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"men and women who have lost all hope, families in difficulty, abandoned children, young people without a future, the elderly, the sick and abandoned, those who are rich in the world's goods but impoverished within, men and women looking for a purpose in life, thirsting for the divine..."

5. Love. Nano's own words demonstrate her abiding love and concern wherever there was a need -"If I could be of service in saving souls in any part of the globe, I would rather willingly do all in my power." What an extraordinary woman is Venerable Nano Nagle.

"This is a happy day for all of us, and we are proud of your courage and dedicated commitment to witness to love. Amen"

Fr Seamus

(Edited version of the homily on the Feast day. Full version on request)

ADULT CATECHISM STUDIES

All who die in God's Grace and friendship, but are still imperfectly purified, are assured of their eternal salvation but undergo the final purification called Purgatory, so as to achieve holiness necessary to enter Heaven.

To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting Gods merciful love means remaining separated from him forever by our own free will. This state of self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called "Hell". The consequences of the good each person has done or failed to do during his earthly life will be revealed at the Last Judgement.

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him" Corinthians 2:9

Paragraphs 1020-1065, Wednesday December 2nd at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre.

Ronan

ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

Looking for that unusual gift? The Annual Craft Fair will be held next Sunday, 6th December in Áras Chrónáin from 12pm to 5pm and will feature handmade gifts and crafts

PARISH MISSION

All homes in the Parish should now have received the programme of events for our Parish Mission beginning 7th December. If you have not received the programme yet there are still copies available at the church entrances.

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Hi everyone, it's great to be back after a long break. We had a choir morning as part of Social Inclusion on 17th November, with our BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE CHOIR performing. They will be appearing in The Towers Club on Friday 11th December, and thank you Kay from the Laurels for providing the sandwiches and cakes.

The Gala Night for Lauralynn, Ireland's Children's Hospice was on 19th November in the Louis Fitzgerald Hotel I would like to thank a few people who made this night possible, in no particular order. Louis Fitzgerald and his staff, Freddie and Aileen Maguire, Massey Bros, Clondalkin and Peter and Dermot, John Curran and Thais Kavanagh. Damien from the Laurels. Tommy Keogh, Tom Brady. Maria Finn and Sandra Hickey, South Dublin County Council. Finbar Coady, Sorry if I forgot anyone.

Our thoughts are with Mary Dardis on the sudden loss of her husband Aidan, RIP, also Marie Currivan on the loss of her Mom Trich Kelly.

Thank you Sally for a wonderful game of bingo on Tuesday last.

Clare

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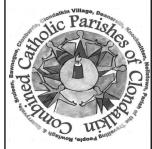
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FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BVM - 21ST NOVEMBER BVM

Last Saturday was a happy day, a day of re-commitment as the Presentation sisters, or to give them their full title, the Presentation Sisters of the BVM of the community here in Clondalkin renewed their religious vows on this great feast of the Presentation of Mary to God by her parents, Joachim and Anne.

The Presentation Sisters, along with the Associate members who joined them, had been preparing for this day and the renewal of their vows by praying a 9 day novena. This special novena has offered the Presentation Sisters time to pray and reflect more deeply on the characteristics of Nano Nagle, their foundress, which are part of the community's rich legacy and spirit.

Today, more than two centuries after the foundation of their congregation by Nano Nagle on 24th Dec 1775, Presentation sisters from so many countries around the world, and their Associate members, from different cultural backgrounds and in very different times, still draw inspiration from the same values and attitudes that characterised Nano in her own day –

- 1. Trust in divine providence.
- 2. Zeal Nano had a burning desire to share the Good News of Jesus' love with others and this attracted others to work alongside her.
- 3. Spirit of Hospitality that she had grown up with since her childhood. Offering hospitality was simply part of Nano's whole life in all that she said and did. Her welcoming heart was experienced in the classrooms during the day and in the lanes and dimly lit homes of the poor and sick during the evening hours.
- 4. She stood with and helped those at the periphery, those on the margins of society. Pope Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation on Consecrated Life calls on everyone to "Go out to all the world"; "A whole world awaits us", he said,

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BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to

Kayla Futi Lambani, Thornfield Sq Kenzie Mai Stuart, Castleview Rd Nathan Aaron Wong, Foraville Avenue Sean Michael Morrin, Riversdale Drive, Noah Alan McManus, St. Brigid's Rd Ivy Michelle Katie Hartley, Yellow Meadows, Drive

who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR 9 CLONDALKING PARISHES

This Tuesday 1st December Intercessory Group praying in Parish Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm to 8.30pm and all welcome.

