

GREEKS COME BEARING GIFTS

We could say that a philosopher is one who stands back from life and asks questions about what life is all about – he or she is someone who seeks meaning in life by means of reasonable explanations. It has a lot in common with religions and the two spheres are often interdependent with one acting as a foundation for the other.

Philosophy as we know it began in Greece about 500 years before Christ. No one knows why it began in Greece; it may have been a consequence of conditions necessary for the flourishing of knowledge. Like other societies the Greeks has a pagan religion with many gods (Zeus, Diana, Apollo). These gods were all powerful but temperamental like human beings – they fought with each other and if in a bad mood they took it out on human beings. So they had to be placated with prayer rituals and sacrifices.

Some educated Greeks thought that being at the whim of a moody god was not a satisfactory explanation for life's happenings. So they sought to explain things by carefully examining the world and life so that rational explanations could be found.

First they examined the physical world and came up with the idea that the world we live in is made up of a combination of air, water and fire. One philosopher called Democritus stated that the world and all that is in it is made up of tiny particles called atoms. This was a very good insight as it turned out to be true.

About 300 BC the Greeks began to focus on the questions of why there is so much upheaval in our world and in our lives. They felt it had something to do with the instability of life – why does everything change? They came to the conclusion that there are two realities in our lives – the reality behind this surface which we cannot see or touch. However we know it exists

from “using our heads” that is by working it out rationally. The Greeks called this the question of “the one and the many”. There is one unchanging reality beneath the many surface realities that we see changing all around us.

This discovery of the Greeks would later act as the foundation of Christian philosophy as it developed in the early church. Christian philosophers would conclude that the one reality behind all realities is God in whom we find ultimate meaning and happiness

Fr. Padraig

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Anidriú Báicéir is this week's winner. Congratulations Aindriú. Your prize is waiting to be picked up by you from the Sacristy after Mass today

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

What has the Catholic Church been celebrating all year?

1. Year of Love
2. Year of Hope
3. Year of Faith



The picture depicts a saying from the Gospels. What does it say?

- Clues:**
- 1st P--
 - 2nd O--
 - 3rd In--
 - 4th The d--p

Your entries by email – ellenteresacoyne@eircom.net by Tuesday evening or to the Sacristy by Wednesday morning!

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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SAINT LAURENCE O'TOOLE

Peter Siney our PPW, Fr. Padraig and I were at the Pro Cathedral last Thursday to attend the ordination to the Diaconate of Seamus McEntee. He will be ordained to the priesthood in 2014 and will serve in the Dublin Diocese. He is from the parish of Rathcoole and he will be living Fr. Jim's house. In a thought provoking homily Archbishop Diarmuid Martin addressed Seamus with these words.

“The ministry of deacons is a ministry of service. You Seamus will receive the book of the Gospels today and the sacred rite will remind you of the nature of your ministry as a Deacon: “Believe what you read, teach what you believe and practice what you teach”. “Believe what you read” is not just an intellectual exercise. It is not something that is attested to by a diploma or an academic degree. It is attested to by the manner in which you accept the word and allow it to enter into your life. The effectiveness of the word comes not from our intellectual skills, but through the power of the Spirit.

We wish Seamus every best wish in his time here with us. The Archbishop also went on to say that “None of us should be satisfied that we really see the poverty around us. For the past number of months, for example, the Crosscare Food Bank of the Dublin Archdiocese has not been able to keep up with demand for food from people in need all over Dublin. Last year, they gave out 500 tonnes of food. So far this year they have needed 750 tonnes.

Saint Laurence O'Toole was renowned for his service to the poor, a service which touched every aspect of his life, opening his own heart and indeed his Cathedral to provide food and shelter to the poor. I would also draw attention to the diocesan collection on this coming weekend to respond to the extraordinary humanitarian emergency in the Philippines and the disaster relief for the people of Syria.”

Fr. D

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to:



Layla Rose Lovatt, Boot Rd
Kayden John Kelly Sweeney, St. John's
Lawns

Gianluca Garret Angelo Bux, Moyglass
Park, Lucan

Leah Rose Pownall, Lindesfarne Park
Ella Marie Buckley Mackey, Woodford Green
Elizabeth Trudy Best, Riversdale Crescent

recently Baptised.

