



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 1st December 2019



Dormant Faith

Recently I came across some State Saving Certificates that I invested in with some of the presents I received at the time of my Confirmation in 1978. I had put them safely away and despite recent annual reminders from An Post that these certificates had become dormant I hadn't bother going through the process of completing the lost and stolen form in order to redeem them.

You maybe wondering where is he going with this train of thought? Today is the first week of Advent, the beginning of the new liturgical year. Advent is sometimes described as a mini Lent, a time of preparation for the feast of the Nativity. In the time since my confirmation forty years ago the weeks leading to Christmas have become so commercialised that it is unrecognisable from my childhood.

I could be very pedantic and advise people not to say Happy Christmas just yet, but I realise that since Christmas advertisements have been aired since the end of September, I'm swimming against the tide. A challenge for us could be to encourage those whose faith maybe dormant and a chance encounter or a kind word from us could re-ignite their faith. During this Advent could we make some time for prayer and reflection, to think of those less fortunate than ourselves and in a practical way to support those in need at this time of the year. The Annual indoor collection for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul takes place during all Masses the weekend of December 7th and 8th is one such opportunity.

Two further dates for your diary, on Monday 16th December Clondalkin Youth Band will be leading us with their Advent Carol Service and the Penance Service is on Thursday 19th at 7.30pm in the Village Church.

Happy Advent !! - By the way the eight pounds I invested in 1978 matured to seventy-five euro which I collected during the week. Think of all the return on investment we might achieve in restoring a dormant faith in someone.

Fr. Damian

'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.'



If you like your child to be involved in this year's Nativity Play (Prayer service on the 24th of December at 4pm especially for families with young children)

Please come to an initial meeting on Monday 16th to allocate roles (choir, etc). Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th all straight after school for approx 45mins. Monday 23rd 2-4pm Final rehearsal Prayer Service on Tuesday 24th at 4pm

Masses

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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Clondalkin: Mon-Fri 9:30 - 12:30

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times

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CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Vera Pidgeon
No flowers for Advent

Thank You

Monday 2nd December

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary

Legion of Mary Meets in the Convent at 11.30am

Tuesday 3rd December

CCPC Intercessory Prayer for Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes praying in Parish Pastoral Centre

7.30 – 8.30pm. All welcome.

Wednesday 4th December

Charismatic Prayer Group Our Lady Queen of Peace. This Wednesday in Parish Pastoral Centre, 7.40pm Evening Prayer of the Church for Advent. 8.00pm Prayer Meeting. Come and join us if you can.

Thursday 5th December

Adoration – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10.45 – 11.45am Adoration in the Church

8.00 – 9.00pm Hour of Prayer in the Church led by Fr. Padraig. All welcome.

Friday 6th December

First Friday, All Masses today are offered for all whose names are on the Parish Altar List of the Dead

Saturday 7th December

First Saturday, Fatima Devotions after 10am Mass.

This Week



'Advent' means 'coming'. Using the Advent Wreath to count the weeks before Christmas almost certainly originated in ancient harvest festivals of northern Europe. Evergreen branches were draped as decoration and wound around wagon wheels brought inside for the winter. These year end celebrations were also marked by feasting and the lighting of lamps against the growing darkness.

Early Christians adapted these traditions to fit their celebration of the birth of Christ.

The Advent wreath stands in our midst as symbol of Christ who comes to save us.

The growing light of the Advent Wreath is a symbol of Christ who shatters the darkness of sin and death. Each week as the light grows stronger, we grow stronger too in our reverence for and commitment to Christ. The growing light helps us recognise Christ, not only in the historical event we celebrate at Christmas, but in our lives today and in the hope we carry as we prepare for the coming fullness of God's reign. Evergreen branches also symbolise Christ. As evergreens stand firm against the barren winter, Christ stands firm against the barrenness of sin and death, beckoning us to eternal life. The circular shape of the wreath reminds us that all is complete in Christ and that all is brought to perfect union in him.

Today we light the 1st purple candle - **The Prophets' Candle**, symbolising hope.

Traditional Novena

"Hail and blessed be the hour and moment when the Son of God was born to the most pure Virgin at midnight in Bethlehem in the piercing cold.

Lord, as we think and pray about your coming among us as man, help us to grasp its meaning in a way that is personal and profound.

Christ among us, our hope of glory!

*(The above sent in by Claire O'Connell and she tells us that traditionally it was recited 15 times daily from 30th November, Feast of St. Andrew, up to Christmas)
We pray that the traditional prayer will be revived!*

Village Church

Sunday 1st December

6.30pm (Vigil) Joe Fitzgibbon (6th

An), Joan Crooks & Robert Crooks (An),

Kathleen & Johnny Roebuck (An),

Nora & Gay Keogh (20th An),

Joe & Nancy Murphy (An), Peter

Keane (MM), Frank Keane Snr. (An)

9.00am William & Bridget Dee (An)

10.30am Matthew Minogue

12 noon Mick & Nancy Murphy (An),

Maura Mernagh (An),

George, Nichlos & Simon McNulty (An),

Vera Phelan (2nd An) & Tom Phelan (Rem),

Olive Smith (13th An), Peter Murphy (MM),

Peter Snr. & Theresa Murphy (An),

Marian Corless (An), Kevin Carey (An),

Patrick & Angela Carey, Marie Moloney (An)

5.30pm Sr. Paschal (MM)

Tuesday 3rd December

7.30am Special Intention

Wednesday 4th December

7.30am Elsie Naughton (B'day Rem)

Thursday 5th December

10.00am Martin Gerard Stokes (18th An)

Saturday 7th December

10.00am Donal Hudson (2nd An)

