HOLY SOULS

Conversion and redemption are always possible and we pray for both. In the month of November we pray for the Holy Souls – those who have gone before us in faith.

When I first went to Lough Derg 20 years ago I was struck by the sign over the entrance which said St. Patrick's Purgatory. Over the next 3 days as I did the pilgrimage it struck me that it was purgatory as I denied myself sleep, food and walked around in my bare feet. But the amazing thing is that I wanted to do it as did the other people who were on the island.

A purgatory can be attractive in pulling me out of my laziness and reinvigorating me. I was a happy man leaving Lough Derg after my 3 days visit and being young and physically fit I found it tough but doable. I don't think I'll be going again as I am a bit old now for staying up all night and denying myself food. Since then I have found other less severe purgatories that bring about conversion in me and through my prayer and self denial hopefully bring about conversion in others.

One of the most remarkable things about Lough Derg is that I wanted to do this penance. Since then it has struck me that all of us to some degree or other even the most hedonistic actually like a bit of purgatory in their lives. How many people do we see pushing themselves hard in a lengthy jog, sweating it out in a punishing work out or training intensely for their favourite sport?

Spiritually the results of our prayers and acts of self denial brings about many conversions – some people convert in this life and come convert in the life to come and these are the Holy Souls in Purgatory whom we pray for in November.

To help us understand the theology behind this is to look at the story of the Prodigal son. Jesus never forced anyone to follow him or believe in him. He allowed people to reject him and walk away and in our story of the Prodigal son the father lets the son reject him and wander off to do his own thing.

The younger son wants to be free and for a while the freedom he has is exhilarating but freedom turns to slavery - he cannot manage without his father's love and ends up in a self imposed purgatory feeding pigs. Somebody must have been praying for him because he comes to his senses, conversion and redemption enters his life. His purgatory continues but this time he chooses to return in great humility to his father and his home - to go on his knees and confess his sins and finally to ask his father to take him back as a servant. His purgatory ends when the Father receives him back with great joy. The prodigal son came to his senses and converted - somebody must have been praying for him. So we too should not underestimate the power of our prayers. Conversion and redemption are always possible.

Fr. Padraig

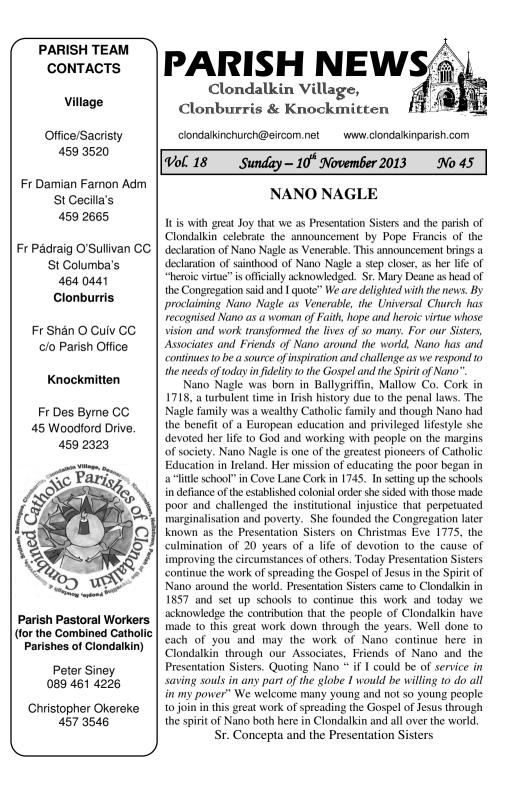
"CHRISTMAS" IN THE REPOSITORY

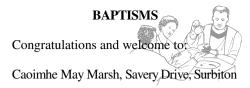
The Parish shop has now, cribs, cards, books and many items suitable for Christmas gifts. Especially welcome back is our Christmas Parish Remembrance Cards which are very popular, featuring on the inside a picture of our church. Recipients of these cards are prayed for during all Masses on Christmas Day. They sell at \notin 2 for 3 cards.

