

Instead they did what was Christ like. They fought evil by doing good, they spilled sweat instead of blood, they used persuasion rather than coercion even in the face of persecution. In the long run the strange paradox of Christians assimilating into the local culture and yet maintaining their own distinctiveness was an extraordinary success. In ASSIMILATING they also ASSIMILATED. They welcomed all comers provided they gave a serious commitment to believe in what they were taught and to practice the virtues of their faith. These early Christians accepted people of all cultures and race, young and old, slave and freeman.

And that brings us to the man whose feast occurred recently. Pope St. Callistus. We know very little about him but there is evidence that he was a slave at one time. It is in many ways astonishing that a former slave became a Pope and was prepared to be a martyr for the faith he loved. That is an extraordinary testament to the persuasive power of Christianity to have a man like Pope St. Callistus among its canon of saints.

The day would come when a Roman Emperor - Constantine - would himself become a Christian. The Christianised Roman Empire was the result of the unstoppable power of persuasion and not coercion. So we pray for the intercession of Pope St. Callistus to be with us in our day and we engage in our mission to evangelise the culture we live in. Fr. Padraig

“HARVEST” THANKSGIVING

Today, Sunday 26th “Harvest Thanksgiving” Mass at 12 noon, the Pastoral outreach welcomes all to drop into the Pastoral Centre after Mass for light refreshments to mark this special occasion. The Harvest display will remain in the Church for a few days to facilitate anyone who would like to donate to Br. Kevin’s Charity in Church St—they feed the homeless and the poor of inner city

THE COMING WEEK!

Monday 27th October: Bank Holiday, Mass at 10am only—no 7.30am Mass

Saturday 1st November

Feast of ALL SAINTS: Mass at 10am ONLY

Sunday 2nd November: All Souls’ Day

1. From 12 O'clock on November 1st all who have confessed, received Holy communion and prayed for the Pope’s intentions can gain a Plenary Indulgence by visiting a church or oratory and there reciting one Our Father and the Apostles Creed

Confessions may be made from 1st to 8th

2. The Faithful shall visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a Plenary Indulgence applicable only to the Holy Souls on the usual conditions once per day from 1st to 8th November

All Indulgences applicable to the Holy Souls

PRESENTATION ASSOCIATES/ FRIENDS OF NANO

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.

Another date for the diary! As part of our ongoing celebration of Nano Nagle made Venerable, Sr. Fatima Rodrigo will speak to us on her work at the United Nations and Presentation influence at that level on Tuesday 18th November in the Pastoral Centre at 7.30 pm. We will have more information nearer the time. All will be welcome

Please pick up a leaflet to learn more about Associates/friends of Nano at the church entrance.

Sr. Concepta

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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ST. CALLISTUS - THE SLAVE WHO BECAME POPE

The Feast day of Pope Callistus occurred recently and it gives us an opportunity to look at the lives the early Christians lived in their new communities in the cities and towns of the Roman Empire. In response of St. Paul missionary journeys they began to flourish from small beginnings. As individuals and as communities these Christians lived in a pagan culture by a strange paradox of both integration and distinction. Documents from this period tell us that Christians did not form Ghettos. They did not speak strange languages or engage in peculiar eccentricities. They assimilated into the local culture and respected the customs of whatever city they happened to be living in. They paid their taxes and obeyed the civil authorities. They honoured the Emperor but would not worship him, they prayed for him but not to him. Yet despite this apparent integration and assimilation there was an extraordinary distinctiveness about these early Christians.

They lived in their own countries as though they were foreigners passing through – they passed their days on earth but with their minds focused on the life to come after death.

They married and had children just like their pagan neighbours but they never abandoned their newborn – they cared for them as gifts from God. They gave shelter to the stranger and showed hospitality to the visitor. They shared their needs but never their marriage bed. Most attractive of all, these Christians loved all people even those who persecuted them – they were slow to take offence and quick to forgive. They did not engage in violence or Holy War in attempt to force their faith on the pagan culture around them which was getting increasingly decadent.

