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While I am not recommending that we discard our watches perhaps we can come to a new perspective in honouring the Sabbath. A day that is God given for rest and recuperation can bring a measure of harmony into our lives.

Fr. Padraig

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Hope you are all enjoying this unreal weather but doesn't it make the winter so shorter. Kay O'Byrne has handed her office to me. "Thank you" Kay, you are a hard act to follow.Barbara O'Flaherty and I are there at your disposal - 086 3274323. Mary Dardis, take a bow! - with those BEAUTIFUL GIRLS from adult education, they baked so much apple tarts, I'm stopping now, cause I only have a little slot, so I will just say THANK YOU each and every one of you BEAUTIFUL LADIES from adult education. Mary Dardis you should be so proud of yourself what you have done for Clondalkin, Tidy Towns, etc, I won't go on cause I know you do all this from the heart! Now lads the next venue is our Dinner Dance on 30th Nov so you know the drill, ring me if you need to be collected, and of course a lift home goes without saying. One more thing we are having a draw next Tuesday for visit to the Dail.

The draw is next Tuesday and if you are not there, sorry even if your name is down, so just be there. Once again thank you TOM O FLAHERTY, I was never a chairperson before and haven't a clue most times what I'm doing but thank you for making me feel special.

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.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gift of the Ordained Priesthood, concelebrated by priests of the diocese, will be celebrated on Sunday 23rd November, the Feast of Christ the King. You are cordially invited to attend this Mass at 3.30pm in St. Andrews Church, Westland Row. The chief celebrant will be Fr Seamus McEntee recently ordained for the Dublin Diocese and appointed National Chaplain to St Joseph's Young Priests Society. Fr. Gerry Moore, Co-PP Sandyford parish will give the homily.

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 next 23rd 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.

THE REPOSITORY

The Christmas Parish Remembrance Cards are now on sale in the Repository - $\epsilon 2$ for 3 cards. The cards depict the picture of our Parish Crib. Recipients of the cards, their intentions are remembered at all Masses celebrated here in the Church on Christmas Day.

Also on sale are a variety of Christmas Cards and religious items suitable for Christmas.

Please feel free to call in after all Masses and browse at your ease! Mary Farrell

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CELEBRATING THE SABBATH

All cultures have some sort of a Sabbath because there is a realisation that it is good for the people of that culture. It is usually the last day of the 7 day cycle we call a week. People need this break to orientate them to what they do and what goes on for the rest of the week. It is in most cultures a day of rest – it allows us a time of recuperation from the labours of life. It is a day orientated towards God and humanity. In some cultures, most notably in totalitarian Marxist societies, there was no Sabbath and certain sterility crept into the lives of the people. There was nothing to distinguish one day from another. In the Judeo –Christian tradition the Sabbath was created by God, though increasingly in Western consumerist societies it is being ignored.

The Sabbath is just another day for work with a bit of leisure thrown in. The Sabbath is usually given as a special day of honour for God and one of the ways God manifests his presence is in his generosity to fragile, finite beings like us. He has given us the gift of space and all the material things in it for us to be creative in using them.

Then he has given us time, but time is utterly his gift to us – we have no control over it. On the Sabbath day we sample God's time by being aware of it and resting in it through turning our attention away from space and the material things in it that can so pre-occupy us. In some respects humanity has conquered space in that we can go anywhere in the world in 24 hours but time remains beyond our reach. We can't recapture the past or dig out the future.

In fact the more technological our culture becomes the less control we have over time. The Sabbath gives us an opportunity to live in harmony with time and therefore with God. My two grandfathers rarely used watches yet they could accurately tell the time of day from observing the natural creation that was all around them. They were Sabbath people who lived in harmony with time and not in competition with it..

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to

Eden Phillip George O'Brien, Millcourt Drive Áoibhe Grace Mullins, Castlegrange Close Katie Grace McEvoy, Cherrywood Avenue Caoimhe Lily O'Brien, Newlands Manor Court

recently Baptised.



