



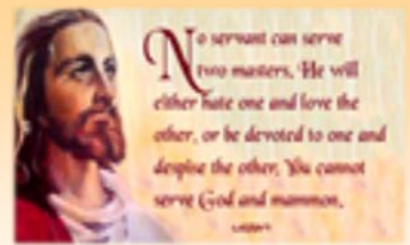
# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church*

**Clonburris**  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 22nd September 2019



## TRIED AND CONVERTED

The beginning of the Rugby Union World Cup this weekend reminds me of my arrival in Clondalkin twelve years ago on the first of September. The first person I met that Saturday evening was Fr. Jim McCaffrey. He invited me in. We watched a match and that was the beginning of a great friendship. To borrow a phrase from the theme tune of an Australian Soap opera "good neighbours become good friends". Fr. Jim wasn't just a



Fr. Jim - May he rest in peace!  
photo submitted by Don Devaney.

good neighbour and friend to those of us who lived on New Road and Laurel Park but particularly to the sick and those who were unable to attend Mass.

His many years of hospital chaplaincy in Blanchardstown Hospital gave him an insight into the pastoral needs of the sick. Fr. Jim had a great sense of humour and a generosity of heart and spirit. At his funeral in Kimmage Manor last week there was a great gathering of his extended family and Spiritan confreres. We give thanks to God for the sixty-seven years of

Priestly Ministry of Fr. Jim. He served in Nigeria, Blanchardstown Hospital, Terenure and finally his 'retirement' amongst us in Clondalkin. Last weekend I enjoyed (*as I'm sure many of you reading this*) the success of both the gentlemen and ladies Dublin

Gaelic football teams successes. It is indeed a remarkable achievement for both teams. However, within a day or so we had a couple of unexpected deaths which reminds us that there is indeed something more important than sporting success. May the faithful departed rest in peace and may the bereaved experience our support and care at this time.

**Fr. Damian**

"Walk while you Can" inspired by the late Fr Tony Coote, in support of Irish Motor Neurone Disease association, "Walk while you Can" will take place outside the church here in Lusk on Sunday October 13th at 12.30pm - those taking part are asked to walk 5K or less to support the Charity. Light refreshments will be provided in Parish Centre afterwards.

### 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

### Parish Office Hours

**Clondalkin:** Mon-Fri 9:30 - 12:30  
**Clonburris:** Contact through Village  
**Knockmitten:** Mon-Fri Mass  
times

### Submissions for Newsletter:

[Parishnewsletter1@gmail.com](mailto:Parishnewsletter1@gmail.com),  
**Office, Sacristy, by Tuesday**  
**not later than 4.30pm**

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## CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Mary O'Neill  
Flowers: Nuala Kendellan

Thank  
You

### Monday 23rd September

**Miraculous Medal Novena** after 10.00am

Mass and Rosary.

**Legion of Mary** in the Convent 11.30am

### Tuesday 24th September

**Lectio Divina** guided by Sr. Anne, in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass and Rosary

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

### Wednesday 25th September

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

*Our Lady Queen of Peace.* This Wednesday in the Parish Pastoral Centre, 7.40pm - **Evening Prayer of the Church.**

**8.00pm Prayer Meeting**

Come and join us if you can

### Thursday 26th September

**Adoration: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

*Morning:* In the Church 10.45 - 11.45am

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

This  
Week



### Deaths

We extend our deepest prayers to the family and friends of **James (Jim) Murray**, Newlands.  
May he rest in Peace!

To celebrate the feast of  
**St Francis of Assisi** (on 4 October)

**Big  
& Small**

we invite you to  
**bring your pets along**  
(if you can't bring them why not bring a photo?)

To a special

**Blessing of  
the Animals**



In the Front Car Park of  
**Clondalkin Village Parish Church**

**4pm**

**Sunday 6th October**



The new Music Ministry group in  
Sacred Heart Parish, Sruleen, will be  
leading the music ministry at the

**6:30pm Mass**

on **Saturday 28th Sept.**

Come along and give them some  
encouragement!!

**Sruleen Sitting Singers**

**The Irish Cancer Society** is looking for volunteers to drive patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments in all public hospitals nationwide. Volunteers will need their own car but all expenses are paid. If you have 2 free days a month (**Monday – Friday**) and an active email address we would love to hear from you.

Please call Laura on 01 2310 594, [transport@irishcancer.ie](mailto:transport@irishcancer.ie) or go to [www.cancer.ie](http://www.cancer.ie) for more information.

## Village Church

**Sunday 22nd September**

**6.30pm (Vigil)**

Joe & Della Curry (An)  
Beatrice (Lilly) Smith (An)  
Patrick Smith (Rem)  
Gretta Gallagher (1st An)  
Michael & John Lacey (B'day Rem)

**10.30am**

Michael Fitzsimons  
Paul Moloney, rec. dec.

**12noon**

Niamh McDonnell (32nd An)  
Patricia Gordon (18th An)  
Peg Dooley (21st An)  
Patrick & Mary Anne Daly (An)  
Martin Walsh, 1st an

**5.30pm**

Hans Will

**Wednesday 25th September**

**7.30am**

Rita O'Neill, (5th An)  
Albert Tyson, (Rec. Dec)

**Sunday 29th September**

**6.30pm**

Maura Heffernan (8th An)  
Liam Heffernan (6th An)

**10.30am**

Edward Norton, Gerard Doyle, (18th An)  
Patrick (Paddy) Murphy (BR)

**12 noon**

Tadg O'Neill, (10th An)  
Jack Fagan, (7th An)  
Brendan Sexton

## Clonburris

**Sunday 22nd September**

**11am**

John Sheridan, (10An)



### Congratulations and welcome

Grace Catherine Doherty, James Connolly Park  
Ollie Greg Ormand, Oakwood Grove  
Liam Thomas Byrne, Rochford Avenue, Lucan  
Alfie Frank Tapley, St. John's Park East  
Blake James Tierney, St. Killian's Park  
Orin Howard Kyu Kim, Knockmeenagh Rd  
Tommy Stephen McDonagh, Old Castle Park Green



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Why did the Lord Jesus Christ present this parable to us. He surely did not approve of that cheat of a servant who cheated his Master, stole from him and did not make it up from his own pocket. On top of that he also did some more pilfering.

