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to thank those who volunteered for this ministry and Peter Siney, Parish Pastoral Worker, who devised the training programme and who is journeying alongside the Team.

Fr. Damian

“THANK YOU”

John Mc Cormack has asked us to convey Br. Kevin’s acknowledgement of your generous contributions of food and €400 from the Harvest Thanksgiving Mass. Br. Kevin and his team of helpers assures everyone your generosity is very much appreciated especially by the people they help in the inner city.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Intercultural Centre presents a “Christmas Concert” on Sunday 7th December at 3pm here in the church. The concert will feature: Kylemore Children’s Choir Orchestra and Recorder Ensemble, Unison World Music Choir, Romanian Grupul Vocal Traistuta, Cór Gaelscoil Cluain Dolcáin, African Gospel Singers and Estonian Laulukoor Éire with Special Guest “Acebella”. Admission is free and the concert is dedicated to children in war zones all over the world.

CLONDALKIN ANIMAL AID

Clondalkin Animal Aid is hosting a musical evening and sing-a-long with Sean Coughlan on Friday 5th December in the Steering Wheel starting at 8.30p.m. Admission €5 to include light refreshments! There will also be a raffle on the night. All proceeds will go entirely to help the animals currently in our care. Please come along and support us and enjoy a great evening.

Mary McCoy

Clondalkin Animal Aid

ASSOCIATES MEETING

Date: Monday March 3rd 2014

Time: 8.00pm

Place: Presentation Convent

Agenda:

- Prayer
- Where to from here mainly a chat around the next steps
- Cup of tea

Looking forward to seeing you on the night! Blessings to you all!

Sr. Concepta

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Because the Annual **BIG** Church Cleaning will be held on Tuesday 10th December at 2.30pm we will postpone all cleaning until then. All teams, friends and all who can wield a brush, duster, etc are indeed welcome. All materials are supplied!

Altar Linen: Catherine Sherwin

Flowers: no flowers for advent

Due to unforeseen circumstances the meeting of the Environmental Ministers had to be postponed to Monday 1st December (tomorrow)after 10am Mass and Rosary in the pastoral Centre.Again willing helpers welcome!

OUR LADY OF ADVENT

At this the beginning of Advent “Let us turn our gaze hearts to him, union with the Our Lady of us place our and enter this new time of grace that God gives as a gift to the Church”
 Benedict XVI



and our in spiritual Virgin Mary, Advent. Let hand in hers joyfully into

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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PARISH NEWS

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**CCPC FUNERAL MINISTRY TEAM
COMMISSIONED**

Parishioners who have lived overseas may have encountered a Funeral Ministry Team in the Parish where they worshipped. This ministry is separate from the Bethany Support Group who journey with the bereaved much later on and is a Liturgical ministry, just like other liturgical ministries we are used to, such as Minister of the Word, Eucharistic Minister, Music Ministry etc. It is founded on the call we receive at Baptism to share in Christ’s ministry as priest, prophet and king. The ‘Funeral journey’ begins with the death of a loved one and ends with their committal at the graveyard or crematorium. There are many different times on this journey where the family can be ministered to through the funeral rites of the Church: prayers after death or in the presence of the body, a vigil for the deceased, reception at the church and the funeral service itself. When a person from our faith community dies, the Church calls each member of Christ’s body to participate in the ministry of consolation: to care for the dying, to pray for the dead, to comfort those who mourn. For more than a year now, a group of 13 people from the Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin have been discerning this call and being formed as a Funeral Ministry Team to undertake this ministry of consolation.

At the start of Advent they will be commissioned and start their public ministry. In the beginning this will mean they work collaboratively with Parish Teams in supporting families as they plan the funeral of their loved one and take part in leading some of the prayers during the various funeral rites. The ministry may develop over time so that the Funeral Ministry Team become more involved in planning and leading the various services. Please remember those undertaking this important ministry in your prayers, and for those who mourn the death of someone they love. I wish

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BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to:
 Julia Prytek, Millcourt Avenue
 Dylan Bednarski, Elmfield Court
 recently Baptised.



