COMPILING ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

Envelopes are now being delivered to all homes in the Parish for the compilation of the Altar List of the Dead. Envelopes are to be returned in time for the Feast of the Holy Souls. All Masses on this day and on the First Friday of each month though out the year are offered for all whose names are on the Altar List.

WHAT IS HALLOWEEN ALL ABOUT?

Have you ever asked yourself, "How in the world did the idea of walking around in weird costumes, going from house to house, or putting scary things in your window come from?"

To find the origin of Halloween, you have to look to the festival of Samhain in our ancient past. Samhain had three distinct elements. Firstly, it was an important fire festival, celebrated over the evening of 31st October and throughout the following day. The flames of old fires had to be extinguished and ceremonially re-lit by druids.

It was also a festival not unlike the modern New Year's Day in that it carried the notion of casting out the old and moving into the new. To our pagan ancestors it marked the end of the pastoral cycle, a time when all the crops would have been gathered and placed in storage for the long winter ahead and when livestock would be brought in from the fields.

But it was also, the time when the souls of the departed would return to their former homes and when potentially malevolent spirits were released from the Otherworld and were visible to mankind.

With the coming of Christianity, rather than abolishing the feast it was reconstructed. Samhain became "Halloween". Halloween is derived from the term "All Hallows Eve" which occurred on 31st Oct. All Saints Day or All Hallows Day was the next Day, Nov. 1st. Therefore, Halloween is the eve of All Saints Day.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR NEEDED

The Pastoral Area of Bluebell & Inchicore including the parishes of St Michael's, Mary Immaculate and Our Lady of the Wayside. wish to recruit a new Musical Director for their Gospel Choir. The successful candidate will be appointed on a 'Contract for service' basis for a period of 6 months initially. The Musical Director will: Have qualifications and experience relevant to teaching Gospel music/singing to young adults and be liturgically astute. He/she will possess excellent interpersonal skills. Should you wish to express an interest in being considered for the role please forward a letter of application including an up-to-date Curriculum Vitae oblategospelinfo@gmail.com By Post to: Sister Anne Ryan, (Oblate Gospel Choir) Oblate Fathers, House of Retreat, Inchicore, Dublin 8. Closing date for receipt of applications is Monday, October 28th

CHILDREN'S CORNER

We had no entries last week. Many of the prizes have not being collected from the Sacristy.

This week's quiz



On Thursday evening we will celebrate "HALLOWEEN" What is the meaning of HALLOWEEN?

(Clue in Newsletter) Entries by Tuesday

evening – ellenteresacoyne@eircom.net or to the Sacristy by Wednesday morning!

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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FACT AND FIGURES

Every October the Archdiocese sends a request for us to do a census of the number of people attending Mass. This year it was the weekend of the 12th and 13th October and the result is as follows;

		2013	2012	2011
Village	7.30pm	213	219	275
	9am	87	126	115
	10.30am	274	255	255
	12 Noon	361	345	364
	5.30pm	204	156	134
		1139	1101	1143
Clonburris	6.30pm	79	82	81
	11am	87	85	85
		166	167	166
Knockmitten	6.30pm	115	110	95
	10am	81	79	89
	12noon	142	140	135
		338	329	319
Total for Parish		1643	1597	1628

The purpose of this exercise from a diocesan point of view was simply a head count. We intend to expand on this by having a census one weekend in November. It will be very simple and no identifiable information will requested. The Pastoral Council will use the information received to focus our pastoral action in light of the new situation here in the greater Clondalkin area.

Fr. Damian

WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Claire Noonan and Clinton Dixon

recently married.

ADORATION

This Thursday, 31st October Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held **in the Sisters' Oratory:** from after 10am Mass to 11.45am, **and from** 7pm to 9pm. All are welcome.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Bernardine Wynne, Veronica Bayly, Tracey Whelan and Josephine Hearty

Altar Linen: Vera Rogers

Flowers: Kathleen Cosgrove from 31st

October

(Wedding Thursday)

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €1,780 – your planned giving contributions this week.