He caused his Master further loss in order to prepare a little nest of quiet and security for himself after he lost his job. Why did the Lord set this before us? It is not because the servant cheated, but because he exercised foresight for the future.

When even a cheat is praised for ingenuity, Christians who make no such provision blush. I mean that is what he added "Behold the children of this age are more prudent than the children of Light". The perpetrator fraud in order to secure their future. In what life, after all, did that steward insure himself like that? What one is he going to quit when he bowed to his Master's decision. He was insuring himself for a life that was going to end. Would you not insure yourself for eternal life?

**St. Augustine**





Congratulations - 5 in a row for the men's All Ireland and 3 in a row for the Ladies' All Ireland football!

Last weekend we had a Feast of Football entertainment, enough to keep us in plenty supply for conversation topics for some time. Eddie sent us this photo where he joined with revellers in the Laurels last Saturday.

Unfortunately we don't have a photo of the ladies' football. Congratulations to both teams! You kept us entertained and on the edge of our chairs.

For the many of us whose interest in football is absent, it was a case of 'if you can't beat them join them'

Thanks to all concerned!

### Monday 16 September 2019

Today we hosted the annual coffee morning in aid of Our Lady's Hospice. We had a good attendance.

Many people baked cakes, tarts, buns etc. for the occasion. We also had a raffle with many of the prizes donated. We raised over €300 between donations and raffle.

Sadie crocheted a number of coloured squares to be made into blankets for use in Lourdes next year.

Thank you Joan, Stephen, Collette and Sr Anne and all who baked cakes and donated items for the raffle, and supported the coffee morning.

We wish Fr Bala well on his return home to India. He has been in our parish since July and was a valuable help. Thank you Fr Bala and we will keep you in our prayers. May Jesus and Our Mother Mary watch over on your journey homewards. We offer our sincere sympathy to Kathleen Murray and her family on the recent death of her husband Jimmy. Kathleen used to do the quizzes for the club up a few years ago, but in recent years she had health problems. May Jimmy rest in peace.

Until next week, take care.

Kathleen R

### I'm fine!

There is nothing whatever the matter with me,

I'm just as healthy as I can be,

I have arthritis in both my knees,

And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.

My pulse is weak and my blood is thin,

*But, I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in!*

My teeth eventually have to come out.

And my diet, I hate to think about.

I'm overweight, and I can't get thin,

*But, I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in!*

Arch supports I have for my feet

Or I wouldn't be able to walk on the street.

My memory is failing and my head's in a spin.

I'm practically living on aspirin,

*But, I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in!*

The moral is, as this tale we unfold

That for you and me who are growing old,

It's better to say "I'm Fine" with a grin.

Than to let them know the shape we're in!

Anon

I found this poem submitted by Cardinal Hume in a magazine shortly after Fr. Jim arrived in the Parish. I had considered the poem for insertion in the Newsletter and wanted his opinion. Needless to say he thought it priceless and now hopefully you too will smile!

Teresa



### Reflecting on today's Readings:

**Lord**, we thank you for free spirited people you send us in our families, workplaces, parish communities, neighbourhoods. Like the steward in Jesus' parable, they are often labelled wasteful or dishonest but, like the master, we feel admiration for them, recognizing that they know how to deal with people better than we church people who are supposed to be children of the light.

So often we make a fuss about having accounts right, and everything in our house in the right place, whereas for them it is people who count. We end up respected but lonely; they however, even though earthly success fails them, win themselves many friends who welcome to them into their hearts and are forever faithful to them.

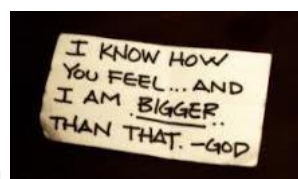
They value secondary virtues as secondary not primary, punctuality, good order, neatness, obedience to authorities - but they can be trusted to value what is truly important - courtesy to the poor, trust, the willingness to admit mistakes. They know that power, popularity and influence are always tainted, and not to be made much of - just like money; they can be trusted with genuine riches like good friends, children, health, nature.

They set no great store by things like clothes, fancy houses and cars which are not part of the people who own them; they have a good share of what is their very own - honesty, sincerity, integrity, openness.

They know that in life we have to choose our values. We cannot have two sets of priorities; if we try, we end up not making one of them a priority.

They are not subject to any material thing, truth is their only master and they find freedom in being its servants

Fr. Michel de Verteuil



### Activ 8

The Office of Evangelisation & Ecumenism present a new course called Activ 8. This course involves 8 practical sessions in Holy Cross

Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3. This course is aimed at people between 30-55 years of age so they can help to build the capacity of parishes to share our faith.

**Dates:** 2 October / 6 November / 15 January / 12 February / 11 March / 1 April / 6 May / 10 June. Time: 7.30 - 9.30pm / Price: €80 (places are limited).

**For more info** about this course and to register your interest please contact, Mary Dent of the Office of Evangelisation & Ecumenism by email: [mary.dent@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:mary.dent@dublindiocese.ie)





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