



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 21st July 2019



MARTHA AND MARY

To-day's Gospel is the story of two sisters, two dimensions of life, two understandings of hospitality and a valuable lesson from Jesus about getting the balance right.

Martha and her sister Mary were two different characters and special friends of Jesus. Martha was not any less spiritual than Mary. After all, it was she who welcomed Jesus into her home.

However, welcoming Jesus is not enough. His presence demands our presence. Martha rushed around, preparing and serving a meal while Mary sat at the feet of Jesus listening with rapt attention to every word he spoke. Martha had things to do and complaints to make. She was "worried and distracted by many things". She had the strengths and weaknesses of an active person. Mary had those of a contemplative person. She was quiet and reflective. She had thoughts to think and truths to ponder. She was drawn to a presence that put everything else in perspective. Each made up for the unbalance in the other and Jesus loved them both.

There is a Martha and a Mary within each of us: a part that longs for a nearer presence of God; and a part that always finds something else that requires our more urgent attention. Jesus' words to Martha in her frantic busyness must influence the choice we make each day. Time spent with him is "*the one thing needed*" and it must "*not be taken away*".

Time spent with our God is one of the best ways to build up a relationship. Daily time spent in prayer begins to grow from a particular time and place to a new way of being in this world. It is not possible to experience sitting at the feet of Jesus each day and not be changed, just as it is not possible to spend hours sunbathing and not be tanned.

Let us learn from to-day's Gospel

Sr. Anne

"Work itself is a prayer. Work done as well as possible. Work done for others first and yourself second. Work you are thankful for. Work you enjoy, that uplifts you. Work that celebrates existence, whether it's growing grain in the fields or using God-given skills like yours. All this is prayer that binds us together, and therefore to God."

Fr Joe

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 – 4pm, 5.45pm-6.15pm

Clonburris

Sundays (Vigil) Sat 6.30 pm

Sunday 11am

Holy Days 11am and 6.30pm

Knockmitten

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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CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Mary O'Neill
Church Cleaners: Veronica Bayly, Bernardine Wynne, Tracy Whelan & Josephine Hearty
Flowers: Noreen King

Monday 22nd July - Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary. **Legion of Mary** in the Convent at 11.00am

This Week

Tuesday 23rd July - CCPC Intercessory Prayer for Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes. This Tuesday, Group praying in Parish Pastoral Centre 7.30pm-8.30pm. All welcome.

Wednesday 24th July - Charismatic Prayer Group *Our Lady Queen of Peace*. This Wednesday 7.40pm - **Evening Prayer of the Church. 8.00pm - Prayer Meeting** in the Parish Pastoral Centre. Come and join us if you can.

Thursday 25th July - Adoration - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Morning: In the Church 10.45 - 11.45am

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



Recently Deceased
Una Sweeney, St. Patrick's Road
Clare Daly, New Road

Our thoughts and prayers are with their families



Recently Married - Congratulations!

Dearbhla Carr & Eamonn Maloney
Clonmel, Co. Tipperary



Monday Club 15 July 2019

There was no club this morning due to our fortnightly summer arrangement. Next week we have our summer outing to Avoca and Glendalough and there will be nothing on in the parish centre on the morning.

Those people who have booked for the trip please make your way down to the church gate, (Tesco side) where the bus will be waiting after the 10am Mass. Please do not wait for the Rosary, we can say that on the bus on the way to Avoca if you wish.

The bus is now full and there are no spaces left. All we need now is a good dry day, and sunny if possible, so say a prayer for that.

Until Monday take care.

Kathleen R



Parish Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday 7th September. It marks Our Lady's Birthday and 140 years since the Apparition in Knock. The coach leaves Clondalkin Church at 8am, stops in Athlone for tea/coffee

scones and again on our way back for dinner. Fr. Pdraig has again agreed to lead the pilgrimage. The all in cost is €42. A few people have already booked and paid. If you intend travelling please let us know and leave payment in the Sacristy, Shop or office.

Please include your name and contact number.

Kathleen 014591245 or Teresa 0851434019

Congratulations

To the new music ministry group which made their debut at the 6.30pm vigil Mass yesterday evening (Saturday 20th) in Srulleen.

We wish them well and look forward to hearing them again very soon.



Village Church

Sunday 21st July

6.30pm Vigil Patrick Denton (5th An) & Annie Denton (2nd An), Philip Denton (Rem)

9.00am Noel Leonard (An)

10.30am Bridget Fitzsimons

12noon Tom & Marie Delaney & dec'd members of the Delaney family

Bill Caddle & Fr. Denis Caddle (An)

Patricia Kernan (MM)

1.30pm Mass for the African community

5.30pm Barry Carroll (4th An)

Friday 26th July

7.30am Special Intention

10.00am Ann O'Reilly (MM)

Sunday 28th July

6.30pm Vigil Eileen Tully & Gretta Gallagher (Rem), Morgan & Sally Darcy (An)

10.30am Mary & William Cashin

12noon Roseanna White (An), Imelda Gilleran (6th An) & dec'd members of the Gilleran & Freeman families, Capt. Hugh McGrillen & his son, Hugh (An)

Clonburris

Sunday 21st July:

11.00am Alan Denton (An)



RECENTLY BAPTISED ... WELCOME !

