



# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church*

**Clonburris**  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

**Sunday 31st March 2019**



## A PARABLE, A PAINTING AND YOU

The parable of the Prodigal Son is the story of a father who has two sons and loses both of them; the younger one is lost in a foreign country, while the elder is lost in the wilderness of his own self-righteous hostility. One leaves home in the hope of finding happiness only to find that it is found in the familiar. One stays at home and is so cut off from the love and support around him that he might as well be in a foreign land. By the end of the story love and forgiveness win out when the younger son returns but it is unclear if the older son puts his hostility aside and forgives his brother and father.



Rembrandt, a seventeenth century Dutch artist, depicted the parable in his painting, The return of the Prodigal Son. We see the father, hands resting on his kneeling son's shoulders, the son's head buried in his father's chest. The elder son looks on in disdain. The servants remain in the background.

Let us take a closer look at the picture and identify with the people there.

See the younger son, a normal adolescent who wants freedom, money and a good time. He insults his father, wishing him dead by demanding his share of the property, leaves home and travels to a foreign land, squanders his money and loses his friends, his dignity and religious values. Finally he comes to his senses, decides to return home and become a servant in his father's house. Look at the father. How did he treat this son? He gave him his inheritance and let him go. But he never forgot him, loving him all the time and watching for his return. When he does return he runs to meet him, embraces him, provides him with sandals and robes and throws a "Welcome Home" party for him.

To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.

The elder son, the tall figure on the right, is the one who stayed at home. He is full of resentment towards his father, angry with his brother and dissatisfied with his own lot in life. He removes himself psychologically and emotionally from everyone. He doesn't know he is lost. But the father

loves him as much as he loves his younger son. Both are accepted as they are. Where are you in the picture? Are you the returning son/daughter, or the one who stayed at home or the father/ mother giving unconditional love???

*Sr. Anne*

*Reminder; 7.30pm Mass each weekday during Lent*

## 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

**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: Angela Minihan  
Church Cleaners: Kitty Egan, Angela McCreevey and Veronica Bayly

### Monday 1st April - Miraculous Medal

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

### Tuesday 2nd April - 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 3rd April - Charismatic Prayer Group

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

### Thursday 4th April - Adoration

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Morning: In the Sisters' Oratory **10.45-11.45am**

Evening: In the Sisters' Oratory **8.00 to 8.30pm.**

All welcome. (**Note:** No 1st Thursday *Hour of Prayer* feasible this month)

### Friday 5th April

First Friday, all Masses, 7.30am, 10am and 7.30pm, are offered for all whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead

### Saturday 6th April

Fatima Devotions after 10am Mass

This Week



## Village Church

### Sunday 31st March

**6.30pm Vigil:** Bernadette Byrne (1st An), Patrick Ryder (B'day Rem), Marcello Capocci (1st An), William Doyle (26th An), Joe & Kathleen Fagan (An), Carole Thunder (14th An), Marie Maloney (5th An), Mary Minogue (8th An), Rosanna O'Halloran and Liam O'Halloran (An), Margaret Tyson (An), Joe Devine (An)

**10.30am:** David Greene (3rd An), David Lynch (MM), Cora O'Daly, Fran, Josie, Dolly & Brendan Mulhare (Rem), Frank & Patricia Farrell (An)

**12noon:**

**5.30pm:**

### Monday 1st April

**10.00am** Bernard Browne (Rem)

### Sunday 7th April

**6.30pm Vigil:** Mary O'Shea and her mother Mary Furlong (An), Dermot Hegarty (B'day Rem), Trisha Brennan (1st An), Richard Connolly (6th An), Bellie & Josie Broderick, Sadie Loughnane (10th An), Evelyn McGrillen (15th An), Christina Murray (An), Patrick Coby, 30th an

**10.30am:**

**12noon:**

## Clonburris

### Sunday 31st March @ 11.00am

Terry Leahy (An), Christopher Hatten (An), Dessie Lawlor (An), Benny Brown (An)

Monsignor Dan O'Connor will bestow the Sacrament of Confirmation on the children of Gaelscoil Cluain Dolcáin and Gaelscoil na Camóige, in the Village Church on Wednesday 3rd April at 11.00am. We hope the children, their parents and families will have a wonderful celebration on this very special day.

PLEASE NOTE...

To facilitate the Ceremony Mass will be at **9.30am**



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

### Recently Baptised .. Welcome to Finn Edward Peter Bracken,

Castlevew Road

Rebecca Joseph Gunning,

Monastery Heath Court

Elíjah Jacob Morrin, St. John's Road

Lochlan Flanagan, California, USA

Poppy Sarah Boylan, Hazelwood Lane

Billy Keith O'Neill, Laurel Park



The local Conference Society will be leaving bags for donations of used clothing in good condition on **Sunday 7th April**. These will be collected on the following Sunday.



To the **Lourdes Appeal!** Collection taken up after all Masses this weekend. All monies donated will be taken by the Parish Pilgrims and distributed to various causes in need in Lourdes including the purchase of a Parish Candle which will be left burning at the Grotto for the intentions of the Parish.

