

**HARVEST IN THE GAELIC
TRADITION – PÁDRAIGÍN CLANCY**
(Seminar in Clonliffe, 27th September
2014)

Samhain

It was the chief turning point of the Celtic year – the word ‘ana’ means ‘turn’, so Samhain means ‘turn of the summer’. Most significant events in Celtic mythology occurred at this time. It is the occasion most frequently referred to in ancient manuscripts. Despite this, there is no major account of what happened at Samhain. It was the time when the harvest and fuel were in for the winter, the thatch on the roof. If the blackberries were not collected by Samhain, they would be ruined.

Meeting between this and other world: The Tuatha de Danann or Aos Si lived in the hills and mounds. At midnight on Halloween, the mounds opened and the Tuatha de Danann visited the world, looking for something in return for the harvest and fertility they provided. The Irish saw the other world as very close to this world – Tír na nÓg was at the back of the house; it was an upside-down world. The other world includes the Christian and ancestral worlds. The practice of dressing up at Halloween – Halloween guises – represents the visit of the fairies looking for something in return for the fertility they give us.

We have a huge corpus of material in old Irish, Latin and English. Creation was the first sacrament in the Gaelic tradition and the emphasis on nature is evident in Gaelic poetry.

In the Irish tradition God reveals himself in the landscape.

The Celts did not build temples because they did not consider that God could be contained in a building.

As we prepare for Harvest Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 26th October we reflect:

- What have we harvested from the year/ life etc.

- What have we in stock to see us through darkness?
 - What sustains us as we journey?
- Our Catholicism is linked to Rome, so we have not focused on having harvest festivals in the way this is done in the Protestant tradition.

(From material submitted by Fiona
Minogue)

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND
IN 2015**

Friday 27 February – Saturday 7 March
2015

€1,295.00 (pps)

Spiritual Director: Fr. John Kelly
(Chaplain Tallaght Hospital)

Details from: Map Travel

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(Entrance on Parnell Street)

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CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

What a great success the Castlebar trip was and the gala night was just out of this world thanks Kay

My dream came true – I had a dance with a “Professional”, and as usual it ended too soon and I was only there for one night!

A great day was had by all at the ploughing championships, another event by Kay Doyle

We had a walk last Sunday in Phoenix Park for the Heart Foundation at the invitation of Margaret. We ended up in Farmleigh with a sing- song!

“Thanks” Sean for helping us out at short notice.

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.

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EVERLASTING IS THY RAIN

Whether it was a coincidence or just unfortunate timing that the week the water meters started spinning was accompanied by downpours which left many roads with excess surface water and the water butt that I had installed to harvest the rainwater was overflowing. In other parts of the world there is a severe shortage of water. Spain, like many countries manages to conserve and even transport water to areas where there is little or no water. Parishioners who have come from those parts of the world are amazed at how we waste water here.

I was reflecting on this as our Parish Pastoral Council was looking at sacramental preparation. Once again, I think we have had an overflow of preparation but how effective is it? Just as the water charges forces us to examine and maybe conserve our water usage could this be a time for us as a parish to honestly examine our sacramental preparation programme? Have we left all of the preparation to our excellent teachers? What about the role of parents and how do we as baptised Christians respond to the invitation of Pope Francis to be evangelisers?

PPC AND LOCALISE

It is ten years since Archbishop Martin mandated the introduction of Parish Pastoral Councils. Current and past members of PPC’s from Bishop Field’s area will gather this coming Tuesday to mark the anniversary. I thank all who have served on the PPC since its introduction and who planted the seed of co-responsibility and collaboration. Congratulations to the young folk from Localise who graduated last Monday. Localise ‘care in the community’ meets every Monday upstairs in the pastoral centre and is open to those in second level schools. New members are always welcome and parents are welcome to visit as well.

Fr. Damian

WEDDINGS



Congratulations and best wishes to:

Samantha O'Reilly and Mark Stewart
Nicole T. Kelly and Barry K Quinn
Aoife Lynam and Mark Kinchen

recently married.

