Fr. David Halpin from Rowlagh/Quarryvale Parish sent a reminder that the meditation has resumed in Rowlagh Church on Wednesday evenings from 8 to 9, all are welcome.

#### "GOD CHOOSES"

"By the grace of God" Paul says "I am what I am and God's grace to me has not been ineffective".

That God should choose this one time persecutor of Christians to become this great missionary to the Gentiles is truly a mystery. And those Christians, who find his writing baffling and his personality a bit prickly, see how profound that mystery is. Along with the choice of Judas as a disciple and of Peter as head of the Apostles, Paul's choice tells us that God is definitely not predictable; we don't have God figured out or neatly packaged. "God's favour" took Paul and drastically turned him around. Some of us have likewise had our beliefs changed by God's grace: others are more like the woman in the Gospel who has her sins forgiven and a new life begun by grace in the form of forgiveness.

In any case, we should be able to say with Paul, "By the grace of God, I am what I am and God's grace has not been ineffective". As believers we have been showered with God's favour in two major ways: first, in our birth we received an array of gifts, talents and specific abilities. Second: by Baptism and faith we have received more help, more strength, a new life and a hope which overcomes the world.

Aware of how short life is and of our tendency to inertia or inaction, we need to make regular time for prayer for the fruitfulness of our gifts. It is easy to let day after day slip by aimlessly and dreamily and never getting on with the business of living and loving. The Lord has ideas about what we can become by the power of His grace; may our gifts be fruitful in us Amen! Fr. Seamus

#### FEAST OF THE LITTLE FLOWER -**1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER**

"I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. After my death I will let fall a shower of roses" (St Therese) Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October we will hold the annual blessing of roses and blessing with relic after 10am Mass.

Environmental group please assemble in the church at 3pm to prepare shrine. Anyone wishing to join please feel free and welcome

#### SCHOOL MASSES

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September: School practice at 11am

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October: Colaiste Bride Mass at 2.30pm

**Thursday**  $2^{nd}$  **October:** St Joseph's School Mass at 10am

#### DOES RELIGION AND POLITICS MIX?

I have been following an online debate on "Compatibility of Religion and Politics and I quote one of the contributors on the "Yes" forum: "Yes, religion and politics go hand in hand. Religion is also the guideline that people use to know how to treat their fellow man. Politics has a lot to do with how people are treated. Seeing that people are cared for and able to live in the best condition is not something that should be reserved to religion. Politicians should consider these principles when running for office--and especially while in office". Presently the debate on the YES side is 30%

"Love God, Love neighbour as ourselves" How can we go wrong?

#### 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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source of income. Least you think that I'm proposing that the parish run bingo, I'm not. Bingo players are well catered for in Clondalkin.

I'm referring to an imaginary game of bingo that is played when a group of church people whether priests or laity gather together. Using your imagination, instead of numbers you have issues or topics and as they are brought up you cover the square. The two favourite topics that you can guarantee to cover your imaginary square are the shortage of priests and lack of involvement of young people. A priest friend of mine on hearing parishioners complain about the lack of young people attending Mass or involved in the parish replied "they are your children, not mine and what are you doing about that?" Equally priests do not appear from thin air, it is our collective responsibility to foster and nurture vocations to the priesthood.

However, the fundamental vocation each of us possesses is that of being a Baptised Christian. By virtue of our baptism we become a part of the Church, which is the Mystical Body of Christ on earth and the priesthood of all believers. The challenge for our Parish is to raise awareness of this and to enable all to move from consumerist view of faith to one of discipleship.

## **WEDDINGS**

Congratulations and best wishes to: Aoife Ní Cheallaigh and Rvan Grogan

recently married.