ADORATION

This Thursday 21st 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: Betty Byrne and Rebecca Duggan
Altar Linen: Kay Lee

Flowers: Maura Gaffney to 30th November
(Making of Advent wreath Sat.30th November
after 10am Mass, no flowers for Advent)

INVITATION FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

All attending the 12o'clock Mass today
are invited to a cuppa in the Pastoral
Centre after Mass. Call in and meet
members of the Pastoral Council in a
welcoming atmosphere!

NOTICES

Monday 18th November
Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am
Mass and Rosary.

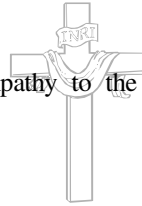
Tuesday 19th November
Lectio Divina under the direction of Sr. Anne
in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass.

DEATHS

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

Ciarán O'Dwyer, Cappamore

recently deceased. May he rest in peace.



WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Anne Marie Gavin and Paul Clifford
Andrea Spencer and Noel Brannigan

recently married.



ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 18th November
10.00am Francois Crassous de Medeuil

Tuesday 19th November
7.30am Deceased members of
Kehoe Family
10.00am Thomas Douglas, MM

Wednesday 20th November
10.00am Susan Kessack

Friday 22nd November
10.00am Pat and Kathleen Duggan

Saturday 23rd November
10.00am Deceased members of
Legion of Mary

Sunday 24th November
7.30pm (Vigil) Michael Byrne
Ciaran Maher
Josephine and Eileen Hogan
10.30am José António Santos Silva,
4th An
Fannon & McGowan Families
Nellie Finnegan
Nan and Paddy McGuinness
12 Noon Dan White
Kathleen McDonnell

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 16th November
6.30pm Harry O'Brien An,
Patrick Roe An.
Eileen O'Brien An.

Sunday 17th November
11.00am Alan Deans An.
Michael and Brigid O'Brien An.

Congratulations to Max Brian James
O'Connor and Milly Kathryn Brigid
O'Connor who were Baptised last
Saturday night.

ANNUAL CHURCH CLEAN UP

The year has just flown since the last general
clean up of the church. The next one is planned
for Wednesday 4th December at 2.30pm
and we envisage all the teams coming
together and then the teams will begin
anew after Christmas. We discovered last
year that it was easier to have the clean up
during day light hours. As well as the other
teams we certainly would welcome anyone
who can and is willing to wield a brush or
duster. All materials will be provided.

Kitty Egan

COMPUTER CLASSES FREE FOR OVER 55's

Age Action is running free beginner
computer classes for over 55's in Clondalkin

The classes are for older people who
have little or no computer experience (or
for the absolutely terrified!). The aim of
the Getting Started programme is to
introduce people to the basics of
computers, internet and email. Classes are
taught by trained volunteer tutors on a one
to one basis with small groups of learners
in a relaxed, non-formal setting.

For more information contact Age
Action on 01 475 6989

PRESENTATION DAY

The people of the parish with one voice
wish the sisters a "happy and joyful" feast
day on Thursday next, 21st November. We
seldom get the opportunity to thank them
so we use this happy day as they celebrate
the declaration of Nano Nagle Venerable
and even though it may seem we take your
generosity for granted we do acknowledge
with thanks your contribution in education
and many other activities in the parish.

MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

Bethany Bereavement Support Group
invited families, friends and extended
families of all who died during the year, to
a November Commemoration Mass at
5.30pm Sunday next, 24th November.
Members of the group would like to meet
all afterwards in the Pastoral Centre to
share a cuppa and a chat.

MEETING TO CELEBRATE NANO NAGLE DECLARED VENERABLE

The Presentation Sisters invite you to a
talk on Nano Nagle "the educator and
social transformer" by Sr. Paula Buckley
on Tuesday, 19th November downstairs in
the Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm, **instead of
in the Convent**, with a cuppa in the
convent afterwards.

Note: change of venue
All are welcome

REMINDER

The Parish Shop is open before and after
all Masses. We have cards for all
occasions including the Parish
Remembrance Christmas cards and many
nice items suitable for gifts. Feel free to
call in and browse at your leisure.