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Advance notice: Sunday 23rd November
at 5.30pm

DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES SAY "THANKS"

Fr. Liam Dunne, Divine Word Missionary in his letter of 1st October asked that we pass on his appreciation to all parishioners.

"I was impressed by the number of people offering their services throughout the weekend. I was also very impressed to see and hear the various groups providing music of all kinds, Irish, gospel, choral etc.

I also observed a significant number of people in prayer throughout the day too. So well done!

I would like to take this opportunity to express the thanks of the society for your prayers and donation of €1,448"

(We thank Fr. Liam for taking time out to visit us)

NOTICES

Monday 13th October

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 14th October

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.

ADORATION

This Thursday, 16th October, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the:

Church: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am

Church: 7pm to 9pm.

All are welcome

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rita Arnold and Elsie Naughton
(We are glad to welcome back Elsie)

Altar Linen: Deirdre Alexander

Flowers: Aileen Skelton 17th October to 31st and Maura Gaffney 3rd November
(Weddings Friday and Saturday)

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 Parish Centre

Date: Tuesday 14th October and all are welcome

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 13th October

7.30am Henry Farrell

10.00am Joseph McCarthy

Sunday 19th October

7.30pm (Vigil) Gavin Maher and

Margaret Grace

Sr. M. Teresina Nixon

May Gilsenan

John Wesley

Padraig O'Broin

Thelma Stynes, 22nd An

9.00am Annie Lanney, 1st An

12 Noon Seamus Ryan

Catherine Fitzgerald

Robert McDonagh

Phyllis Spierin

James McInerney

Ian Griffin

Michael Buckley, 8th An

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 11th October

6.30pm Rita Shanahan 100 B.R.

Phyllis Tuite R.D.

Sunday 12th October

11.00am Winnie Mulheir B.R.

Michael Byrne B.R.

Dick Ryan B.R. and An.

Jimmy and May O'Brien An.

Paddy Joe and Mary Lenehan An.

Maura Murphy An.

CAR BOOT SALE

Denyse Kelly a member of the Parish Pastoral Council in Bawnogue invites all to a car boot sale on November 1st from 10-3 in the Church Car Park

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – NEXT SUNDAY

"That they may have life" is the theme for World Mission Sunday, 19th October. Since 1926, the Church has traditionally remembered its universal mission during the month of October.

In Rome the celebration of Mission Sunday will take place at the conclusion of the Synod of Bishops on the "Pastoral Challenges to the Family in the Context of Evangelisation" - October 5th to 19th.

The funds collected in all Churches throughout the world on Mission Sunday, is co-ordinated by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, founded by Pauline Jaricot 190 years ago. The funds are used to assist Churches who need financial support and directed towards communities in need, both spiritually and materially.

The "SHARE" collection at all Masses next weekend will be replaced by a collection in aid of the Missions.

PRESENTATION ASSOCIATES

Presentation associates welcome new members. Our associates meet in the Convent. Our next meeting is on Monday night at 8.00pm 10 November which will be an open night for all. Come and join us on that night and see for yourself. We are delighted to welcome all- male, female, young and not so young. Next week we will have some information leaflets at the end of the Church.

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks € 1,396- your planned giving contributions this week

MEETING TO PLAN "HARVEST THANKSGIVING"

Meeting for members of the Environment Group and all interested will be held on Monday 13th October after Mass and Rosary to plan for the "Harvest Thanksgiving" Mass on Sunday 26th October at 12 noon.

MONDAY CLUB

After the storms of Sunday night it was great to wake up to a lovely, sunny Monday morning. The Pastoral Centre had the heating switched on and we glowed in the warmth of the room and the music provided by Minnie. We were transported to our youth by the gorgeous Mario Lanza singing "When you are in love" and "I'll walk with God". Then "The Gold and Silver waltz" plus so many more lovely melodies and then on to opera! All in all a lovely happy morning! Thank you so much Minnie, you were the "star" of the morning!

We will have a bit of "BINGO" next week. Hope you will come along and enjoy a nice social few hours.

Joan