



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 5th May 2019



Today's readings are about Peter, the Apostle but who is he?

I try to give you my short CV of him. Peter was one of the First Apostles to follow Jesus. In the blink of an eye, he is the one that left behind his old life and followed Jesus' invitation to become a different kind of fisherman. Peter is also the one that walked over the water when he fully trusted in the Lord. The moment doubt set in, he started to drown. The same Peter denied the Lord three times. We all know too well on Good Friday out of fear Peter denied knowing the Lord. Then he was there at the foot of the cross. He was there at the empty tomb. And still my gut (God-) feeling tells me he still was not convinced that Jesus was the Lord. Peter still struggled to believe in himself. He struggled to see God's plan for him in all of this. And just to add even more to Peter we heard today in the Gospel it wasn't him that recognised the risen Lord. Someone else had to tell him that it was the Lord on the beach. Maybe his eyes were still closed to see – maybe his heart was unable to see – maybe he needed the guidance of the friend to help him to become the ONE Jesus wanted him to be. The moment Peter was told it was the Lord he didn't waste any time – he jumped into the sea – without a doubt – making

sure he would be the first to be with Jesus, the risen Lord.

I am honest with you. I love Peter, the Apostle. I love him because he is the one that jumps for it – he doesn't seem to overthink it. He knows deep down what is right and goes with it. No doubt after the experience of Good Friday he felt devastated and heard broken but the tomb is empty – the Lord is risen and he has shown himself to Peter, Mary Magdalene and many others.

These encounters helped Peter to believe and to understand and to trust in the Plan that God had for him. It helped him to become the ONE he was meant to be. No doubt Jesus knew all along about the human side of Peter. Like every one of us - we are human. We aim to be perfect. We aim to trust 100% in the Lord – but would we stand trial? Would

we be able to say three times – YES Lord, you know I love you? Or are we like the Peter on Good Friday denying the Lord as fear gets the better of us? Where are you? Who would you like to be?

Personally I am aiming to be the Peter that we heard about in today's readings. The one that stands in front of the high priest and is able to stand up for what he believes in – it is like a little success story after all the hardship he had to go through. I like to be the one that jumps into the sea once I see the Lord – do not overthink it – just go and trust.

I like to be the one that is ready when Jesus calls **FOLLOW ME**.

But like Peter – I am human. No doubt sometimes I am the Peter of Good Friday- but today's Gospel encourages me – not to give up – to try again – to believe – to trust – because at the end Peter became the First Pope, so who knows what HIS plan is for me (you)?!

Christina Malone

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

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Village Church



Sunday 5th May

6.30pm Vigil: Romy & René Fell, John Talbot (1st An)
10.30am: John O'Mahoney (An), Special Intention
12noon: Anne McCabe (An), Anthony O'Brien (1st An)
5.30pm Johanna Peckham (nee Hoban) (2nd An)

Monday 6th May

10.00am Pat Mooney (An)

Tuesday 7th May

10.00am Christopher, Lillian, Brendan & Terry Behan

Wednesday 8th May

10.00am Willie Kennedy (1st An)

Thursday 9th May

10.00am John Talbot (1st An)

Sunday 12th May

6.30pm Vigil George Guilfoyle (An)

10.30am Annie Fitzsimons

12noon George Reilly (An), Pamela McCabe (1st An)
Carol Nolan (6th An)

5.30pm Ray McCabe (MM)

Monday 6th May - Miraculous Medal Novena

after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 7th May - CCPC Intercessory Prayer for

Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes. This Tuesday Intercessory Prayer Group praying in Parish Pastoral Centre **7.30pm to 8.30pm**. All welcome.

Wednesday 8th May - Charismatic Prayer Group

Our Lady Queen of Peace. Starting our **Journey Towards Pentecost** (Pentecost Sunday 9th June - Feast of Descent of the Holy Spirit). This Wednesday, **7.45pm** Rosary before Prayer Meeting in Parish Pastoral Centre.

Join us if you can - all welcome.