ADORATION

This Thursday, 20th November, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the: <u>Church</u>: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am <u>Sister's Oratory</u>: 7pm to 9pm. All are welcome (Church in use)

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:** <u>Sruleen Parish</u> **Date:** 18th November. All are welcome

NOTICES

Monday 17^h November

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

Tuesday 18th 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.

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

Jean Fitzgerald, Monastery Walk Noel Doyle, Castle View Rd

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

CROSSCARE acknowledges with thanks your contribution of $\notin 3,250$ **World Mission** acknowledges with thanks your contribution of $\notin 3,486$

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 17th November 10.00am Greta Kessack

Wednesday 19th November 10.00am Dolores Nolan

Thursday 20th November 10.00am Susan Kessack

Friday 21st November 10.00am Teresa Corcoran, 2nd An

Legion of Mary

Saturday 22nd November 10.00am Deceased members of the

Sunday 23rd November

7.30pm (Vigil) Margaret Doyle Nancy, Joe and Patsy Murphy Eliz. (Betty) Roberts, MM Nuala Bismilla
10.30am Josephine and Eileen Hogan Bernard and Sarah McVeigh Kathleen McCormack Nellie Finnegan
12 Noon Nan and Paddy McGuinness Peggy Downey, 1st An James and Patricia McGill Maurice Collins

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 15th November

6.30pm Mass for deceased parishioners in Clonburris.

Sunday 16th November 11.00am Alan Deans An. Michael Byrne An.

Baptísm

Congratulations to Lilly Maureen Boylan Forrester who was Baptised after 6.30pm Mass on 8th November

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks $\notin 3,257$ – your planned giving contributions this week

BRIDGE CHARITY NIGHT FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Newlands Golf Club is hosting its Annual Bridge Charity for our local St. Vincent de Paul on Tuesday next, 18^{th} November in the Club Rooms at 7.30pm - $\pounds 10$ per person – with a special beginner's competition- and no partner needed.

Please support this worthy charity! Donations of prizes for raffle are greatly appreciated. All monies go directly to the charity

CLONDALKIN TIDY TOWNS

The Annual General Meeting of Clondalkin Tidy Towns will be held in The Green Isle Hotel on Wednesday 26th November 2014.at 8.00pm followed by light refreshments All are welcome to attend Agnes O'Neill, Hon. Secretary (Reminder: Tidy Towns Prayer Service at 11am on Saturday 22nd November)

INVITATION

Presentation Sisters and Associates are delighted to welcome you to a talk by Sr. Fatima Rodrigo on Presentation Ministry and her work on Global Justice at the United Nations next Tuesday night November 18th. We look forward to meeting you there. Talk at 7.30 in Pastoral centre. A cuppa after and informal chat with Sr. Fatima in the Convent! See notices in Church.

Sr. Concepta

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rebecca Duggan and Betty Byrne **Altar Linen:** Kay Lee **Flowers:** Teresa Greene 14th November (Meeting to prepare church for Christmas Monday 24th November after 10am Mass and Rosary in Pastoral Centre and all welcome)

MONDAY CLUB

Kathleen's descriptive talk on her recent trip to California had us travelling with her on her amazing holiday there. She took us to Los Angeles and San Diego and all the great cities, but her visit to a Navajo Indian community in the desert in Arizona was an experience which obviously made a huge impression on her. Their lifestyle is unbelievable with water such a scarce commodity and how they manage on so little. What was so interesting was that women were in charge of all households and the way they ran the economy there. Unfortunately there is not enough space to go into detail on what was an insight into the way of life of the ordinary Americans and Hollywood types and the Native Americans.

Thank you Kathleen for at thought provoking take on the sublime and the ridiculous!

We hope to have Mass at 10am on Monday 24th November for all our past and ill members Joan

DEATHS