

3 RD ANNUAL GATHERING OF THE ADULT CATHECHISM STUDIES



Our Adult Catechism Studies Group accompanied by Fr. Seamus McEntee and Fr. Aidan Kieran of Saggart visited Maynooth Campus recently for the 3rd Annual National Gathering of Adult Study Groups organised by Mairin Ni Shuilleabhain our National Co-ordinator.

Archbishop Charles Brown, Papal Nuncio introduced the conference. The theme was 'The Role of the Priest in Evangelisation'. The keynote speaker was Bishop Dominique Rey, Toulon, France. During his incisive discourse Bishop Rey referred to the weakening of the family and the loss of transmission of faith from generation to generation resulting in Christians becoming minorities in a secular society without always being aware of it. He encouraged us as Christian people to believe in the urgency of the new evangelisation and to communicate an inspiring spirituality that makes people want to follow Christ.

The talk was responded to by Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh who highlighted the challenges presented in the talk and the need for great vision and courage to urgently address them

Having enjoyed our packed lunch in the Pugin Hall, we were given a talk by Mgr. Gearoid Dullea on the awe inspiring interior of the College Chapel.

After celebration of Holy Mass with the Choir of North Cathedral Cork in the College Chapel we departed along the Cloisters where we came to a brief standstill to admire the familiar faces of the Priests of our Parish, smiling down on us from their Ordination photographs.

Ronan Leydon

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

We were having a quite meeting on Tuesday last until Sean Coughlan decided to bring his guitar into the club, so then it wasn't so quite, lots of singing and line dancing, where they get their energy from I do not know, but there again age is only a number, thanks Sean, a great surprise. Two more weeks before we close for the month of August, and I am sure we will have a few activities before then, as I already said for those people that are lonely, we will try and do something mid August so you won't feel too isolated.

We are off cruising on the Shannon on Thursday 23rd July which will be good fun, I have five places left so any member interested please contact me as soon as possible. Just a quick up-date on our auction we had a few weeks ago, we raised €500 for LauraLynn and I raised €150 doing the Mini Marathon, a total of €750 which I hope will help a little for terminally ill children, thank you all so very much, a wonderful charity, so hopefully in September we will have a coffee morning or cake sale to help a little for these children. Thanks again Clare

URGENT MESSAGE FROM KNOCKMITTEN

For the Sundays of August there will be one Mass only in Knockmitten at 11am

Special Ministers of the Eucharist please assist at the Mass you attend as needed.

Mass at 6.30pm (vigil) as usual

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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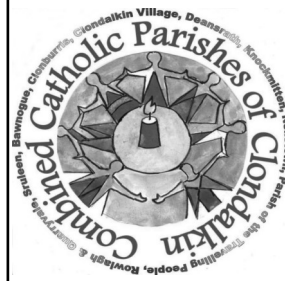
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WELCOME HOME!

The damp weather did nothing to dampen the spirits last Thursday evening when Fr. Stephen Kennedy IVE presided at the Eucharist for the first time in his home Parish. Following his Ordination in Montefiascone, Italy on the 28th June Fr. Stephen went to London to be part of a mission team before returning to Dublin. The Mass was a great example of Parish life with many ministers and ministries coming together for a Parish occasion. The five thirty music ministry group provided the music for the Mass and along with the sacristy team, art and environment group, St. Martha's Guild and our servers combined to make the Mass a most joyful event. It was great to see Fr. John Wall back with us. Also present was Fr. Michael Ruddy, Parish Priest of Sruleen who presided at Fr. Stephens's first Communion Mass many years ago. A word of thanks to Round Tower GAA club and members of the Parish Pastoral Council who provided the post Mass hospitality.



In his homily Fr. Stephen spoke of why he became a priest in the face of the changing attitude towards our Catholic faith and heritage. He linked the current sufferings of the Church with the sufferings of Christ and quoted Saint Paul who urged Christians to preach Christ crucified. Congratulations to Fr. Stephen, his parents Valerie and Brendan, his sister Ashling and his extended family and friends. Fr. Stephen has been appointed to a Parish not too far from Montefiascone and we wish him many happy years of service in the Priesthood. Incidentally the Mass was viewed in many parts of the world via our webcam which can be viewed via the website, www.clondalkinparish.com and click on the link for the live web camera on the left hand side.
Fr. Damian



MARRIAGES

Our warmest congratulations and best wishes to:

Luke Craig and Francesca Gallagher

who received the **Sacrament of Marriage** during the week

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks your planned giving contributions €1, 782 from Clonburris, Knockmitten and the Village Churches.

