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I have often spoken of the need to avoid extremes and one of the things that has gone astray in the contemporary world is the prudent balance between contemplation and action. You get some people who over emphasise meditation to the point of passivity and unproductive neural gazing. Then the other extreme which is much more common in today's world – frantic over activity. The balance between them is delicate and need to be in its right priority. Pray first and then act. God first and then the world and our needy neighbour.

Fr. Padraig

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

A great crowd turned out on Tuesday last, allowing for the fact that a lot of our choir members (Bright Side of Life) are away in Wexford for a few days.

On Wednesday 28th October, we are having our Halloween Party, Venue: Laurels, Clondalkin, Time: 4 to 8, dinner included, tickets €10, now on sale, please call 086 3274323. Also, our trip to Waterford on 4th December is selling out very fast, so please give your names as soon as possible, so you won't be disappointed.

Kind regards
Clare

TIDY TOWNS INVITATION

You are cordially invited to join us to celebrate our great results in "National Towns 2015. We will be presenting awards for the local summer competition – best shop front, best estate entrance, best front garden etc.

Friday 16th October at 8pm in Round Towers GAA – finger food, music by Billy Joyce – bring dancing shoes – FREE ADMISSION

Mary Dardis

REFLECTIONS ON THE HARVEST THANKSGIVING MASS SUNDAY OCTOBER 4th 2015

We all arrived at Mass last Sunday on The Feast of St. Francis to give thanks to our creator for our food. The side altar was decorated in an autumnal way to receive the various representative gifts of the harvest. Several members of the congregation donated food over the weekend. Thanks a million for all these. All the food donated went to Brother Kevin, who feeds hundreds each day in these difficult times in the inner city.

The narration for the procession of gifts reminded us that the Harvest Thanksgiving Mass sits at the heart of the Laudato Si Encyclical. Father Séamus gave us an overview of Laudato Si and reminded us of the difficulty of explaining this ground breaking document in a sermon at Mass. He advised us to buy it in the Church shop after Mass for €5 and read it reflectively. He reminded us of the incredible beauty of St Francis, " Canticle of The Sun," This can be accessed on line.

Father Séamus thanked everyone who helped with the preparations for the Mass and those who participated in it.

Our Mass was permeated by the wonderful singing of Hannah and Jykkah Awing accompanied on guitar by their father Harold. The warm ovation by the congregation was well deserved. We would all love to hear that singing again .

The hospitality provided in the Pastoral Centre after Mass was very welcoming and greatly appreciated

Best of luck for the coming Week,
Eddie Byrne.

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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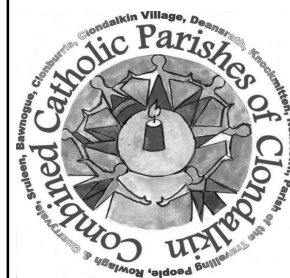
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ACTION AND CONTEMPLATION

The most obvious manifestation of Christianity is that it is very much a religion of action.

The symbol of Christianity is the cross and it signifies going out and moving far and wide. Its horizontal bars embrace all people and its vertical bars point to both heaven and earth. Jesus himself was very busy. We note the breathless pace of the Gospel narrators particularly that of Mark where the words "immediately" and "at once" are used so often. Mary Magdalen ran from the tomb on Easter Sunday to tell the news of Jesus Resurrection. Peter and John ran to the tomb to see for themselves. What is very obvious in St. Paul's missionary journeys is that he moves and moves far and wide. But there is a paradox – our faith also embraces stillness, contemplation, prayer and meditation. It is not a case of "either or" but both and it's done in its right sequence and priority.

Love of God in prayer comes first before love of neighbour in action. First we come to the Lord in quiet reflection then we go to the world in energetic action. How much time we spend in prayer depends on our state in life and our responsibilities towards others. Priests and religious are recommended to spend an hour a day in prayer and to attend daily Mass. Lay people have a different vocation but if we pray well the Holy Spirit will inspire us as to how much time we give to prayer and if we can give half hour or an hour a day at different times the Lord will be pleased with that.

Even though prayer is prioritised by people of faith most of our time is given to busy activity – moving out to the world to be it the home, with family, in the workplace, with colleagues or in the community. Jesus himself took time for prayer. He came first to God his Father and then He went out to the world to his needy neighbours in busy activity.

