



# Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris ✚ Knockmitten

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 17th March 2019



## Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

It seems a very strange thing to say in a culture dominated by excess, addiction and superficiality. We are not the only ones who have a season of self-denial, Jews & Muslims have it too. Even our consumer culture has a streak of it in a paradoxical

way in that it encourages diets, workout, jogging and other forms of physical exercise. In our season of asceticism, we focus on prayer, fasting & alms-giving which we derive from the two great commandments; loving God & loving our neighbour. Many people go to weekday Masses during Lent and this is loving God because our attendance demands a certain effort and some of our time. It overlaps with the command to love our neighbour as ourselves which also requires us to give up some of our time, effort and material goods. All of this helps to lift us out of the clutter and stress of modern life and "Live Simply" as the slogan from Trocaire put it a few years ago. Does God really want us to be happy? I think he does but maybe that sounds a little unconvincing during Lent which can appear to be a gloomy time of year.

God leads us to happiness in the adventure of what might be called, 'Soul Building' - the work of channelling our will into conformity with his will. To do this we need periods where we reign in our untrammelled desires to focus them more clearly on that which is good for us. We have days and seasons of self-denial in order to enjoy the good things of creation even more in our seasons of celebration. The English writer, Heloise Belloc, wrote that where ever the catholic sun doth shine, there is laughter, beer & good red wine. His friend G. K. Chesterton tempered that by saying, "We give thanks to God for beer and wine and not drinking too much of them!"

Self-denial and self-mastery build our souls and happiness is found in the building. So, we pray during this Lent that we will continue with our practices of Prayer, Fasting & Charity as we ask the Lord to help us persevere in our looking forward to the great celebration of Easter!

Fr. Padraig



May the strength of God pilot us,  
May the wisdom of God instruct us,  
May the hand of God protect us,  
May the Word of God direct us.  
Be always ours this day and forever more  
St. Patrick

## Masses

### Clondalkin Village

**Sundays:** (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm  
Sunday 9am Gaeilge  
10.30am (Choral),  
12 noon (Family) &  
5.30pm

**Weekdays** (Mon – Fri) 7.30am  
and 10am. Sat 10am

**During Lent - 7:30pm**

**First Fridays** 7.30am, 10am.  
**Holy Days** 6.30pm (Vigil),  
7.30am and 10.00am

**Confessions** Sat 10.30 - 11am &  
5.45pm-6.15pm

### Clonburris

**Sundays** (Vigil) Sat 6.30 pm  
**Sunday** 11am  
**Holy Days** 11am and 6.30pm

### Knockmitten

**Sundays** (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm  
**Sunday:** 10.00am & 12noon  
(Family)

**Weekdays** Mon to Fri 9.30am  
**Holy Days** (Vigil) 6.30pm;  
**Holy Day** 11am

**Confessions** Sat 6pm & by request

## Parish Office Hours

**Clondalkin:** Mon-Fri 9:30 - 12:30

**Clonburris:** Contact through Village

**Knockmitten:** Mon-Fri Mass times

### Submissions for Newsletter:

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## CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Mary O'Neill  
Church Cleaners: Betty Byrne & Rebecca Duggan



### Monday 18th March - Miraculous Medal

**Novena** after 10am Mass and Rosary.

### Tuesday 19th March - CCPC Intercessory

**Prayer** for Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes.

This Tuesday Intercessory Prayer Group meeting in Parish Pastoral

Centre **8.00 to 8.30pm** (after evening Mass). Please try to join us for half hour of prayers for the needs of the community. All welcome.

### Wednesday 20th March - Charismatic Prayer Group

*Our Lady Queen of Peace.* This Wednesday, in Parish Pastoral Centre **8.00pm Prayer Meeting.** All welcome.

### Thursday 21st March - Adoration Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Morning:** In the Church **10.45-11.45am**

**Evening:** In the Church **8.00 to 8.30pm.** All welcome.

This Week



**Lectio Divina**, a time to contemplate Scripture, led by Sr. Anne, takes place each Tuesday in the Parish Centre after 10am Mass and Rosary.

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019

*There are still some places available. Please book as soon as possible if interested in joining. For those already booked, the balance of payment is due by 17th March.*



**Date:** 12th to 17th May (5 nights)

**Price:** €745 pps (single room €160 extra)

**Deposit:** €100 per person—non refundable

**Contact Joe (087 6820 338) or Margaret (086 3069 198)**

The pupils from Scoil Íde will be present at the 10am Mass on Friday 22nd March.



