

the barbarian tribes respected him and listened to what he had to say.

Pope Gregory served the church, he served the vulnerable people of Rome and on top of all that he served the civil needs of the Political order. He never wanted to be involved in politics but only he had the leadership qualities needed by the besieged people of Rome in their hour of need.

Pope Gregory's greatest achievement came in the last years of his life when he was practically bed ridden from a mysterious illness. This weak sickly man was Pope St. Gregory the Great because he was fully alive. The Glory of God was in his spirit which did the great things his broken body could not do.

St. Gregory the Great pray for us!  
Fr. Padraig

## CONGRATULATIONS!

CONGRATULATIONS to all the students who received their Junior Cert results.

## MONDAY CLUB

A lovely time was had by all as we met up again last week and exchanged all our holiday news. Unfortunately a few friends have moved into Nursing Homes and we will really miss them, however we will visit them and keep in touch.

We hope to have a good turnout for the Hospice Coffee Morning next Monday when we will have plenty of home made cakes on offer. Please come along and support this very worthy cause and enjoy meeting up with old friends at the same time.

Joan

## “CROSSCARE” COLLECTION

**“Crosscare”** was founded in 1941 to tackle the dreadful poverty in Dublin during the war years. First set up as the Catholic Social Service Conference, it provided food centres for those who were hungry and clothes for those in need with new clothes.

To enable this work to continue we ask for your generous support. The collection for "CROSSCARE" will replace the SHARE collection at all Masses next weekend.

## A TREE SAPLING FOR THE TAKING!

Your attention is drawn to the surroundings of the old trees at the Laurel Park side of the Church. A sapling is growing along with one of the trees and will be smothered in time. Alan, our caretaker has offered to uproot the sapling and replant it for anyone who would like it. He can be contacted any morning until 12.30pm in the Parish Centre.

## CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Hi everybody, I hope you are all settling back after our annual break, and hopefully we will have an interesting year ahead of us.

Thank you to the one and only Tom O'Flaherty for organising the Table Top Quiz on Tuesday last which I hope you all enjoyed.

Next Tuesday we will have Paula Swaine, Sports Officer with SDCC who will give us a little talk on how to keep ourselves mobile for the winter months in the safety of our own homes which I know you will all enjoy.

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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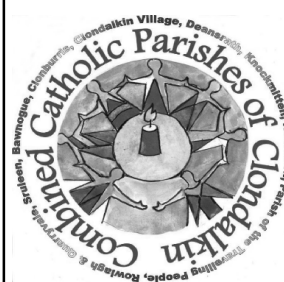
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# PARISH NEWS

## Clondalkin Village, Clonburris & Knockmitten



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## WHAT WAS SO GREAT ABOUT ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

The Glory of God is a man or woman fully alive. Pope St. Gregory the Great was one of the Popes of the early church. He came to the Papacy in 590AD and was the 64<sup>th</sup> Pope in the line from the first Pope, St. Peter. He is not just Pope St. Gregory he is St. Gregory the GREAT. He did just about everything. He dealt with heresies, disputes, schisms and other complex church issues. He was also the civil leader in the chaos of the city of Rome which was under siege from barbarian tribes at that time. Pope Gregory negotiated peace deals, got food and water into the city and set up hospitals. He also developed the churches music especially Gregorian chant which is called after him.

Pope Gregory never wanted to be Pope and he certainly never wanted to be involved in politics. All he wanted to do was to be a monk and live a life of prayer in a monastery. But the Holy Spirit had other ideas – there was a vacuum of effective leadership in both church and state during this time of upheaval and only Gregory had the necessary to lead both the church and government through the storm.

Every Pope has been involved in politics whether they like it or not. Indeed you could say that we are all involved in politics at some time in our lives. It is part of the human condition to seek influence and some sort of control over what happens to us. Sometimes this will bring us into conflict with others and other times we will be in harmony with them if we share the same goals. Conflict is not always bad – it stimulates creativity and energises us to improve our lives and the world we live in. It degenerates into something evil when it is taken to extremes as happens when there is hatred and a desire for revenge. So we shouldn't be surprised at Popes being involved in politics – we are all involved in politics to some extent in our everyday lives whether we like it or not! Pope Gregory used politics for good – he used his gifts of personal charisma and powers to influence events towards a good outcome. Even

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## WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Sarah Farrell and Andrew Molloy  
Lyndsey Williams and Mark McKenna

recently married.