The shop is open before and after all Massed and feel free to call in and browse at your leisure.

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.





recently Baptised.

ADORATION

This Thursday 14th November Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Sisters' Oratory: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am, and from 7pm to 9pm. All are welcome.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rita Arnold Altar Linen: Nuala Carroll **Flowers:** Maura Gaffney from 15th November

MONDAY CLUB

There is nothing specific planned for next Monday. But call into the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass for the usual cuppa and chat.

NEWS FROM "TIDY TOWNS"

We have received two prizes in the National Super Value Tidy Towns competition - most improved area in South Dublin Council and 3rd place in South Dublin County Volunteers always welcome - we meet in Tuthill's car park, Saturdays at 10am. Tommy Keogh

NOTICES

Monday 11th November

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am 9.00am Mass and Rosary. 10.30am

Tuesday 12th November

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:

Al Pidgeon, formerly Laurel Park

recently deceased. May he rest in peace.

EARLY START TO PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday, 13th 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 Pastoral Centre and all are welcome

> **COMMERORATION** Of the Servant of God. FRANK DUFF Founder of the Legion of Mary

33rd Anniversary Mass in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough St. Dublin 1. Saturday 16th November 2013 at 3.00pm

All are welcome

ANNIVERSARIES

Tuesday 12th November

7.30am Kevin and Kathryn Kehoe

Saturday 16th November 10.00am

Ellen O'Donnell, 2nd An

Sunday 17th November

12 noon

7.30pm (Vigil) Kevin Farrell Margaret Doyle Patrick and Anne Dunne Michael Tiedt Mary Forde Patrick Forde Joan and Robert Crookes Austin Dunne and Pauline Farrell

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 9th November 6.30pm Joan Wilford An.

Patrick McGowan An. Thomas Keogh An

Sunday 10th November

11.00am Pat Downey An. Christina Brown An.

Competition Winner

Congratulations to Hannah Cussen competition winner, your prize can be collected after Mass.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HUMANITARIAN WORK IN SYRIA

A church collection for humanitarian work in Syria will be taken up on next weekend, November 17th. It replaces the SHARE collection.

JUST THANKS!

"Nothing is missed until its gone" hit home when I heard that the traditional 10.30am Sunday Mass choir had disbanded after years of service to the community. Imagine my surprise and delight when attending Mass last Sunday the congregation was treated to beautiful music and singing of old familiar hymns and realised how much of people's generosity is taken for granted.

I offer my thanks and appreciation to all whom day in and day out serve us:

Our priests, their generosity and hard work we sometimes think it's our 'right' to expect.

Volunteers, who for no other reason but try to make our community a living, loving and welcoming place to belong.

And of course our choirs who by their singing and music add that special dimension to our liturgical celebrations!

NANO NAGLE HAS BEEN DECLARED VENERABLE BY POPE FRANCIS

Vatican City, 31st October 2013, during a private audience with Cardinal Angelo Amato S.D.B., prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, Pope Francis authorised that Servant of God Honora "Nano" Nagle (John of God), Irish foundress of the Union of the Presentation Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1718-1784) be declared Venerable.

To celebrate the declaration the Presentation Sisters invite you to a talk on "Nano Nagle the educator and social transformer" with Sr. Paula Buckley in the Convent on Tuesday 19th November at 7.30pm to 8.30pm with a cuppa after the talk.

All are welcome and they look forward to sharing with you!

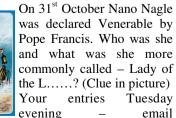
FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €3,097 – your planned giving contributions for two weeks.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jack Quinlan is this week's winner. In answer to our question re what patron saints do you answered "A Patron Saint is a guardian/protector over areas of life that we pray to for help" Congratulations! Your prize is waiting to be picked up by you from the Sacristy after Mass today

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ



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