NOTICES

Monday 30th November

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 1st December

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.

Wednesday 2nd December

Baptismal Preparation Meeting in the **Church** at 8pm

Friday 3rd December

First Friday, All Masses are offered for all whose names are listed on the Altar List of the Dead

First Friday devotions in Holy Family Church beginning at 7.30pm Holy Hour followed by Mass, Exposition, Rosary and Confessions at 9pm

Saturday 4th December

First Saturday, Fatima Devotions after 10am Mass and Rosary

DEATHS

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

Patricia Kelly, Booth Rd Joan Molloy, Booth Rd Gerard Luby, Riversdale Rd

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SAYS "THANK YOU"

"We were blown away when we received the news of the amount raised €3,460 on the Charity Bridge Night in Newlands Golf Club in aid of our local St. Vincent de Paul. We have two families in particular who will now benefit greatly from the generosity shown. Not alone these particular families but many families in need in our community this time of year. will benefit"

On behalf of the people who need help we say a sincere "Thank You". You never fail to come up trumps when we especially need your generosity.

Peter Gaynor

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 30th November

10.00am Christina and James Moore

Wednesday 2nd December

10.00am Olive Smith

Sunday 6th December

7.30pm (Vigil) Christie Maguire, 5th An
Peggy Lynch and John
Lynch, B/day Rem
Marion Corless, 7th An
Nora and Gay Keogh
10.30am
James (Jr) and Alice Norton
Mary Ashe
Jean, John and Robert
Hudson

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 28th November

6.30pm Deceased parishioners of Clonburris Parish.

Sunday 29th November

11.00am James and Josephine Kennedy B.Rem.

ADORATION

This Thursday 3rd November there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **in**

the Church

Morning: 10.45am to 11.45am **Evening:** 8pm to 9pm. All are welcome

PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATIONS

The next meeting of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association will be held on Friday 4th December in the Pastoral Centre at 10.45am and all welcome!

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rita Arnold No flowers for Advent

We extend our gratitude and appreciation to Elsie Naughton who has decided to retire after many years of voluntarily cleaning the church.

HOUR OF PRAYER

The next Hour of Prayer takes place on Thursday 3rd December from 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 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 and all are welcome.

PARISH REMEMBRANCE CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Parish Christmas Cards are now on sale in the Repository. They depict a Nativity scene and a photo of our Christmas crib. All Masses celebrated in the Parish on Christmas Day are offered for the intentions of the recipients of these cards.

Also available from the Repository are a variety of other Christmas cards, Mass and greeting cards and a selection of Religious goods suitable for Christmas.

Mary Farrell

APPRECIATION

Alan and I greatly appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness on the death of Barry. Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Rita Carroll

MONDAY CLUB

This week we had planned a small party in honour of Áine Mhic Mathúna's 100 birthday. Áine was a regular to the Monday Club for many years.

As we had anticipated her attendance, all going well, but at the last moment, much to our disappointment Áine could not attend, but we celebrated Áine's Big Birthday in her absence. We celebrated the birthdays of all present too, whether it be big, middle or small, past or to come, happy birthday and God's blessing to you all!

Áine, congratulations and best wishes from us all! We sent Áine a bouquet of flowers and birthday card for this very special occasion.

We finished the morning with a sing song. Noel played a lovely selection of tunes on his mouthorgan, Kathleen F, Joan and Cathy sang beautiful songs enjoyed by everyone present. Thanks a million to all!

Thanks to Alan, Josie, Collette and Joan for all their help with decorations, setting tables and clear up

Kathleen R