BEGINNING OF ADVENT

Advent begins next Sunday and as we wait with Mary for the birth of her Divine Son:

"Let us turn our gaze and our hearts to Him, in spiritual union with the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Advent. Let us place our hand in hers and enter joyfully into this new time of grace that God gives as a gift to his Church for the good of all humanity. Like Mary and with her maternal help, let us make ourselves docile to the action of the Holy Spirit, so that the God of peace may sanctify us totally, and the Church becomes a sign and instrument of hope for all men".

Benedict XVI, November 29, 2008.

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: Rowlagh Community Room **Date:** Tuesday 25th November. All are welcome

"THANK YOU"

From the local confraternity of St. Vincent de Paul to Newland's Bridge and Golf Clubs

Jack O'Connor accepting €2,500 proceeds of a Charity Bridge night held in Newland's last Tuesday – assured all who took part that the money raised will go to the people in need in Clondalkin and surrounding areas.

CLONDALKIN HISTORY SOCIETY LECURE

On Monday 24th November Michael Ó'Doibhilin will speak on "The Pawn & The Castle (Ann Devlin). The venue is Áras Chrónán, Watery Lane, commencing at 8pm. Admission is € 5.00 (non members). Tá fáilte roimh cách,"

Padraig A. O'Murchú

CHRISTMAS SALE OF WORK

St. John's Parish, Tower Rd is holding a Christmas sale in aid of Church funds on Saturday 29th November from 11am to 3pm in St. John's hall and would appreciate your support.

CLONDALKIN TIDY TOWNS AGM

Please note that our AGM is being held on Wednesday, 26th November 2014 @ 8 p.m. in the Green Isle Hotel.

We would be delighted to see new volunteers coming on board.

Agnes O'Neill

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

I am so glad you all enjoyed MOUSE TRAP last week, what a wonderful day it was. On behalf of myself and the committee I would like to thank Frank Coussins in assisting me bringing all you ladies to your doors, safe and sound, I know this is a very important issue, feeling safe, and this will be happening for our Christmas Dinner at Newlands Golf Club, so there is no need for concern.

I want to thank Michael Maher, Chairperson, Active Retirement Ireland, Eastern South Region Committee, also Marie Halpenny, Secretary, Naas Active Retirement for your input to our meeting today, and of course not forgetting Sean Coughlan for the great music, that everybody enjoyed.

Congratulations to all who won the raffle for Dail Eireann next Wednesday, have a wonderful day.

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.

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

Village

Office/Sacristy 459 3520

Fr Damian Farnon. Moderator St Cecilla's 459 2665

Fr Pádraig O'Sullivan, Co-P.P. St Columba's 464 0441

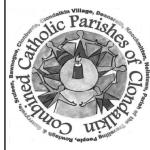
Fr. Seamus McEntee St Mary's 459 2311

Clonburris

Fr Shán O Cuív CC 087 238 7530

Knockmitten

Fr Des Byrne CC 45 Woodford Drive. 459 2323



Parish Pastoral Workers (for the Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin)

> Peter Sinev 089 461 4226

Christopher Okereke 457 3546



No 47

Sunday -23^{rd} November 2014 Vol. 19 SAINT JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCEITY

Father Séamus received an additional appointment recently as Chief or national Chaplain to the Saint Joseph's Young Priests Society. This ties in nicely with his appointment as assistant director of vocations in the diocese. The Saint Joseph's Young Priests Society was founded by Olivia Taffee. It exists to help student clerics on their journey to Priesthood. The Society fosters vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It assists students for the priesthood both financially and by prayer. It promotes the vocation of the laity and fosters a greater understanding and love of the Mass. The Society holds prayer meetings for the vocations and arranges pilgrimages, Eucharistic adoration, vigils, and seminars and retreats so that its members may give witness to Christian living.

The Society works through a branch group which is formed in the parish with the approval of the Parish Priest. Each branch meets monthly, to pray and to organise the Society's activities in its community. There is a branch here in the parish who meet upstairs in the Pastoral Centre after ten Mass and Rosary on the last Wednesday of every month. New members always welcome. You may know that for many students in Clonliffe College including myself could not have afforded to attend without the help of the Society. Fr. Séamus will be the principal celebrant at a Mass of thanksgiving for the priesthood in Saint Andrew's Church, Westland Row on Sunday 23rd November at 15.30. All are welcome to attend.