Thursday 9th May - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Evening: In the Church **Hour of Prayer 8.00-9.00pm**.

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.



Recently Deceased

Alexander Grassick, Southhampton

Tony Guy, Laurel Park

Breda Callaghan, Boot Park

Our thoughts and prayers are with their

families at this time.



Recently Married—Congratulations

Danielle Kearns and Michael Kenny



The pupils of St. Joseph's Boys National School will attend the 10am Mass in the Village Church on Friday 10th May.



MONDAY CLUB, 29th April

We were slightly reduced in numbers today because of the trip to Castlebar. Seán postponed his music session until next Monday 6th May, the Bank Holiday. Yes, we will be open on the day. Kathleen will be talking about the Bealtaine Festival and a competition. See you all then.

Thanks again to Martin and Stephen for setting up the tables.

Colette.



The Pioneer Total Abstinence Society will meet in the Parish Centre on **Friday 10th May** at 10.45am. New members always welcome!



Each day in May 2019, thousands of people from all around Ireland will gather at their local Grotto to recite the Rosary for Faith and Life in Ireland and for guidance in the upcoming local and European elections.

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The Lourdes Pilgrimage leaves on Sunday next 12th May with their spiritual leader, Fr. Shán O Cuív. We ask them to remember us at the Grotto as we will keep them in our prayers during their pilgrimage and we wish them a safe journey there and back.

For those travelling—Mass on Monday 6th May at 7.30pm in the Church. Tickets and other travel arrangements will be issued at the Mass.



Congratulations on your Confirmation

To the boys of St. Joseph's School on the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Field on Wednesday last at 11am. "We pray that the Lord will always surround you with the fullness of His love, that He will always lead you by the Light of His Truth. And that He will always bless you with the Peace of His Presence" - the prayer of all parishioners for you and your families on this happy occasion and always.

Sacrament of Confession

Confessions will be available every Saturday afternoon between 3.00 and 4.00pm in Clondalkin Village Church.

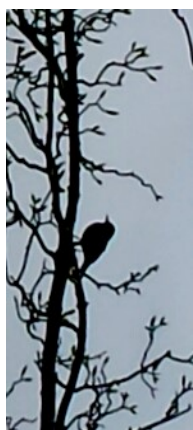
"Don't be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Confession, where you will meet Jesus who forgives you".

Pepe Francis



Members of the local branch will take up the monthly collection after all Masses in Knockmitten today and after all Masses in the Village Church next Sunday. All monies donated are distributed to those in need in our Parish.

Your generosity needed and much appreciated.



The Theme of Our Easter Garden is *"We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song"*.

With all of creation we sing out with joy and give thanks.

"All things bright and beautiful all creatures great and small the Lord God made them all". As a very accessible part of Creation we feature birds in our garden for the whole month of May, at First light, the country will be awash with birdsong.

In Faith we believe that Easter is a whole new inspiration journey to be enjoyed and shared.

The Holy Spirit is moving all nature into a dramatic awakening right now. All of nature is giving thanks and expressing joy in their own way. As if that were not enough, all of Heaven is rejoicing in unison with all life on Earth, a super joyous event takes place every morning in May in sequence right around the world as first light occurs. The Dawn Chorus is on RTE 1 this weekend in sequence from all around the world. Birdwatch Ireland have the sounds of Irish songbirds on you tube to enhance you appreciation of the Choral Sound at first light.

Enjoy The Easter Garden/ Dawn Chorus. Maybe as you reimagine the Easter Garden during the day, you could play John Rutter "All The Beauty of the Earth. Now there's a sound!"



Catholic Youth Ministry Ireland Training Day—Monday 13th May, 10am to 4pm—St. Paul's Church Arran Quay
Keynote Address: *"Reimagining Youth and Young Adult Ministry in the*

21st Century" by Erin Doughty, Youth Ministry Development, Birmingham.

The course includes Resourcing Youth and Young Adults Ministries by Jonny Somerville, Robert Norton and Pauline Dowd.

Workshops by Aoife Walsh, Br. Martin Bennett and St. Paul's Church Outreach.

