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

#### REMEMBERING DECEASED OF THE PARISH

"Remembering all parishioners who died during the year" Mass organised by the Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group will be celebrated on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 5.30pm.

Invitations to attend are now being sent to the families and 'invitation' is also extended to all who are bereaved recently or a long time and to neighbours and friends.

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November

7.30am Kieran Murphy, B/day Rem

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

7.30am Paddy Farnon

#### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

7.30am Bridget Dunne

10.00am Mary and Peter McLoughlin

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November

7.30pm (Vigil) Patrick and Anne Dunne and

Rose Dunne, 1<sup>st</sup> An Patrick Robertson, MM

James Robertson

Michael Tiedt

10.30am Liam Norton

Mary and PJ Forde Molly McLoughlin (nee

Martin)

12 noon Joe Kavanagh, 1<sup>st</sup> An 5.30pm Deceased members of

McLoughlin Family

# **CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November

6.30pm Patrick Mc Govern An.

Sunday 9th November

11.00am Cecelia Mc Evoy An. Christina Brown An. Jack Downey An.

Mass for deceased members of Clonburris Parish will be held on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November** @ 6.30pm

#### FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €2,400 – your planned giving contributions this week

#### **CHURCH DUTY**

**Cleaning**: Rita Arnold and Elsie Naughton **Altar Linen**: Mary Jenkins **Flowers**: Teresa Greene 14<sup>th</sup> November (Advent begins on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> November and no flowers during Advent)

#### "ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD"

Names for the Altar List of the Dead are still being accepted. If you have not got an envelope they are at the "sacred space" (Sacred Heart Altar). Feel free to spend time at the Sacred Space praying, reflecting and remembering all the deceased whose names are contained in the box.

#### PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

The Ministers of the Liturgical Environment – people who look after the flowers and decoration of the church – invite all who would like to be involved to a meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass and Rosary. Your views and participation are always welcome!

# COMMERORATION Of the Servant of God. FRANK DUFF

Founder of the Legion of Mary

**34**<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary Mass** in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough St. Dublin 1.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 3.00pm

All are welcome

### PRESENTATION ASSOCIATES INFORMATION MEETING

Presentation Associates meeting is next Monday night at 8.00pm in the Convent. We welcome new members so please come along and join us on Monday night for our new members meeting. There is no commitment on Monday night. It is an information meeting. Looking forward to meeting with you!

Sr. Concepta

#### MONDAY CLUB

We had a fascinating talk by David O'Callaghan last week. David is a Tús team leader with South County Dublin Partnership ltd. It has set up "The Friendly Voice Service" for people aged over 65 who are living alone and feeling lonely and isolated due to illness - unable to leave the house on their own and maybe reliant on one visit per week from a "home-help" - who would love to have a free and I stress "FREE" Friendly Voice Service to help them reduce their feelings of isolation. We here in the Monday Club would be delighted to hear of people who could benefit from this service and David will be in touch to arrange support and information. This service is Garda vetted. So let's help each other to cope with ageing in dignity and friendship.

Joan