



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 9th June 2019



Pentecost Sunday is often called the birthday of the Church. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (*meaning 'fiftieth'*) was a harvest festival celebrated fifty days after the opening of the harvest and several decades after the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God's new covenant with God's people. In today's first reading (*Acts 2:1-11*), Luke tells the new Pentecost story. We find the disciples of Jesus huddled together in a room. The first followers of Jesus weren't strong, courageous or even very faithful. They had betrayed Jesus. They denied and deserted him when he needed them the most. After his death they hid themselves away in fear. They had lost all heart and hope. Then the strangest thing happens to them. The house shakes with the sound of a mighty wind and the sight of fire! These frightened and frail men and women are transformed. Through the Holy Spirit, they are given new hope, new heart and new purpose. Their fear and silence is replaced by courage and conviction. They leave their hiding place and make their way into the streets and proclaim the good news of the resurrection. They become new people with a new message. At this very moment the missionary church is born.

In the Gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples who are huddled behind locked doors and gives them the reassurance and certainty of the Advocate who "will teach you everything" and "...be with you forever". The Spirit is very much alive, in our time. We need to be open to that Spirit who is teaching us to be and revealing Jesus' message to us. And the mark of this Advocate? *Love*. The mark of the followers of Jesus? *Love*. The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our capacity to deal with those who wish violence. The Holy Spirit is the source of our power to forgive, of our hope and courage, and witness to God's compassion and healing. In our times, the earth itself cries out for forgiveness, for hope and for healing - for Love. On this birthday of our Church are we like the disciples, fearful behind closed doors of our churches or are we facing our world with a new hope, a new heart and a new purpose?

So, on this feast of the Holy Spirit; *how does our faith, our Church make our world a better place? How are we carrying on this mission to bring and be love & peace to our community? How are we witnessing to the transformative power of God's love in our community today?* *Frank Brown, Parish Pastoral Worker*



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

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, 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: Teresa Coyne
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Flowers: Kathleen Cosgrove for June



Monday 10th June

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

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

Tuesday 11th June

CCPC Intercessory Prayer for Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes this Tuesday Group joining in Adoration in **Deansrath Church 7.30pm-8.30pm**. All welcome.

Wednesday 12th June

Charismatic Prayer Group *Our Lady Queen of Peace*. **On the Road to Pentecost**. This Wednesday **7.45pm Rosary** followed by **Prayer Meeting** in Parish Pastoral Centre.

Testimony by Guest Speaker Rita Bolger on the power of the Word of God to change lives. Join us if you can - all welcome.

Thursday 13th June

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Evening: In the Church **7.00 - 8.00pm**. All welcome.



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

Patrick (Padge) Kelly, Lucan

Brendan Young, Monastery Drive

Our thoughts and prayers are with their families at this time



Mass for the African community will be celebrated next **Sunday 16th June at 1.30pm** in Clondalkin Village Church.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul local Conference will hold their monthly collection after all Masses this weekend.

Please give what you can



Recently Baptised ... Welcome!

Darragh Michéal Joyce, James Connolly Park



Happy birthday to the Catholic Church! Happy birthday to you, who are the body of the Church! We're all familiar with our own birthdays, and we celebrate them because they mark the day of the year in which we entered into this life. But did you know you have a second birthday?

Because you are part of the body of the Church, Pentecost is the Church's birthday, and yours as well. And like any birthday, it's a cause for celebration. The word Pentecost is Greek and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations. Pentecost is also a Jewish holiday, which the Jews use to celebrate the end of Passover. Jews celebrate the gift of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai on this day. But we, as Catholics celebrate the birth of our Church.



Easter season is officially over with the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit. We will enter into *Ordinary Time* from Monday. All Easter symbols will be removed from tomorrow and please do give a helping hand with removal and storing. Our gratitude and admiration to the Ministers of the Environment who ensured that the whole Season of Easter was suitably celebrated.

