



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 2nd June 2019



Over the past four Sundays and two Saturdays more than 280 children have celebrated their first Holy Communion in Clondalkin Village, Clonburris and Knockmitten. About 140 boys and girls received the Body of Christ during the 9am, 10.30am or 12 noon Masses.

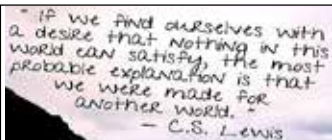
What does that mean exactly? Why did we do this? Have we seen these children since? Has it been a success? Has it made a difference to the families? Has it made a difference to you/to us as a parish community? If you expect answers to all these questions I have to disappoint you. I do not have all the answers. But I have faith. I have faith in the future of the parish in Clondalkin. While we have implemented the diocesan policy of moving the First Holy Communion into the Sunday liturgy, it has not come without its challenges, struggles, tears and laughter. It has been a rollercoaster for all involved. While this has been far from perfect, it was a beginning – a first step on a long road ahead of us. I believe it was a beginning to be realistic as to who we are as a Catholic Church in Ireland in 2019. Giving parents the choice of Masses (ideally the Mass they always come to worship, maybe in some cases a different parish, maybe even a different country). We have been giving parents the opportunity to be involved and giving the schools the support and the energy they need to focus on the wide school curriculum.

We will not see 280 communion children over the next few weeks – we won't see the children that have been confirmed either (another 280 children) – nor will we meet all the families that have been welcomed as part of their baptism journey during the 12noon Mass every Sunday. But we have to start somewhere... We have to be real as to who we are as followers of Christ. We gather every Sunday as followers to celebrate his life and resurrection. I believe this is the way forward – to include the Sacraments in the Sunday Eucharist.

This might challenge us as a parish, us as regular Mass goers but who are we to judge? Who are we as a parish community (*followers of Christ*) if we cannot welcome the families where they are at? Who are we as a parish community (*followers of Christ*) if we cannot be with them, pray for them, give them a good example? Maybe it is time to let go of the numbers. And you know what - I had to make peace with that part and now I am ok with that - I am ok if families do not come back the following Sunday for their child's second communion but I pray and hope they know they are always welcome to join us. I hope they will be back at some stage over the summer. Yes, it is sad to write this but it is reality. Everyone that believes differently is not living in the real world. Times have changed and we, as followers of Christ, have to change with the times. Changes mean letting go – changes can be frightening – but changes can also bring new opportunities, new hope, new life. Let us build on the wonderful experience that God has given us over the past four weeks and move forward in faith rather than fear. We have to do something. And every journey starts with the first step... and I hope and pray you are part of the journey.

Christina Malone, Parish Pastoral Worker

Any constructive feedback on the communion journey is welcomed. Please drop your experience, thoughts and ideas on how to improve this journey into the parish office or email: Chrisina.malone@dublindiocese



The Ascension reminds us this is not our home. In the Glory, awe, mystery and joy of the Resurrection we celebrate the gift of our Salvation. We have been redeemed in Christ. The Lord's Ascension reminds us that earth is our temporary home. We are sojourners with our gaze fixed on the faraway land. We seek the white shores, the place of peace, eternity with our Beloved. Christ has paved the way for us and He calls each one of us to follow Him back to the Father, so that we may truly rest in the love of the Holy Trinity.



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

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CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Angela Minihan
Church Cleaners: Rita Arnold
Flowers: Kathleen Cosgrove for June

THANK
YOU

Monday 3rd June - Miraculous Medal Novena
after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 4th June - CCPC Intercessory Prayer
for

Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes. This Tuesday Group praying in
Parish Pastoral Centre **7.30pm-8.30pm.**
All welcome to join in with us.

Wednesday 5th June - Charismatic Prayer Group
Our Lady Queen of Peace. On the Road to Pentecost
(Pentecost Sunday 9th June - Feast of Descent of the Holy
Spirit). This Wednesday **7.45pm Rosary** followed by **Prayer**
Meeting in Parish Pastoral Centre praying for fresh
outpouring of gifts of the Holy Spirit. Join us if you can
- all welcome.

**Thursday 6th June - Exposition of the Blessed Sacra-
ment**

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

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

Friday 7th June—1st Friday, All Masses are offered for all
whose names are on the Parish Altar List of the Dead

Monday Club 27 May 2019

This morning we had an exhibition of the crafts that were
entered in the Bealtaine Festival Craft Competition. There were
paintings, crochet, etchings, wood carving and embossing, wood
art, embroidery, and decoupage on display. Some of us won a
prize, but unfortunately not everybody was present so I don't
know how many of us won. Winners are
notified by post and a ticket for the
prize giving. The prize-giving will be on
Thursday. I hope all who entered will
have won a prize. Some of the items were
on display in the public hall of the South
Dublin County Council Offices in Tallaght
during the week. I saw some of the items on display and I must
say they were excellent and a very high standard. Thanks to all
in the club for submitting items for the competition. There are a
great lot of talented people in the club. Keep up the good work.
It is great and brings a great joy to people and good for one's
soul as well, keeps the brain and hands active. Keep in mind the
horticultural show in Aras Chronain at the end of June.
Our deepest sympathy to Maureen Rooney on the recent death
of her sister Freda who lived in London.