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BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to:
John Peadar Jude Minahan,
Newlands Road
recently Baptised in
Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow



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 29th October and all are welcome

ADORATION

This Thursday, 30th October Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the:
Church : from after 10am Mass to 11.45am
Church: 7pm to 9pm and all are welcome

EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday 29th October "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 and all are welcome

APPRECIATION

On the eve of my sister Frances Ledwith O'Reilly's 2nd anniversary I wish to thank all my Church friends for their love, concern and sympathy I received from you at that sad time. I Breda Grace would like you to know that I remember and pray for you all each morning at Mass

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €2522 your planned giving contributions.

DEATHS

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:
Betty Roberts, Riversdale Rd
Donald and Philomena Tuite,
Michael Collins Park
recently deceased. May they rest in peace.



CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Bernardine Wynne, Veronica Bayly, Tracy Whelan and Josephine Hearty
Altar Linen: Marie Harrington
Flowers: Maura Gaffney, 3rd November

COFFEE MORNING

A Coffee morning in aid of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart will be held on Friday 7th November in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass and Rosary.

The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association was first established in Clondalkin in 1916 by the Presentation Sisters

MONDAY CLUB

At our Poetry Reading Session last Monday we concentrated on popular Irish Poets of the 20th Century. Naturally William Butler Yeats, Patrick Kavanagh and Seamus Heaney were firm favourites. However as the morning went on we found ourselves reciting and singing Moore's Melodies and the "West Awake" by Thomas Davies. As a small country we have an extraordinary range of ballads and verse of which we should be very proud.

Our "LOCALISE" team is hosting a Halloween party for us next Monday. So please come along—you don't need a mark!
Joan

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 25th October

6.30pm: Donal and Phyllis Tuite rec. dec

Sunday 26th October

11am: Noel Williams, an and deceased members of Williams Family
Chrissie O'Sullivan A.
Sean Chambers R.D.
Michael and Richard O'Brien A.
George Place A.
Deceased members of Place Family

Congratulations to Ornaith Troy who was **Baptised** after 11am Mass on Sunday.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to :
Laura McCann and Paul Nestor,
married last week



CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

A good day was had by all, quite after all the attention we were getting from the Echo! "Thank you" Bertie and Co for the great music, our ladies had a great time especially Laura and Iris – Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers are only on the halfpenny place! Next Tuesday we are having a Fancy Dress and Table Quiz – a nice prize for the best costume.

We extend sincere sympathy to Betty Robert's Family – a wonderful lady who will be missed. May she Rest in peace!
Clare

NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

November Altar List of the Dead is now being compiled. Please take an envelope and enter the names of the deceased and return to the church
All whose names are entered are prayed for during all Masses in November and on 1st Friday of each month during the year

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY

A Mass of Thanksgiving for the gift of the Priesthood, celebrated by priests from parishes in the diocese will take place on Sunday 23rd November, the Feast of Christ the King.

Parishioners are cordially invited to attend at 3.30pm in St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row. The chief celebrant will be Fr. Seamus McEntee, Chaplain to the Society and Fr. Gerry Moore, Co-Pp Sandyford parish will give the homily. Car parking is available at the rear of and in the vicinity of the church

ANNIVERSARIES

Tuesday 28th October

10.00am Anne Flannagan

Wednesday 29th October

10.00am Christy Kerin, mm

Friday 31st October

7.30am Margaret Ward and deceased members of Mullaney Family

Sunday 2nd November

7.30pm (Vigil) Michael Broderick

Kathleen Farrell

Mamie and Marie Nixon

Kathleen Markey

10.30am Peter and Margaret Minahan

12 noon Deceased members of

Clondalkin Bridge Clubs

Paddy McGee, 3rd an

May Watchorn

5.30pm Mary Brannigan, 4th an

Gary Connolly

And please pray for Gerry Cooney whose anniversary of death occurs around this time

SACRED HEART FILM CLUB

Sacred Heart Film Club resumes next Friday 31st October in the Parish Centre, St John's Drive at 7.30 p.m. with the multiple Oscar nominated movie 'Nebraska.' A powerful, moving and at times funny story about an ailing father believing he has to make one last journey. All Welcome!
Fr. Mike