The cost is €20 cash only and please bring own lunch.



is it a feeling of disappointment, and even a determination to cling to the first story for the sheer pleasure of thinking your enemies are as bad as possible? If it is the second then it is, I am afraid, the first step in a process which, if followed to the end, will make us into devils. You see, one is beginning to wish that black was a little blacker. If we give that wish its head, later on we shall wish to see grey as black, and then to see white itself as black. Finally we shall insist on seeing everything -- God and our friends and ourselves included -- as bad, and not be able to stop doing it: we shall be fixed for ever in a universe of pure hatred.'

Human history is the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy. C.S. Lewis

Thought of the day: "As Christians we should never limit ourselves to asking: how can I save myself? We should also ask: what can I do in order that others may be saved and that for them too the star of hope may rise?"

Then I will have done my utmost for my own personal salvation as well"
Pope Benedict XVI



Come and have breakfast

The theme of light and darkness in John's Gospel is strong. In today's reading, we hear that it was 'just after day-break' when Jesus appeared to the disciples. The disciples had been fishing all night but caught nothing. Then, with the dawn, Jesus appears on the beach and gently suggests that they cast the nets on

the other side of the boat. We are invited to reflect on resurrection here, moments where we were given a sense of new life, and with that, an abundance of gifts. Perhaps a friendship had broken down or we were dealing with a crisis. Like the disciples, we may have simply been going through the motions of day to day life, in the dark, without much enthusiasm. And then... daybreak. A gentle voice guided us, a friend or in a moment of prayer. In time, we realised that this was Jesus' voice pointing us in the right direction, and once we allowed ourselves to be guided by Him, the 'catch' was huge.

The end of the passage sees Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves him. Peter is once again by a charcoal fire so this scene mirrors the three denials of Peter during the trial of Jesus. Peter upset, and one can understand the regrets he must have. Yet here, Jesus is giving Peter the space to undo his denials. There is healing, new life. We can imagine Jesus' question to Peter at the end of the passage being addressed to us: 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?... Tend my sheep!' Place yourself in this story throughout the week.

Jane Melleste

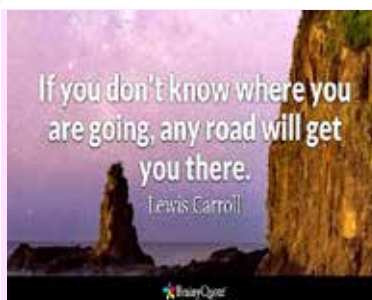


"Welcome" to the children receiving their First Holy Communion today, to their parents, families and friends.

Sacrament reception is a very exciting time in the life of the Parish and this year with the reception of First Holy Communion during Sunday Mass with the

whole Parish congregation in attendance is extra special. We thank you for sharing this special occasion with us and pray that you will have an experience remembered fondly always.

First Holy Communicants with their families will be with us next Sunday at 10.30 and 12 noon Mass.



Years ago the British agnostic Thomas Huxley had to leave early one morning to go from one speaking assignment to another, so he got into a horse-drawn taxi to go from his hotel to the train station. He assumed that the hotel doorman had told the driver of the carriage that they were to go to

the train station. So when he got in, he simply said to the driver, "Drive fast."

Off they went. After a short while, Huxley, who was somewhat familiar with the area, realized that they were actually going in the opposite direction from the train station. He yelled to the driver, "Do you know where you're going?" Without looking back, the driver replied, "No, sir, but I'm driving very fast."

Obviously, it doesn't do much good to go fast if you're not going in the right direction! Yet, many people, even Christians, are like that. Their lives are busy, they are going full bore, but they haven't stopped to evaluate where they ought to be going. Before we know it, life has whizzed by, but we haven't spent it focused on the right purpose. As Christians, we all would agree that if we want to spend our lives properly, we must be in line with God's purpose.



Tomorrow, Monday 5th May,
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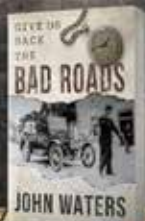
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