#### **ADORATION**

This Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be:

Sisters' Oratory: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am (St. Joseph's School Mass in the Church)

Church: 7.30pm to 8pm quiet time and 8pm to 9pm – Holy Hour with Fr. Padraig and all are welcome

## FEAST OF ST. FAUSTINA

Feast day of St. Faustina will be celebrated in the Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South on Sunday5<sup>th</sup> October with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 2pm followed by Mass at 3.15pm and blessing with relic of St. Faustina.

#### NOTICES

# Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

# Tuesday 30<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

## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

First Friday. All Masses are offered for those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.

## Saturdav 4<sup>th</sup> October

First Saturday, Fatima Devotions will take place after 10am Mass and Rosary

We extend our deepest sympathy to the

family and friends of:

Dora Clifford, St Brigid's Road Leo Mahon, formerly St. Anthony's Avenue

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

#### **AFRICAN MASS**

Mass for the African Community will be celebrated at 1pm Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> October in the Village Church

## CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Bernardine Wynne, Veronica Bayly, Tracy Whelan and Josephine Hearty Altar Linen: Vera Pidgeon Flowers: Marie Harrington from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October and Aileen Skelton 17<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October

## 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 Pastoral Centre Date: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September and all are welcome.

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

## Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

Shelia and Davey Dunne 7.30am

# Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October

7.30pm (Vigil) David and Rita O'Sullivan Benny and Annie Cummins 10.30am Bridget Norton Mary Fitzgerald MM 12 Noon 5.30pm Lule Nolan Brian Carroll 3<sup>rd</sup> An

#### **CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions**

## Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September

6.30pm Patsy Blackburn (A) Deceased members of the Blackburn family Desmond Murphy B/day Rem

# Competition Winner

Congratulations to Ciaran and Cormac Gavin competition winners, your prize can be collected after Mass.

Clonburris Woman's Group starts back on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of September at 8pm in the school hall with Ballroom / Latin Dancing.

Beginners welcome . Contact liz Griffin Frances Lawless (through sacristy)

#### HOUR OF PRAYER - THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER, 8PM TO 9PM

There will be an hour of praver with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers for healing and individual blessings finishing with Benediction at 9pm.

You are invited to come to this hour of prayer where we will gather to pray with you and for you as we ask the healing hand of the Lord to touch and strengthen us. All are welcome!

#### CLONDALKIN HISTORY SOCIETY LECTURE

The 2014/15 lecture series commences on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014 when Edmond O'Donovan speaks on 'Church Archaeology in Dublin & Wicklow'. Aras Chronain, Water lane is the venue starting at 8pm. Admission is € 5.00 (non-members). The society welcomes all new members, Bi linn."

Padraig A.Ó Murchú

## **10 YEARS OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS**

To mark the tenth anniversary of the launch of Parish Pastoral Councils in the Archdiocese, the Area Team for Bishop Field's Pastoral area invite all who served on Clondalkin Parish Pastoral Council since its inception to a Liturgical Service of Thanksgiving in the Parish of Saint Thomas the Apostle in Laurel Lodge, Castleknock on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. If you will be attending please inform Anne Brett in the Parish Office by 30<sup>th</sup> September.

## MASS IN THE PRAYER GROUP

This Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October Fr. Brian O'Toole CSSp will celebrate Mass for all Missionaries:

October: Month of Intercession for the Missions

Mass starts at 8.15pm in the Pastoral Centre and all welcome.

## **CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT**

A quite week, as a lot of our members is in Westport and the Ploughing Championships. The rest of you had a good time and a little dance around the floor with our very own Mr. Sean Coughlan, a great musician.

I went to the launch of HELLO BRAIN CHALLENGE in Trinity College given by Dr Sabina Brennan, which I found very interesting. Hello Brain provides easy to understand scientific information about brain health and practical tips on how to keep the brain healthy. I will give you all leaflets next week. You can visit www.HelloBrain.eu

hellobrain@tcd.ie You can also down load an app on your phone, so ladies and gentlemen give it a try, just one challenge a day. Regular physical activity stimulates your brain and benefits every aspect of vour health.

# DEATHS