NOTICES

Monday 28th October

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 29th October

Lectio Divina under the direction of Sr. Anne 12 Noon in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass.

Friday 1st November, All Saint's Day:

A Holy Day of Obligation- Masses are at Vigil (Thursday31st) 7.30pm, Friday 7.30am and 10am. It is also the 1st Friday

Saturday 2nd November is Feast of All Souls: Mass is at 10am only, and Fatima Devotions will be held after Mass

DEATHS

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

Michael Mahon, 9th Lock William O'Leary, Palmerstown Woods

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday, 30th October the "Missionary Rosary" will be recited in the Prayer Group at 7.30pm prior to Prayer Meeting starting at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre and all are welcome

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 28th October

10.00am Anne Flanagan

Thursday 31st October

7.30am Margaret (Peggy) Ward and deceased members of

Mullaney Family

Sunday 3rd November

7.30pm (Vigil)	Kathleen Farrell
	Padraig O'Broin
	Terry Byrne
	Michael Broderick
	Gerry (7 th An) and Breda
	(3 rd An) Byrne

10.30am Bobby and Vincent Norton Brigid and William Rogers

12 Noon Deceased members of Clondalkin Bridge Clubs

Christy Pollard and Kathleen Pollard Teresa Williams

Brigid and William Rogers

5.30pm Deceased members of

McLoughlin family Kathleen Markey

Mary Boland, Gary Connolly

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 26th October

6.30pm Peter Ainscough An

Sunday 27th October

11.00am Paddy Leonard An Margaret & George Place An

Competition Winner

Congratulations to Jessica Kenny competition winner, your prize can be collected after Mass.

TAKE NOTE!

Sunday 27th October

Winter begins today! Clocks went back – an extra hour to spare!

Monday 28th October Bank Holiday Mass at 10am only

Wednesday 30th October

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society meeting after 10am Mass in the Pastoral Centre

INDULGENCES FOR THE HOLY SOULS DURING NOVEMBER

In our calendar year November is dedicated to the Holy Souls.

Throughout the month (and especially in the first eight days) the Church encourages her faithful to offer indulgences on behalf of the poor souls in purgatory.

The Church teaches that indulgences are granted to the dead by means of intercession.

To obtain the plenary indulgence on November 1-November 8, we visit a cemetery, receive Holy Communion and Confession. Communion must be received each day we wish to gain the indulgence, but we only need to go to Confession once during the period. And, as with all plenary indulgences, we must pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (one Our Father and one Hail Mary) each day we perform the work of the indulgence.

"CARE TO DRIVE" TRANSPORT SERVICE

The Irish Cancer Society's 'Care to Drive' transport service is available for patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment in the Mater, St. Vincent's, St. James's, Tallaght & Blanchardstown hospitals. This service is completely free to the patient – a volunteer driver will pick you up at the door of your home and bring you to the hospital and then, after treatment, bring you home. So if you are having trouble getting to and from the hospital for your chemotherapy treatment then please speak to your oncology team or call Gail in the Irish Cancer Society on 01 2310 566

MONDAY CLUB

What a lovely surprise awaited us last Monday morning – lots of gorgeous apple pies from our friend Sean!! They were quickly eaten and enjoyed with our tea and coffee. Sean! Thank you so much! It made such a difference on a miserably wet day. Doc Morris is now known as Lloyds but it made no difference to Lorraine who came to talk to us about skin care. We had one brave lady who "volunteered" for Lorraine's demonstration. We learnt a lot and Lorraine's easy going manner was what we needed to give us the confidence to try out some of the products. She very kindly gave some "goodies" to start us off at home. Lorraine! Our heartfelt thanks for your time, expertise and generosity from us all!

"LOCALISE" will visit us next Monday, 29th October to celebrate Halloween. Please come along.

Joan

THOUGHT FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH

Pray earnestly for all those marginalized by illness!