**Ethiopian Appeal!** Church Gate Collection taken up after all Masses next weekend—6th /7 April

## Reception of the Sacraments—a Review!

Over the past few years the Parish Team and the Parish Pastoral Council have put a lot of energy and time into the preparation of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Over the past seven months boys and girls have met outside school hours to prepare for these two

Sacraments (known as Faith Fun and Friendship). This new approach is mostly parish based, in conjunction with the curriculum taught in school. We have been celebrating different days throughout the liturgical year and introduced different types of prayer services. (Remembrance service, nativity play and reconnected with the Sacrament of Baptism)

We, the Parish Team and Parish Pastoral Council, believe that this is the healthy way forward as it gives schools the opportunity to focus on the curriculum and remember not every child in the school is Catholic and not all want to receive the Sacraments. It also means that we as a parish get to know the families. This is also in line with the Diocesan policy which was introduced in 2012 (**more information can be found here:** <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/Diocesan-Policy-First-Communion-First-Reconciliation.pdf>).

They have been asked to choose a Sunday Mass during the month of May for their child to receive their First Holy Communion. As followers of Christ we meet every Sunday to celebrate His life, death and resurrection. On the first weekend in May one family will join the 10.30am celebration and 22 families joining the congregation at the 12noon Mass. The following weekend we have 22 Families joining the 10.30am celebration and another eleven Families for the 12noon Mass. On Sunday 19th we have five families joining the 12noon celebration and three families for the last weekend in May for the 12noon mass.

As this is new to all of us and we are doing this in the hope and belief that the Spirit will guide us through this new approach. Please pray for these children and their families as they prepare. Any questions comments and suggestions—

please contact: **Christina Malone, Parish Pastoral Worker**  
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Celebrating St Patrick's Day: photos sent in by Tommy Keogh. He tells us that the Parade was well attended even though the weather was inclement. Gemma & Philip Carr lead the parade in a beautiful white carriage. Friends of the Camac group won the prize for the Most Creative Group while the Clondalkin Youth band won Best Performance Group.

### Monday Club 25 March 2019



We had a great crowd in the club this morning. Welcome back to Minnie who has not been with us for awhile, and to Peggy, Don, Sean the singer and of course to you all. I hope you all had a lovely St Patrick's Day and enjoyed all the parades in Clondalkin or on the television. They were all very colourful.

Today we had Christina Malone, our parish pastoral worker who told us of her experience at the World Youth Pilgrimage to Panama in January. This year the World Youth gathering took place in Panama and Christina and a number of other young people went there from the Dublin Diocese.

Christina told us about her experience with other gatherings too and in particular the one in Toronto, Canada. As she said herself, she went there as a tourist and came home a pilgrim, it had such a profound effect on her.

In Panama, she told us of some of what they did there. The people were so welcoming. They did not have any luxuries but gladly shared what they had. The group stayed with host families during their time there and they slept 5 to a room on mats on the floor. They visited the poor, the homeless, had their prayer groups, Mass, confessions/reconciliation services etc. "Thank You" Christina for taking the time to come and share with us your experience of this very special time with the youth of the world in such an up-lifting, enthusiastic and humorous way. It is wonderful to know that God is alive and working in the world despite what we hear and see in the media. All the good things that happen in our own country and in the world should be highlighted more. The youth of today are our future. We are very lucky in this parish to have the likes of Christina and Frank to motivate and encourage our own young people.

On Friday 5 April 9.45 to 1pm in Aras Chronain there is a seminar which will explore how mental health issues impact on older people; The factors that influence us to have good mental health as we age. There will be workshops and discussion groups. Guest speaker is Dr Rose Anne Kenny, head of the Academic Dept. of Medical Gerontology at Trinity College. Anyone interested please contact me as spaces are limited.

Thank you Collette, Joan, Stephen & Martin for teas/clear-up and you all for coming and making the morning so enjoyable for everybody. As this was the Feast of the Annunciation Joan recited the *Magnificat* to end the morning. Next week Don Devaney, ordained permanent deacon will be coming to tell us of his role as deacon. Until next week take care.

**Kathleen R**



**"Thank You"** to all who supported us during Sean's long illness while he was in hospital especially the people who provided me with transport. Sean succumbed to his illness and was called home to God last week.

**"Thanks"** to Fr. Damian whose cooperation regarding arrangements made coping easier and for his celebration of the funeral Mass, all who attended the funeral, had Masses offered, offered words of consolation, visited his remains at his home and supplied us with more than enough provisions and to the many kind people of Floraville and the wider community. In appreciation Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

**Marie Harrington and Family**



A mother is clothed with strength and dignity, laughs without fear of the future. When she speaks her words are wise and she gives instructions with kindness." **Proverbs** —

**"Loving God, we ask your blessings on all mothers. May they be inspired with your mercy, wisdom, strength and selfless love. Bless all mothers, that their love be deep, tender and that they lead their children to know and do what is right and we ask that You receive the mothers you have called to Your home with lots of hugs and kisses"**



Summer made a welcome return at 2am this morning with clocks going forward one hour.





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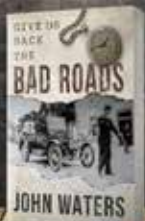
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