DEATHS

We pray for recently deceased:

Patrick McLoughlin, Palmerstown Woods, Elizabeth Thorpe, Cherrywood Crescent Josephine Boland, late of St. Ronan's and sister of Paddy and Angela Boland

And we extend our

deepest sympathies and prayers to their families and friends



CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Deirdre Alexander

Cleaning: Rita Arnold and Elsie Naughton

Flowers: Elizabeth Mary to July 30th, Kathleen Cosgrove from August 1st (Weddings on Saturday)

NOTICES

Monday 20th July

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary

Tuesday 21st July

Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 11am. New members are welcome

Wednesday 22nd July

Catholic Charismatic Prayer Meeting in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm to 9.15pm – visitors welcome

Meditation 8pm to 9pm in Rowlagh Parish Church

Thursday 23rd July

Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed in the church at 3pm



BAPTISMS

We welcome into our church community:

Belle June Oryeme Oshafi, Woodford Terrace Oscar Paul Connolly,

Palmerstown Woods

Sadie May Scanlon, Mill park

Josh Brian Byrne, Mulligan, Riverchapel Square, Ardamine, Gorey

Annabelle Marie McDonagh, Oldcastle Drive

They received the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Association will be held on Wednesday, 22nd July after 10am Mass in the Pastoral Centre and new members always welcome

CCPC INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR 9 PARISHES

This Tuesday evening 21st July

Intercessory Group praying in Parish Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Come along if you can to join us in praying for the needs of our whole group of parishes

ANNUAL MASS AT ST. BRIGID'S WELL

The Priests and parishioners of Srulleen Parish invite everyone to join them on the Annual Pilgrimage to St. Brigid's Well on Saturday morning, July 25th. Mass at 7am and a welcome cuppa and light refreshments afterwards.

Let us pray that the weather will be kind so the pilgrimage can be held.

ADORATION

This Thursday, 23rd July there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament;

Morning: In the Church after 10am Mass until 11.45am

Evening: In the Sister's Oratory 7pm to 9pm and all are welcome

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 18th July

6.30pm Paul Byrne A.

Kevin Blackburn B/day rem.

Sunday 19th June

11 am Fr. Monty Ryan A.

ANNIVERSARIES

Wednesday 22nd July

10.00am Denis McNulty

Sunday 26th July

7.30pm (vigil) Richie Meehan

Sarah Darcy

10.30am Imelda Gilleran

Mary Cashin

12 noon Vera O'Reilly, mm

Rose and Nicky McNulty

Brendan Comiskey, 1st an

Don Nicholl

Maura Gaffney, mm

LIVING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

The Living the Joy of the Gospel campaign here in Clondalkin continues to receive support from many parishioners and parish families.

The volunteer team has started to reach out to parishioners by phone this week to answer your questions and offer you the opportunity to support. Our goal in this project remains to extend this invitation to every parishioner.

Our success depends upon you, the parishioners, because we are all in this together. I encourage you to do three things;

1. If you have not received an information pack in the post please pick one up from one of our volunteers at the back of Mass today

2. Take the time and space to reflect on whether or not you can support Living the Joy of the Gospel at an appropriate level for you

3. If you have already decided to make a gift, I ask that you complete a form (available from volunteers) and return it using the envelopes provided, or one of the boxes on the tables by next weekend

Please continue to pray for the success of Living the Joy of the Gospel. I am deeply appreciative of your support to date and grateful for your consideration of my request.

Thank you,
Fr Damian

THE KIND HEART SEES GOD

Mother Teresa once said, "Spread your love everywhere you go." When we walk the path of love and kindness, then joy will be our constant companion.

Jesus knew that ordinary people with large, kind and sensitive hearts, rather than the proud intellectuals, were able to accept the "good news" he preached. People such as these would inherit heaven rather than the learned and the wise who prided themselves on their intellectual achievements. Jesus prayed in thanksgiving to His Father, praising God in revealing Himself to the simple-hearted, and in that way condemning intellectual pride. A person, who is full of self-esteem, fails to perceive and be aware of supernatural things, the things of God.

Jesus has a unique claim, in that He is God's perfect reflection. "No one really knows the Father except the Son, and him to whom the Son wishes to reveal Him" (Matthew 11: 27). The claim that Jesus alone can reveal God to men forms the centre of the Christian faith. John's Gospel presents Jesus' claim in different words: "He who has seen me has seen the Father" (Jn.14:9). What Jesus is really saying is this: "If you want to see what God is like, if you want to see the mind of God, the heart of God, the nature of God, if you want to see God's whole attitude to humanity, then look at Me!"

Fr. Séamus

"WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WORLD"

"The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried"

G. K. Chesterton