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looked upon with cynicism, as they had been unable to prevent the horrors of the past and were struggling to deal with the problems of the present.

Large parts of the west were secularised and millions of people lived rather meaningless lives virtually disconnected from the Christian faith they were Baptised in. Pope John Paul changed all that. From the beginning he told the world not to be afraid and he himself went about giving hope to millions of people as a living example to courage and energy.

He recognised that the 20th century needed heroes which are why he canonised St. Maximilian Kolbe in 1982.

Fr. Kolbe was and still is a bright light shining in an era of darkness. Through his example we are given hope for the future and courage to fight the good fight.

There is as a saying that there are two powers in the world – the power of the sword and the power of the spirit. In the end it is the spirit that prevails. The power of the sword that epitomised Nazism is no more but the power of the spirit that prevailed in St. Maximilian Kolbe prevails. We pray for his intercession in living our Christian lives with courage, hope and love

Fr. Padraig

MONDAY CLUB

Now that the lovely summer days are ending we will be back on Monday 8th September. Looking forward to seeing everyone and hoping that we will have some new faces also. As always there will be a big welcome for all ages and Alan will have the kettle on the boil.

On a more serious note Our Lady's Hospice has been in touch and hope that we will HOST our usual Coffee Morning fund raiser on 15th September.

We can discuss this on Monday morning along with other topics.

Joan Steed

“THANKS”

“Working in unity to build up a community of Faith, Hope and Love” the words of our Mission Statement were put into action last Saturday evening at the month’s mind Mass for Fr. Ryan.

Thanks: To Ellen and Clare who joined the usual people who decorate the church

Thanks: To all who submitted photos and mementoes which recalled the many happy years spent with us.

(Incidentally the photos taken professionally and donated by Tommy Keogh of Fr. Ryan are available from the Sacristy for anyone who would like them on a first come, take away basis)

Thanks: To all who contributed cakes of all kinds that would have been the envy of guests of many 4 star hotels

Thanks: To the people who willingly and happily did the catering

Thanks: To Fr. Dave, Fr. Damian, Fr. John, Fr. Jim and Fr. Bala who concelebrated the Mass and the choir who added a special touch

Thanks: To the many people who attended to celebrate a life dedicated to the service of his parishioners.

The evening was truly a community at its best!

CHILDREN’S CORNER



What is the Mission Statement of our Parish? Your entries to ellenteresacoyne@eircom.net by Tuesday evening 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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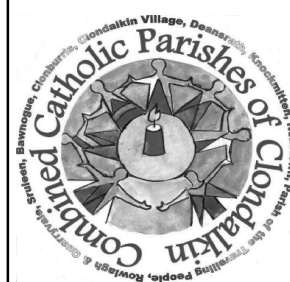
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LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS OF THE 20TH CENTURY

The power of love lives beyond the grave. Perhaps the most notorious place on earth is the remains of the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz, which is about an hour’s drive from Krakow.

There the guides will show you the cell where St. Maximilian Kolbe died.

Fr. Maximilian Kolbe was a Franciscan friar who offered his life in place of a married man who was sentenced to death. The previous day a prisoner has escaped and the camp commandant retaliated by randomly selecting 20 men to die as a reprisal. One of the men selected was a married man with a young family and he pleaded for his life.

Fr. Kolbe stepped forward and offered to take his place. The astounded prison guards granted him his request. The priest was put in the starvation bunker and eventually killed by poison injection. The story filtered out of the camp and after the war Maximilian Kolbe was revered as the epitome of a 20th Century martyr. At the same time that Maximilian Kolbe was dying in his cell another young Polish man was working as a labourer in the city of Krakow. This young man, Karol Wojtyla, had been a talented student at the University. He is now known as Pope John Paul II. As a student, a priest, a bishop he lived under the diabolic tyrannies that plagued the 20th century – Nazism and Communism.