### Recently Baptised ... Welcome!

**Ava Kay McHugh, Oak Downs**

**Zoey Sandra Nolan, St. Mark's Drive**

**Abbey Emma Callaghan, Woodford Garth**

**Harry James Sweeney Boland, Monastery Road**

**Ava Josephine Kelly, Castleview Road**



**CASA - Caring And Sharing Association** - thank most sincerely the parishioners of Clondalkin Parish Church for their very

generous contributions to our Church Gate collection held on the weekend of 23rd & 24th

February. The collection which amounted to **€1,090** will greatly help in the funding of our Social Activities, Events and Lourdes Pilgrimage for our members, adults and children with physical, intellectual and sensory disabilities along with many sick and terminally ill people.



Marie Walker and family of the late Alan Walker who passed away in the USA at a young age, wish to thank their neighbours, family and friends and Fr Des Byrne for their kindness and support during their recent sad bereavement. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.



To Join with the African Community in Clondalkin in celebration of Mass today at 1pm in honour of St. Patrick



"Let Today be the day  
you give up who you've been  
for who you can become" *Thought for Lent*

## Village Church



### Sunday 17th March - Feast of St. Patrick

**6.30pm Vigil:** Mary O'Reilly (MM),

Eileen Fannon (1st An), Michael &

Eileen O'Connor (An), Patrick Lovett (MM),

James Gaffney (MM), his wife Margaret Gaffney

(An) & dec'd members of Hayden and Murphy

families, Elizabeth Shields (MM)

**9.00am:** Billy Hogan (An)

**10.30am:** Padraig Doyle (B'day Rem),

Jack & Katie Fitzgerald & dec'd family members

and Patrick & Mary Cosgrove and dec'd family

members, Gretta Gallagher (Rem), Paddy Murray

(B'day Rem), Leonard & Nan Hanna (An), Tommy,

Della & Benny Raftery (An)

**12noon:** Mary & Brendan O'Riordan (An),

Edward McGennis (An), Anne Pownall (3rd An)

### Monday 18th March - Bank Holiday

**Masses today at 10.00am and 7.30pm**

### Tuesday 19th March - Feast of St. Joseph

**7.30am:** Special Intention

**10.00am:** Philip Dwyer (8th An)

### Saturday 23rd March

**10.00am:** Betty Millea (21st An)

### Sunday 24th March

**6.30pm Vigil:** Elizabeth & Nicholas West (An),

Mary & Patrick Hendley, Sandra Kelly (MM),

Patricia Freeman (5th An), Ellen & John Maughan

(An) & Winnie Maughan (Rem)

**10.30am:** Liam, Babs & Kay Norton

**12noon:** Mary Byrne (1st An) & dec'd members of

the Byrne & Walsh families, David Smith (11th An),

Marcello Capocci (1st An)

**5.30pm:** Bridie Hoban (MM) and B'day Rem,

Dalton McElroy (31st An)

### Clonburris

**Saturday 16th March @ 6.30pm:**

Michael Donoghue (An), Bob Donoghue (An),

Pat Sharkey (MM) and B'day Rem and dec'd

members of the Sharkey family,

Mary Connolly (An)

**Sunday 17th March @ 11.00am**

Louis & Bridget Dardis (An)



### HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY

### SCOIL AINE

*Celebrating 50 Years of Education*

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*Come along and join our 50th Anniversary  
Celebrations on Saturday 23rd March*

**12.00 to 3.00pm**

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### THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE DURING LENT

The Sacrament of Penance will be available on Saturdays as follows: **After the 10am Mass &**

**Between 3 to 4pm**

**From 6 to 6.25pm** before the Vigil Mass and **after Mass**



The Parish Shop at the back of the Church has in stock many religious items suitable as gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Also for sale cards for all occasions, the Irish Catholic, books etc.

The shop is open after all Masses on Sundays and before and after 10am Masses during the week. Feel free to call in and browse at your leisure. **Mary Farrell**





## "I hear you calling out my name but I can't see you"

Transition Year Students from Colaiste Bhride and your teacher, Michelle, you did us proud! You nailed it in one swing! On Ash Wednesday, there we were at 10am Mass musing about our fragility when after Mass your drama on the Prodigal Son had a vibrant resonance, a freshness, an honesty, an urgency which

gave us lumps in our throats and tears for some.

Margaret, robbed her parents bank account and credit card and blew thousands of Euro over 5 years travelling, on the drugs and eventually she hit rock bottom. She said "I have had it, I am going home to my family and friends". On the train into Heuston Margaret's anguish and trepidation left her in a mist of fear, interminable questioning, emotional paralysis and vulnerability. Alone in the crowds on the platform, bottomed out, she said "They didn't come to meet me."