ADORATION

This Thursday, 4th December, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the:
Church: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am
Church: Holy Hour conducted by Fr. Pdraig 8 to 9pm
 All are welcome.

NOTICES

Monday 1st December
 Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 2nd 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 3rd December
 Meeting for parents in preparation for Baptism at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre

Friday 5th December
First Friday Masses at 7.30am and 10am are offered for all whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead
 Pioneer Meeting in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass and Rosary new members welcome

Saturday 6th December
First Saturday, Fatima Devotions after 10am Mass and Rosary

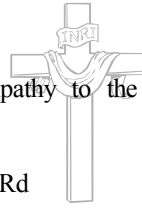
Monday 8th December
 Feast of the Immaculate Conception and under whose guidance and protection our Church is dedicated, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 7.30am and 10am and 6.30pm in Clonburris

DEATHS

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

Bridget Bassett, Castle View Rd
 Nigel Cassells, Mayfield Park
 Breda Eiffe, Lucan, sister of Gerry Coyne, Floraville Avenue

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.



ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 1st December
 7.30am Keogh Family, Christmas Rem
 10.00am Deceased members of Monday Club

Tuesday 2nd December
 7.30am Downey Family, Christmas Rem
 10.00am Olive Smith

Thursday 4th December
 10.00am Marie Byrne, MM

Sunday 7th December
 7.30pm (Vigil) Peg Lynch
 John Lynch, B/day Rem
 Peter and Annie Nixon
 Mary Ashe, 3rd An
 Marion Corless, 6th An
 Nora and Gay Keogh
 Christopher Maguire, 4th An
 10.30am James (Jnr) and Alice Norton
 Marie Byrne, MM
 Evelyn Jones, B/day Rem
 12 Noon Tommy and Hettie Tobin
 Martin McLoughlin, B/day and An
 Jerome Linehan
 Robert and Joan Crookes
 Residents past and present of Floraville Estate
 Brigid and Joe Mulholland
 5.30pm Phyllis Hurrell, 2nd An

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 29th November
 6.30pm Phylis and Donal Tuite M.M.
 James and Josephine Kennedy An.

Sunday 30th November
 11.00am Laurence O'Brien 1st An
 Patrick and Madge Buggle An.
 Sean and Rita Hall An..
 Mary Deegan An.

“LIGHT UP A LIFE”

A ceremony of Remembrance will be held in “Our Lady’s Hospice and Care Centre”, Harold’s Cross on Sunday 7th December at 4pm
 They ask for your support by sponsoring a “light”

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!

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: Clondalkin Pastoral Centre
Date: Tuesday 2nd December and all are welcome

EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday 3rd December, Evening Prayer of the Church for Advent will be recited in the Prayer Group at 7.45pm prior to Prayer Meeting starting at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre

Please try to come early. All are welcome

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €1980 your planned giving contributions this week

MONDAY CLUB

Many “thanks” to the Bethany Group for their generosity to us. The cakes and apple tart were delicious.

We had a full house for Edel Hyland’s talk on Genetic Science. Edel is such a professional she had us all focused within a minute. Using a monitor she outlined the main points of our genetic make-up in a very concise and clear manner. After explaining each sequence she used a multiple choice questionnaire which answered all our queries. We learned so much in such a short space of time, it was brilliant. In conclusion she posed a murder drama and using our new found DNA technology we were able to solve the mystery. We are grateful to you Edel for sharing your valuable time and knowledge with us.

Sr. Concepta also spoke on behalf of the Presentation Sisters to say how proud they are of Edel’s academic success and we all wish you continued success in your ongoing research.

As December approaches we welcome back Kathleen Murray who is thank God back on the road to good health.
 Hope to see you all next week!

Joan