Congratulations of Minnie on reaching a special birthday.
Minnie you stayed very quiet about that last Monday, but your
secret got out. Never mind Minnie, we all wish you a belated

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Fr Damian
who is celebrating the silver jubilee of his ordination this
weekend. We wish you all the best for the future and thank you
for being a great friend and support of the club and a great
priest in our parish. Thanks to Sean for coming in this morning
minus his guitar and singing a few songs. Thanks to Joan,
Collette, Martin & Stephen for all their help with teas and
clear-up. There will be NO CLUB on this Monday 3 June. We
will be back on 10th June please God. Have a good bank holiday
weekend. Take care, see you all on 10 June. **Kathleen R**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul local Conference will
hold their monthly collection after all Masses next
weekend, 8th & 9th June. *Please give what you can*

Well
done!

To the Clondalkin Drama on the production of
"Sive". The Villagers club attended the play and
enjoyed it enormously and Geraldine Lanigan on
behalf of the members of the club congratulates
all involved

Village Church



Sunday 2nd June

10.30am Roy Steed & his parents Kathleen & Leslie
Tony Guy (MM) & Breda Guy (4th An)
Pauline Murphy (B'day Rem)

12noon Eggidius Venckus, Robertas Venckus,
Joe & Ann Walsh (An) (*Castleview Rd*)
Seamus Kelly (1st An)

Wednesday 5th June

10.00am John & Mary O'Neill (An)
& Carmel O'Neill (An)

Sunday 9th June - Pentecost Sunday

6.30am Anne Guilfoyle (B'day Rem)
Eamonn Farrell (10th An),
Jeremiah (Lawlor) Connolly (MM),
Michael Finnegan (1st An)

10.30am Joseph Quirke (9th An)

12noon Elizabeth "Lillie" Caffrey (4th An),
Martina Mooney (An),

Jane Doherty (An) & dec'd members of the Doherty
families,

Evee Redmond (4th An)

Clonburris

Sunday 2nd June

11am: Michael McKenna, An
Patrick (Pat) O'Brien, an
Bernie Keogh, An



The Legion of Mary meets every Monday at 11.30am
in the Presentation Convent,
Clondalkin. New members welcome!



Pioneer Total Abstinence Association will meet in
the Parish Centre at
10.45am on Friday 7th June.

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

Margaret Gray, Cappamore

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time



....everyone who contributed to the Church Gate
collection in aid of the Diabetic Unit at Our
Lady's Children's Hospital last weekend. A total
of **€807.37** was collected. **Joan Ward**

Koins for Kids

We are a small voluntary charity putting all our efforts into
the funding of life-saving equipment (*M.R.I. Scanner*) for
"The New Children's Hospital".

Koins for Kids Ireland repatriates Non-Euro coin, collects
out of date and damaged currency and one and two cent
coin accumulations. We are open to any donation and no
donation is too small. We have raised in excess of €120,000.

The cost we will incur, we are told by Eilish Hardiman
(*CEO of the amalgamation*) is in the region of €1,000,000.

Your help would be greatly appreciated.

See www.koinsforkids.ie

Now in its sixth year, the **Ecumenical Bible Week 2019** takes place
in the Dublin area from Pentecost to Trinity Sunday, June 9-16. It
combines parish-based programmes with centralised "events".
The theme this year is taken from 1 Peter 3;15: *Always be ready*
to give an answer for the hope you possess. All are welcome as
we gather around the Word of God. You can also find out about
our Symposium and Thinking Allowed Forum which takes place
on Thurs 13th June in Clonliffe College. All details on

www.bibleweek.ie



This has been a wonderful time to celebrate with the children and their families and to thank God for the very special blessing that He has bestowed on the whole community.

Our Church has been a hive of activity for the month of May and we acknowledge with gratitude the amount of work involved by so many people working joyfully and quietly in the background. The First Holy Communions are now finished for this year and we congratulate & thanks everyone who was involved.

Photos of the children who received their First Holy Communion in recent weeks.

CONGRATULATIONS

All of us in the Parish wish Fr Seamus McEntee a very happy 5th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood.

Fr. Seamus, Chaplain to DCU, was a student, Deacon and curate here in our Parish. He thanks the parishioners for all their support during his time prior to his Ordination and over the past five years. Fr. Seamus is very generous with his time and occasionally looks after the 7.30am Mass before he cycles over to DCU. Fr. Damian

The pupils from St. Joseph's Boys National School will be present at the 10am Mass on Thursday 6th June.



"May God fill you with the Holy Spirit. May you be strengthened in the practice of your faith to become a joyful witness of Christ's love"

- our prayer for the girls of the local schools who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the week.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in Knockmitten next Sunday - Pentecost - at 12 noon



"I will light a candle for you" is a consoling and encouraging expression for many of us. The practice of lighting candles probably has its origins in the custom of burning lights at the tombs of the martyrs in the catacombs. The lights burned as a sign of solidarity with Christians still on earth.

In the lighting of candles, we remember and truly live the words of Our Lord: "I am the Light of the World." In the lighting of candles we not only pray, but our prayers become smaller symbols of the One Light of Christ. In burning candles, our prayers rise up to Heaven day and night. You will notice the candle burning brightly in the Sanctuary. It symbolises our prayers for all who are sitting exams from now to the end of June.

Available are prayer cards to take away and enter the name of the student in the book provided.

Note

Tomorrow Monday, Bank Holiday
Mass will be at 10am only



Thought for today: the fact that our hearts yearn for something Earth can't supply is proof that Heaven must be our home!

C.S Lewis

Your entire life has
unfolded for
your heart's ascension
to
love.



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