Mass for Deceased Parishioners

The annual Mass for those who died during the past year and their families takes place today at the 17.30 Mass. Our Bethany group have organised this Mass and made contact with the bereaved families but all are welcome. May our prayers and support comfort those who have lost loved ones and may our faithful departed rest in peace.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to: Ann Marie Kelly and Anthony Conway

recently married.

ADORATION

This Thursday, 27th November, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the: **Church:** from after 10am Mass to 11.45am **Church**: 7pm to 9pm. All are welcome.

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks $\notin 2,100$ – your planned giving contributions this week

ADVENT HOUR OF PRAYER

Thursday 4th December 8pm to 9pm there will be an hour of prayer with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers for healing and individual blessings, finishing 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!

Fr. Padraig

NOTICES

Monday 24th November Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday25th 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. family and friends of: Colm Finnegan, Orchard Rd, whose

funeral was held in Drumcar, Co. Louth

recently deceased. May he rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 24th November

10.00am

members

10.00am

10.00am

Deceased and ill of the Monday Club

Thursday 27th November

Imelda and Nicholas McEvoy

Friday 28th November 10.00am Gerry C

Gerry Geoghan Denis Flanagan

Saturday 29th November

Maura Burke Carmel Lynch

Sunday 30th November

7.30pm (Vigil) Joe Fitzgibbon, 1st An Evelvn Slevin, MM Ciaran Maher and Millie Byrne; Martin Whelan Ronald Rowen, MM 9.00am Noel Bonner 10.30am Matthew Minogue George Browne, 1st An Mick and Nancy Murphy 12 Noon Maura Mernagh George, Nicholas and Simon McNulty Kathleen McDonnell and daughter Wendy White

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 22nd November 6.30pm Harry O'Brien An. Pat Roe An. Matthew and Rosanna Plunkett An.

Sunday 23rd November 11.00am Patrick Farrelly An. Martin Donoghue An.

PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION

If anyone in interested in abstaining from alcohol for Advent there will be cards in the shop after all Masses today Máire Ní Broin

EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday 26th November the "Missionary Rosary" will be recited in the Prayer Group at 7.30pm prior to Prayer Meeting starting at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre. All are welcome

SACRED HEART FILM CLUB

Sacred Heart Film Club continues next Friday 28th November in the Parish Centre, St John's Drive at 7.30 p.m. with the much acclaimed "The Butler;" which tells the true story of Cecil Gaines, a young man who runs away from a slave plantation in the 1920's and after a string of odd jobs ends up as a butler in the White House where he serves several American Presidents and witnesses several historic moments. All Welcome!"

Some copies of Fr Michael's (Sruleen) poetry book "Seamless Robe" are still available in the gift shop and make good presents and stocking fillers. Proceeds go to the Sacred Heart's Missions.

ROTUNDA REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

A service of Remembrance for people who have lost a baby through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth or neonatal death will be held in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday, 23rd November at 3pm (today) Afterwards light refreshments will be served in the Gresham Hotel.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Bernardine Wynne, Veronica Bayly, Tracy Whelan and Josephine Hearty Annual Church Cleanup –Wednesday 10th December at 2.30pm **Altar Linen**: Mary Leonard **Flowers**: no flowers for advent – making of Advent Wreath on Saturday next 29th November after 10am Mass and Rosary (Meeting to prepare church for Christmas tomorrow after 10am Mass and Rosary in Pastoral Centre and all welcome)

MONDAY CLUB

First and foremost thank you Sean for the lovely scones! A change of format last week had us playing "Where in the world" with a multiple choice set of answers not quite so simple in some cases but we managed to get a few high scoring answers. Well done everyone! Our geography lessons were not wasted.

Next week we are delighted to have Edel Hyland coming to us. Edel went to Trinity from Coláiste Bríde and graduated in Genetic Science. She then went to Harvard Medical School and the Johns Hopkins. Having obtained a PhD in Molecular Biology and Genetics she then returned to Harvard University to study evolution. She is doing research and lecturing in DCU at present. We are very honoured she is giving us a morning to talk about DNA. So come along and enjoy an interesting talk.