Fiadh Carole Jack, St. Brigid's Road

Calea Daisy Keogh, Kilmahuddrick Road

Szymon Junior Kozak, St. John's Crescent

Emmanuel Izunna Ebere-Stephen, Riversdale Crescent



Feast Days This Week

St. Mary Magdalen - Monday 22nd July

St. Bridget of Sweden - Tuesday 23rd July

St. Declan of Lismore - Wednesday 24th July

St. James, Apostle - Thursday 25th July

Saints Joachim & Anne - Friday 26th July



Look what I saw at 00.30am on Monday 16th July 2019.

It is called The Buck Moon

As Male Deer start to grow horns at this time of year. This night was particularly clear for viewing.

A wonder of Nature.

Eddie.

Some scripture scholars remark that today's Gospel is less about work versus prayer and more about breaking boundaries. They understand that sitting at Jesus' feet or, listening to any rabbi was reserved for men only. They in turn would become teachers of faith. But here, Mary has stepped out of the traditional role when she should be in the women's quarters and Jesus fully approves, inviting Martha to do the same.

If we were to ask Jesus which of these two things we need more of~ Mary's reflectiveness or Martha's activism ~ He would probably say "YES".



On Wednesday 10th, (too late for inclusion in last week's newsletter), despite a torrential downpour, the community of Clondalkin came out in droves to express its anger and dismay at the decision to close the Jigsaw Clondalkin service (*Youth Mental Health*) in North Clondalkin by April 2020 and move to new premises in Tallaght Village. Neither the community nor the other services in the area were consulted in the making of this decision. The Clondalkin Jigsaw hub was opened by Minister Frances Fitzgerald in 2012. Since then the Jigsaw Clondalkin hub, in the grounds of Neilstown Church, has become a safe place for young people to meet and receive support. As a valued service it has done much to reduce the stigma surrounding youth mental health and had demonstrated significant success in engaging with young people from the disadvantaged areas of Clondalkin. The walk, organised by the Community and supported by Community Action on Suicide (CAS), saw people of all ages and backgrounds join in solidarity to send a clear message to both the Minister and management of Jigsaw, **"Please reverse or at least put this decision back on the table and include the local community in all decisions that affect us and our young people so profoundly."** Although Jigsaw have suggested that a satellite service will be offered in Clondalkin, to date they have not been able to clarify what this model will look like or how this will be delivered locally. Reducing a service from a 5 day week to a satellite service will not meet the needs of young people in the Clondalkin / Lucan area. CAS, the local services and the community are still strongly encouraging young people in need to not think twice about contacting Jigsaw for support but they will continue to lobby government, councillors, etc. to keep the service open and to raise the *REAL STORY* of the consequences of this decision. They have already begun to look at ways to support young people from the area in every way possible to overcome the inaccessibility created by this decision and move, and are exploring alternate, bespoke, loyal & local services that will replace Jigsaw to provide a better service with less gaps, responding to the actual needs of our local community. **#saveourjigsaw #Youthmentalhealthmatters #timetotalk**



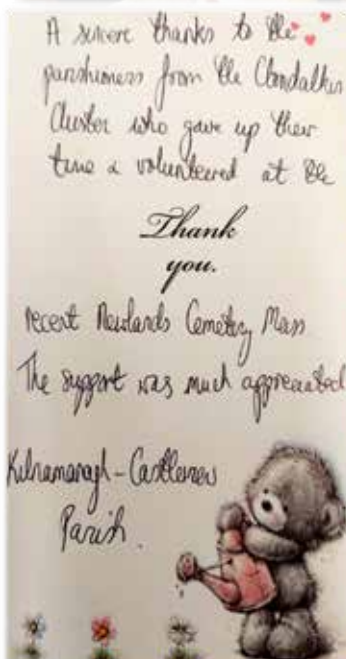
There were Triple birthday celebrations in Neilstown during the week. Happy birthday to Sr Carmel, Marie & Charlie from us all here - Hope you had a great one!!

"A Mary Heart in a Martha World."

A recent survey reported the average father works 49 hours a week ... and his wife, if she has a full time job, just a few hours less. Around those 49 hours, there's soccer practice, cub scouts, the school play, parent teacher meetings, the project in your brief case that you have to get done for work the next morning, the toilet that's broken, homework to correct, bills to pay, dinner to cook, and the dog to walk. Little wonder that according to one poll 83% of people want more time to spend with their families – and even more want more time just to spend with themselves. And in the middle of that kind of frenzy - a frenzy that probably had its own variations in first century Palestine – we hear Jesus say: "You are anxious and worried about many things." we're pulled in so many directions, how do we know which way to go? The challenge is: **"To have a Mary heart in a Martha world."**

About 400 years ago, in France, there was a young man Nicholas Herman, who entered a Carmelite monastery after spending some years as a soldier. He took the name "Brother Lawrence." He was assigned to kitchen duty. He hated it. But in the kitchen, amid all the noise and frenzy, he found a way to God. He later wrote down some of his thoughts in letters that were collected in a little book, "The Practice of the Presence of God," that has become a spiritual classic. Br Lawrence wrote that even in the noise of the kitchen, he possessed God as if he were praying before the Blessed Sacrament. His secret was simple: he spent every moment reminding himself of the nearness of God, the intimacy that God shares with us. It's an idea that was captured centuries later on a famous engraving. **"Bidden or not bidden,"** it says, **"God is present."** Whether you realize it or not, God is with you. Understanding that, Brother Lawrence made even mundane kitchen work a prayer.

Teresa



"Many hands make light work"

Now with the holiday season with us in full force we need people willing to lend a hand in looking after the flowers for the Altar - replacing and watering to ensure the flowers are a fitting tribute to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Interested? Leave name and contact number in the Sacristy or Office and we will be in touch with all details.



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