Village Church



Sunday 9th June - Pentecost Sunday

6.30pm Vigil Anne Guilfoyle (B'day Rem)

Eamonn Farrell (10th An), Jeremiah (Lawlor) Connolly (MM), Michael Finnegan (1st An)

9am Darragh Darcy (7yh An)

10.30am Joseph Quirke (9th An),

John & Lucy Corcoran and
Desmond & Ruby Archibold (An)

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

Martina Mooney (An), Jane Doherty (An) & dec'd members of the Doherty families,
Evee Redmond (4th An)

Monday 10th June 10.00am Eamonn Farrell (10th An)

Tuesday 11th June 10.00am Mary Delgado (3rd An)

Friday 14th June 7.30am Tom Kinane (An)

10.00am Joe & Mary Coughlan (An)

Saturday 15th June

10.00am Gavin Lappin (1st An and Birthday Rem)

Sunday 16th June

6.30pm Vigil David O'Sullivan (An),

Michael Dagg (An), May & Jimmy O'Brien (An)
Eileen Tully & Greta Gallagher (Rem)

10.30am Paddy Maguire (An), Paddy Murray (An)

12noon Bridie & Seán Foran (An)



I was overwhelmed by the kind words and generous gifts on the occasion last

week of the Silver Jubilee of my Ordination to the Priesthood. I remarked on Sunday that I have spent almost half of my twenty-five years as a priest here in Clondalkin which I'm enjoying very much. I will continue to keep you all in my prayers. Fr. Damian



The State Exams are now in full swing and we as a Parish Community are praying for all who are feverishly putting their all into these exams. The candle is burning brightly in the Sanctuary and prayer cards available to take away. Names of students may be entered into the book provided.



"The Holy Spirit came as wind, flames of fire"

Pentecost was not staged or produced or called into being by human effort at all; it was a sheer gift from God. We may experience God's Spirit in different ways, but I like to think of Him as a teacher, parent - who urges, implores, encourages, counsels, advocates and pleads. A teacher can only prepare the student but can't do the work for them. Such is the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives: someone who can make us do what we can; someone to help us realise our ability and our meet our true potential; someone who can make us be the best that we can be and achieve all that want and can achieve; someone who can help us realise this in others. The Holy Spirit as the Teacher for our lives fills us with the power and courage that makes an ordinary man or woman cope gallantly with life. A story is told about Michelangelo who one blistering, summer day in Rome was pushing a huge piece of rock down a street to his studio. A curious neighbour was taken by the sight of this old man labouring behind such an old piece of stone and yelled out, "Why are you breaking your back on a worthless piece of rock?" The great master stopped, and while wiping his brow said, "Because there is an angel in that rock that wants to come out." Teresa



Photos of Bishop Field with some of the girls who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 29th May. We extend our congratulations to the children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation today in the Church of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, Knockmitten, at 12 noon. We wish them and their families a wonderful day filled with happy memories.



We can only look on in admiration at the boys of St. Joseph's achievement. They won the "Post Card Garden" at the Bloom National Garden Festival held in the Phoenix Park last weekend.

Tommy Keogh was at hand with his camera and sent us the photos.

Congratulations to all involved!

With the holiday season approaching and a lot of the Parish Activities taking a break we welcome submissions suitable for inclusion in the Newsletter - inspirational stories, poems etc.

Address on the front page of this Newsletter



ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK
9th - 16th JUNE 2019

ALWAYS BE READY
Be not as drifters, but as those who are ready for the Lord's return.

**If you can't join us at an event,
join us by saying a little prayer!**

Dear God,
Today I woke up with the
certainty that...
**I'm alive,
I'm blessed,
I'm loved.**

Let me be that love for others
and be a witness to my faith in
you. I am truly grateful for all
that you have done in my life.
Amen

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Without Power?

A man went into a hardware store and asked about buying a new saw for cutting firewood. The salesman took a chain saw from the shelf and told him it was the newest model, with the latest in technology, guaranteed to cut ten cords of wood a day. The customer thought that sounded great, so he bought it on the spot. The next day the customer returned, looking somewhat exhausted. "Something must be wrong with this saw," he moaned. "I worked as hard as I could and only managed to cut five cords of firewood. I used to cut seven with my old saw." Confused, the salesman said, "Here, let me try it out back on some wood we keep there." They went to the woodpile, the salesman pulled the starter cord, and as the motor went Vrrrooomm..., the customer jumped back shouting, "What's that noise?" The customer trying to saw wood without the power of the saw to help him is very much like the believer who attempts to live the Christian life without the daily empowerment of the Holy Spirit.





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