

Clondalkin Village Parish Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris # Knockmitten Parish Newsletter

Sunday 23rd June 2019

ON BEING IN A DESERTED PLACE

In today's gospel Jesus and his disciples are in a deserted place. Large crowds gather to hear him. The disciples want Jesus to dismiss the crowds into the villages to find food for themselves. Jesus challenges them "You give them something to eat".

How can they feed 5000 with only five loaves and



two fish they ask. Jesus makes the crowd sit down in groups. He blesses the bread and the fish. The disciples distribute it among the people. Twelve baskets of foods are left over. Abundance abounds in a deserted place. Deserts have an important place in our Judaic-Christian tradition. The forty years spent in the desert formed the Israelites into a people for God. After Jesus' baptism he spent forty days in the desert and came to the realisation of who he was. He often retired to deserted, lonely places to pray. Early monastic founders lived in the deserts of Egypt and Syria seeking union with God.

During their sojourn in the desert the people depended solely on God. When there was no food God sent manna. When there was no water Moses struck the rock and water flowed. God guided and protected them, a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. When they reached the Promised Land those needs were no longer an issue. The people lost intimacy and contact with God and no longer depended on Him. Prophets like Hosea were sent to call them back to union with God. "I will allure you and call you back to the

desert and there I will speak to your heart" Hosea 2:14. We find ourselves in deserted places when we can no longer pray, when we feel lonely, vulnerable and lost. Desert experiences like these open us up to our need for God. They have the potential of stripping us of our need to control and be in charge. Fr. Ronald Rolheiser writes "only after the desert

has done it's work are we free to let God's love flow into us". To-day's feast of the Body and Blood of Christ invites us to share the little that we are and have. We are not isolated individuals on life's journey. We form one body and partake of the one bread.

> Nourished with the Bread of Life let us hear Jesus saying, "YOU give them something to eat"

> > Sr. Anne



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 &3pm to 4pm.45pm-6.15pm **Clonburris** Sundavs (Vigil) Sat 6.30 pm Sunday 11am Holy Days 11am and 6.30pm

Knockmitten

(Vigil) Sat 6.30pm Sundays 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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This love, this foolishness of love, illustrated in the Old in the Eucharist It is God waiting for us, God who loves us, Testament and in the story of the prodigal son in the who searches us out, who loves us just as we are-limited, New, this folly of the Cross, was the sum and substance selfish, inconstant, but capable of discovering his infinite of the retreat.... We must live this life now.... If we affection and of giving ourselves fully to him. do not learn to enjoy God now we never will.

Dorothy Day

St. Josemaria



Photo of some of the children who received their First Holy Communion and volunteered some of their 'money' presents to Br. Kevin's Capuchin Centre.



Make sure to take a chance to see the new gate made by Clondalkin Men's Shed for St Brigid's Well. Well worth a visit! 'Thanks' Mick, Tom and Frank



'Confirmation Day' Pentecost Sunday in Knockmitten Church. Congratulations to all!

Sustaining the beautiful flowers planted by "Tidy Towns" at the Laurel Park entrance to the Church. "Watch over next 3 weeks .Wildlife will get a great feed. Plants will be in full flow." Eddie



This is a story about the amazing St. Anthony of Padua whose this feast day was June 13th and is Patron saint of lost items, the poor, and travellers. The Catholic Church attributes many miracles to this 13-century saint, one of which proved the presence

of the Eucharist to a heretic.

St. Anthony fought and taught against heresies, including the Cather heresy, which denied the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Toulouse, Italy was the central point of this heresy, and St. Anthony participated in multiple public debates against it.

During one debate, a man named Bononillo challenged St. Anthony's belief of the Eucharistic presence.

He said, "If you can make my mule bow down before what you call the Body of Christ, I will believe."

St. Anthony tried to convince him in other ways, but did not see any other option.

Bononillo decided to then starve his mule for three days.

On the third day, St. Anthony celebrated Mass in the city's public square. After Mass, Bononillo went before St. Anthony, and offered his mule food, while St. Anthony carried a consecrated host.

St. Anthony said, "Mule! Come here and show reverence to your Creator!"

St. Anthony held up the Eucharistic host, and rather than accepting Bononillo's food, the starved mule bowed down and knelt before the Eucharist.

Once Bononillo saw this, he also bowed and knelt before the Eucharist. Many other heretics converted that day.

(St. Anthony's statue is at the back of the church)



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