He believed it was truly a century of the devil in which evil ran riot in the 1st and 2nd world wars, the death camps, the gulags, the atom bombs, the persecution of Jews and Christians, the genocides and ethnic cleansing. He was elected Pope in 1978 in what many believe was a direct intervention of the Holy Spirit. The state of both the Church and the world in 1978 was not encouraging. All the optimism of the early part of the century had evaporated. There was widespread fear and trepidation that another world war would break out, this time using weapons of unbelievable destructive power. Political movements were

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BAPTISMS



Congratulations and welcome to:

Odhran Sean Yeates, Monastery Heath Green

Anthony James Andrew McAuley O'Donohue, Grangeview Rd

Callum Jonathan McMahon, St. John's Wood

Faye Fitzsimons, Monastery gate Green

Patrick Arthur Farrelly, St. John's Avenue

Luke Paul McEvoy O'Toole, Oakwood Grove

recently Baptised.

ADORATION

This Thursday, 11th September, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be:

Church: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am, and

Church: from 7pm to 9pm,
All are welcome

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Please Note: New Rosters now available for collection from the Sacristy

OUR APOLOGIES

Due to circumstances beyond our control we were unable to print off the Newsletter last week. We apologise!

NOTICES

Monday 8th September

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 9th 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.

WEDDINGS



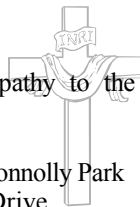
Congratulations and best wishes to:

Michaela Iberl and Ronan Mahon

Laura McEnery and Kevin O'Driscoll

recently married.

DEATHS



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

Bernard Joseph Tully, James Connolly Park

Mary Fitzgerald, Monastery Drive

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning Kitty Egan, Angela Mccreevey, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Veronica Bayly and May Stynes

Altar Linen: Kay Lee

Flowers: Teresa Green 5th September to 19th and Kathleen Cosgrove 20th September (Weddings Friday and Saturday)

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 8th September

10.00am Kathleen Reeves

Friday 12th September

10.00am Eddie Holohan, 22nd An

Sunday 14th September

7.30pm (Vigil) Margaret Jones

Jill Meagher

10.30am David and Ellen Minogue

William Cashin

Patrick McCabe

12 Noon Maciez Kaczmarek, 10th An

Arek Klomowski Rec. Dec

Mary Heaney

5.30pm Yvonne Cox, 10th An

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Sunday 7th September

11.00am. Rosaleen Williams An.

Gerard Mc Kenna B.R.

Jeffrey Mc Veigh An.

John O'Doherty An.

Paddy Kennedy R.D.

LEGION OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

On

Sunday 28th September 2014

Bus to Knock departs from

Tesco Clondalkin

At 7.55am

Fare: €19.00

Contact: Nora – 4591068

Jane – 0851435035

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 Pastoral Centre

Date: Tuesday 9th September and all are welcome

C.A.M.E.

(Clondalkin Adult Morning Education)

Our next enrolments Monday 8th to Friday 12th September are from 10am to 12 noon, also Monday 8th from 7pm to 8pm. See notice boards in church, local library and various shops in village for details of classes (new classes include Art Appreciation, History and Pilates). No printed brochure this term so please pass information to family and friends.

Mary Seery
CAME Committee

EARLY START TO PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday 10th September the Rosary - Mysteries of Light - 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.

SANCTUARY LAMPS AND ALTAR CANDLES

You may have noticed that since Easter real candles are now used on the Altar. For people who would like to make a contribution for candles and lamps the Parish Shop is delighted to facilitate. For €3 your name is entered in a book and your intentions are prayed for.

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Our AGM has been changed to Tuesday 7th October.

Some of us are heading to Wexford on Monday next 8th September for a day out, all are welcome. Train from Connolly Station at 9.40 and a good day of fun is promised. If there is a train strike we will go to plan B and go on the bus from Busaras. If anyone wants more details, just give me a call on 086 3274323/

Clare

CLONDALKIN CAMERA CLUB

Weekly meeting every Monday night at 7.30pm in Scoil Mhuire Hall. All levels of experiences catered for. Full programme of events from now until the end of next May

Beginners' weekend: Sunday 3rd to 5th October

Details: www.clondalkincameraclub.com or club's Facebook page

Tim O'Brien