Then through a blind haze, from far away she heard cries of "Margaret, Margaret". Still in a daze, Margaret saw her mother's beaming face and was wrapped up in a deep hug and the two sets of tears came and all of us in the Church had a moment in time, healing emotion and the tears trickled down. Then Margaret was dumbstruck to be brought into a cracker of a welcome home party. She thought "why did I leave this so long" How did all this come together.

The narration was superb, the plot fast moving, the mime timeless and misty.

The deserved warm applause which filled the church said it all. All was set against and within the background of Frank's beautiful Slate which made real the Lenten Theme "Wiping The Slate Clean."

The stark Lenten Altar and banner "**Just Come Home**" also set the tone. Thanks to all in Environmental Ministry who helped. Summarising, Frank reflected that the future is safe in the hands of our young people. Their ability to reimagine 2000 yr. old themes is really refreshing. It is also testament to the enduring nature of those themes. We can't wait for the sequel (Pentecost -wow that would be something).

Keep it up. God Bless,

**Eddie**

*Thank You*

## €5,200 raised for Sean Cox Fund

Thank you to our Members and the wider Clondalkin community who so generously contributed to our fundraising drive for the Sean Cox Fund. A magnificent €5,200 was raised to support the rehabilitation of Clondalkin native Sean, who previously played for the club and served as an Executive Member. Ed O'Malley, Round Tower Chairman said: "We are very grateful to everybody who so generously gave towards our collections. The people of Round Towers and Clondalkin have demonstrated tremendous solidarity with Sean and his family. The generosity of local people shows we are all behind Sean and his family and are wishing him the very best in his rehabilitation." Sean suffered very serious injuries when he was injured in an unprovoked assault in Liverpool last April.

**Michael McGlynn**



## 'For a Just and Sustainable Future'

## is Trócaire's strategic plan for 2016-2020.

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Trócaire was established in 1973 by the Catholic Church in Ireland. Our dual mandate is to support the most vulnerable people in the developing world, while also raising awareness of global injustice in Ireland.

Anyone wishing to donate please do take a Trocaire box from the Church and return it with your donation after Easter.

## Monday 11 March 2019

We had a good crowd in the club today. Welcome back Noel who has been missing for a while.

We were supposed to have a DVD showing of the story of Fatima, but due to an electric power cut this was not possible. Three children Lucia, aged 10yrs and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco aged 7 and 9 years old saw apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima starting on the 13 May 1917, and requested them to come to the same place on the 13 of each month for the next five months. The First World War was raging all over Europe at the time and Our Lady told the children to pray the Rosary every day and pray for peace. It will be on in a few weeks time, hopefully during the Monday of Holy Week?

With so many tragic events happening in our own country and elsewhere throughout the world, the story of Fatima will remind us of Our Lady's power through prayer. I know in our church here in Clondalkin we are great for praying the Rosary and taking part in other prayer activities during the week.

We did manage to get tea for everyone. Collette noticed two working plugs at the rear of the church so were fortunate to be able to boil kettles for the tea as there was no electricity in the Centre.

Fortunately Noel had his whistle and harmonica with him today and was able to give us a few tunes. Sadie sang her song "Dublin in the Rare Old Times and another I don't know the name of. Kathleen F sang the "Connamara Cradle Song, and of course everyone had a lovely chat with each other. The tables had been re-arranged to accommodate the showing of the DVD so everybody got mixed up and had to sit in different places and chat to others not usually at the place where they usually sit.

Thanks to Frank Brown for setting up the computer etc. for to show the DVD, to Stephen & Martin for setting table, Joan and Collette for the teas etc. Noel for his music and Sadie & Kathleen F for singing.

There will be **NO CLUB next Monday**. I wish you all a VERY HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY.

Until **Monday 25 March** take care. **Kathleen R**



The word "shamrock" comes from the Gaelic word "seamrog" (*In Irish, it means "summer plant"*) meaning "trefoil" (*three leafed*) or "little clover". The shamrock as symbol of Ireland and St. Patrick's Day is partly due to the natural abundance of clover plants in the country,

but largely due to its strong association with Christianity.

Legend says that St. Patrick used the shamrock to visually illustrate the concept of the Trinity (*the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit*). In Christianity, God is three persons, but it's not the same as three gods!

People found this hard to understand. So, St. Patrick reflected a moment and then, stooping down, he plucked a leaf from the shamrock and held it before them, then asked them to behold the living example of the "Three-in-One." The simple beauty of this explanation convinced these sceptics, and from that day the shamrock has been revered throughout Ireland.

A four-leaf clover has always been considered a symbol of good luck in Irish culture. According to legend, the leaves of a four-leaf clover represent hope, faith, and love, and God added another leaf for luck!



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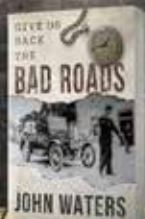
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