## ADORATION

This Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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

## CHURCH DUTY

**Cleaning:** Rita Arnold

**Altar Linen:** Mary Leonard

**Flowers:** Kathleen Cosgrove 19<sup>th</sup> September,  
Marie Harrington from 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Fr. Seamus has kindly agreed to join the flower group to offer guidance and spiritual direction and would like to meet the people involved. We will meet on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September after 10am Mass upstairs in the Pastoral Centre.

We are aware that this will not facilitate people who would like to be involved, at least to have a say, because of work or other commitments. We will certainly try to facilitate by having a meeting when it best suits. Please contact: Fr. Seamus or email [ellenteresacoyne@eircom.net](mailto:ellenteresacoyne@eircom.net)

## NOTICES

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## DEATHS

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

John Dunne, Riversdale Road

recently deceased. May he rest in peace.

## FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrims from Clondalkin are presently in Fatima, Fr. Lambert from Kimmage Manor their Spiritual Director. Eileen Carty, co organiser asked us to ensure all parishioners that your intentions will be remembered and invited us to join our prayers with theirs for the needs of our parish, our country and indeed the world.

We pray that their pilgrimage will be an experience that they will always cherish and wish them a safe return.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September

10.00am Hans Will

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September

7.30am Michael Farrell

10.00am Sheila and Tommy O'Neill

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September

7.30pm (Vigil) Joseph Doyle, 1<sup>st</sup> An

9.00am Nora and Michael Brophy

10.30am Pat and Jennie Maher

Kathleen Handley

Jim O'Donovan, 1<sup>st</sup> An

Margaret (Peg) Dooley

12 noon

Niamh O'Donnell

Tadgh O'Neill, 5<sup>th</sup> An

Pat Gordon, 13<sup>th</sup> An

Maryanne Daly and

Patrick Daly

Beatrice Lilly Smith

5.30pm

Martha Ferris

## CLONBURRIS

### Mass Intentions

Thanks to all who contributed to The Lourdes Invalid Fund €700 was collected and sent to them with a list of all the names of those who contributed. This list will be left at the grotto.

### Competition Winner

Competition winner is Jessica Kenny your prize can be collected after Mass on Sunday.

### FR. BALA'S MASS IN THE PRAYER GROUP

The last Wednesday in August, Fr. Bala celebrated Mass and thanked us for all the support he has received from the Prayer Group and members of the wider community since 2007 enabling him to put children forward for schooling. He said he also wanted to thank Fr. Damian for always being so welcoming and supportive of him and his mission activities. Last year 6 children completed their 5 years and now another 15 children are in the education stream and he is appealing to us to continue with funding. Things are very hard financially for everyone but we will try to continue to keep some funds going to him by means of the monthly collection in the Prayer Group each 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday and Lectio Divina each Tuesday and if anyone feels they would like to help with some money for this ongoing project it would be appreciated. We took up a collection at the Mass which gave us great encouragement. We have no doubt that with prayer and our best efforts and God's help nothing is impossible.

Claire O'Connell

(Fr. Bala has now returned to his native India and we wish him well in his missionary work. He will be remembered with fondness by the people in Clondalkin)

## LEGION OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

On  
**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2014**  
Bus to Knock departs from  
Tesco Clondalkin  
At 7.55am

Fare: €19.00

Contact: Nora – 4591068

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## 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 16<sup>th</sup> September and all are welcome

## ST. ANTHONY'S STATUE IS INSTALLED

You may have noticed that a new statue of St. Anthony is now on his pedestal inside the front entrance of the church.

St. Anthony of Padua is one of the Catholic Church's most popular saints. Saint Anthony of Padua, patron saint of lost and stolen articles, was a powerful Franciscan preacher and teacher in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. He's typically portrayed holding the child Jesus—or a lily—or a book—or all three—in his arms. Many people give alms to St. Anthony Bread in thanksgiving to God for blessings received through the prayers of St. Anthony.

St. Anthony of Padua's life is what every Christian's life is meant to be; a steady courage to face the ups and downs of life, the call to love and forgive, to be concerned for the needs of others, to deal with crisis great and small, and to have our feet solidly on the ground of total trusting love and dependence on God.

All moneys donated to St Anthony are distributed locally to all in need.