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ADORATION

This Thursday 15th October there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **in the Church**

Morning: 10.45am to 11.45am

Evening: 7pm to 9pm

All are welcome

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rita Arnold and Elsie Naughton

Altar Linen: Teresa Coyne

Flowers: Elizabeth Mary from 9th to 22nd October, Teresa Greene from 22nd October
Decoration of Church in preparation for the visit of Papal Nuncio after 10am Mass on Saturday, 17th October

“THANK YOU”

Fr. Padraig who celebrated the Mass and blessed the roses on the Feast of St Therese, 1st October

To Nancy and Paddy Byrne who on the Feast of the Little Flower came from Naas bringing relics of the Family of St Therese, whose parents will be canonised this month (Nancy is a sister of Minnie Murphy)

To Joan Fagan who has generously given the relic down the years including this year
To all who brought the roses and distributed them generously.

NOTICES

Monday 12th September

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 13th September

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.

CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR 9 CLONDALKIN PARISHES

This Tuesday evening 13th October Intercessory Group praying in Parish Pastoral Centre, 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Come along if you can to join us in praying for the needs of our whole group of parishes

EARLY START OF THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday 14th October the Rosary Mysteries of Light will be recited at 7.30pm before Prayer Meeting at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre and all welcome

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 12th October

7.30am Henry and Esther Farrell

Tuesday 13th October

10.00am Joseph McCarthy, 5th An

Saturday 17th October

10.00am Esther Ledwidge

Sunday 18th October

7.30pm (Vigil) Noel Doyle, MM
Paddy Boggins
Sr. Teresina Nixon
Mary Gilsean, John Wisely
Betty Roberts, 1st An
Maura Heffernan, B/day Rem
May, Paddy and Tommy
Douglas
Kevin, Catherine and Bridie
Kavanagh

10.30am Sean Murphy and Ronnie McNulty
Sean Mooney, 5th An
Michael Buckley, 9th An
Eugene Connolly rec. dec and deceased members of the Connolly Family
5.30pm Mary, Paddy and Thomas Douglas

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 10th October

6.30pm Phylis and Donal Tuite 1st An.
Kay Tuite 1st An.
Bob Rungay An.

Sunday 11th October

11.00 Jimmy and May O'Brien An,
Maura Murphy An.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES TO BE HELD IN DUBLIN

Pope Francis has announced that the next World Meeting of Families will take place in 2018 in Dublin.

Held every three years and sponsored by the Holy See's Pontifical Council for the Family, the World Meeting of Families is the world's largest Catholic gathering of families.

ADULT CATECHISM STUDIES

The Holy Spirit (paragraphs 683–747).
The third section of The Creed, Article 8 'I believe in the Holy Spirit'.

This week we study the Holy Spirit the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity. We focus on the activity of the Holy Spirit, what He does in history for us and our salvation.

With the impetus given to biblical and liturgical renewal by the Second Vatican Council the Church has become even more aware of the presence and activity in our lives of the Holy Spirit and a greater awareness of the need to evangelise and share the Good News.

We are drawn to Christ through the grace of the Holy Spirit. The mission of Christ and the Holy Spirit is brought to completion in the Church which is the Body of Christ and the temple of the Holy Spirit.
Wednesday October 14th at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre.

Ronan Leydon

WE WELCOME THE PAPAL NUNCIO!

As part of the 400th anniversary of the setting up of our our Parish we are honoured to have his Grace Archbishop Charles Brown Papal Nuncio as the main celebrant at the 12 o'clock Mass next Sunday 18th October. Our parish is dedicated to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St. Killian. St. Killian was a great Irish missionary to Europe in the 6th century and is buried in Germany.

We will also celebrate Mission Sunday.

There will be tea/coffee in the Pastoral Centre after Mass and all will be afforded an opportunity to chat with Archbishop Brown.

MONDAY CLUB

We welcomed Monica McGill who told us how upset and angry she is over all the violence and civil unrest/conflict taking place in our world today. Every time the television or radio is turned on there is news of another murder, violent assault or another country involved in war. She thought of how she can try to make her voice heard in all this mayhem, so the thought of making a scarf made up of 12” squares. She asked the Monday Club for help in making this scarf to represent our voices for peace. I invite you the readers if you would help in this project. Peace comes from each of us, so let it be our opportunity to voice our desire for peace everywhere, from within us, our homes and our country.

Each 12” square can be knitted, crocheted or cut from old jumper in any colour with your Christian name and country pinned on it. They can be left into “Lodza Wool on Monastery Rd. This scarf will be on display there and then on various art centres.

Next week we will have a talk on skincare!

Kathleen R.