Sunday 8th December

6.30pm (Vigil) Elizabeth & William Shields (An),

Joseph Ledwidge (An),

Peg & Daniel Lynch (An),

Josephine Fitzgerald (An),

James & Mary Thornbury, Sylvia,

Barbara & Reg Thornbury

9.00am Hinda Duff (An),

Sheila & Tommy Murphy (An)

10.30am James Jnr. & Alice Norton,

Noel Diggins (An),

Evelyn Jones (100th B'day Rem)

12 noon Tommy & Hettie Tobin (An),

Phyllis Hurrell (An)

CLONBURRIS

Sunday 1st December

11.00am: Ellie Williams and
dec'd members of the Williams family
Thomas & Mary Tully
Mary Deegan (An), Robert McEvoy (RD)



Elizabeth Manning, Castle Park
Ona Lapinskiene, Lithuania

We extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to their Families and Friends.



Lectio Divina, a time to contemplate Scripture, led by Sr. Anne, takes place each Tuesday in the Parish Centre after 10am Mass and Rosary. All are welcome.



Reminder: the Parish Shop is open before and after all Masses today and before and after 10am Mass during the week. In stock we have the Parish Remembrance Christmas Cards, boxes of assorted Christmas Cards, Cards for all occasions. Also on sale are various items suitable for Christmas, including a book on reflections for Advent by local Mercy Sister. Please feel free to call in and browse at your ease! **Mary Farrell**

At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern.



'Srulleen Sitting Singers', under the direction of Frank, our Pastoral Worker, who provided the music at the Annual Parish Memorial Mass for all deceased parishioners on Monday last. (Photo by Eddie)

We thank all who attended, recognising the difficult time endured and enduring and ensuring our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Many thanks also to the many involved to make the occasion a meaningful one.

".....Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

(Cardinal Newman)

Monday Club 25 November 2019

We had great activity in the club this morning. First we had Eamon, Philip and Raul from Moyle Park College come to invite the members of the club to Moyle Park to help with knitting items for premature babies in Crumlin. They were supposed to email me with the details but to date I have not received it. If I get information in the next few days I will let you all know. We welcomed Sr Stacia and the community of Presentation Sisters who are celebrating their Feast Day on Presentation Day which was last weekend. It was wonderful to see them come in and join us for tea. We wish them all a happy and healthy year ahead and hope to see you all again next year. As part of Social Inclusion Week we also had Ljiljana from Croatia and Siuki from Hong Kong.

Ljiljana is a writer and has many books published in Croatia and is currently working on another book.

She also writes for a magazine and is about to receive an award in Croatia on 7 December. She will also be featured on Catherine Fulvio's programme "A taste of Home" which will be shown on RTE 1 on Monday 2 December at 7.30pm. Keep an eye out for the programme on Monday evening. Siuki is living in Dublin for many years and has reared her family who are now in college. Siuki is a brilliant paper crafter and has made many beautiful things from paper. During the Clondalkin Horticultural show she won the strawberry competition sponsored by Newland's Garden Centre. Siuki made and modelled a dress and hat which represented a strawberry and the hat of strawberry blossoms. She made some Chinese lanterns which we will keep as decorations for special occasions. Eleana was supposed to come too, but got some bug and could not come, but maybe she will come in a week or two. I hope you are feeling better now. I thank everyone who were so generous with all the donations of filled shoe boxes. Joan had the idea that if we could fill four shoe boxes, one from each table, but through your overwhelming generosity we have got over fourteen boxes which were sent to the homeless in the city. There are more boxes and items which came since and they will be brought to the Direct Provision Centre in Clondalkin where there are children there too who need to be thought of. Christmas is fast approaching and if we are not in Moyle Park we will try and have a craft morning. Until next week take care and keep well.

Kathleen R



The Advent Virus! - Be on the alert

for symptoms of inner Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to this virus and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.

Some signs and symptoms of The Advent Virus:

- A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.
- An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
- A loss of interest in judging other people.
- A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
- A loss of interest in conflict.
- A loss of the ability to worry.

(This is a very serious symptom.)

- Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
- Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.
- Frequent attacks of smiling.
- An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
- An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

Please send this warning out to all your friends. This virus can and has affected many systems. Some systems have been completely cleaned out because of it. (Author unknown)

The world is not as just, not as loving, not as whole as we know it can and should be. But the coming of Christ and his presence among us—as one of us—give us reason to live in hope: that light will shatter the darkness, that we can be liberated from our fears and prejudices, that we are never alone or abandoned.

"May this Advent season be a time for bringing hope, transformation & fulfilment into the Advent of our lives. Teresa

MAD Christmas Countdown Kindness Calendar

1 COMPLIMENT A STRANGER	2 hold the door open for someone	3 e-mail encouraging words to a friend	4 show off your best smile all day 😊	5 Volunteer
6 leave a great big tip! 💰	7 Doorstep Challenge? give someone a "just because" gift	8 help a friend wrap gifts 📦	9 shower someone with compliments like confetti	10 donate to a shelter
11 Write letter or send Christmas cards to people in Hospital	12 Donate used books to a library 📖	13 Leave some change in a vending machine 🪙	14 take dinner to another family	15 go Christmas Caroling 🎵
16 give out free hugs	17 leave a kind note on the hood of a stranger's car	18 Pay for the car behind you in a drive thru line	19 Bring baked treats to your local police or fire station 🍰	20 support local business
21 babysit for free	22 Help a neighbour tidy their garden 🧹	23 Help clean dirt off cars 🚗	24 Let someone skip ahead of you in line	25 keep acts of kindness going year-round!

Will you take our MAD Christmas Doorstep Challenge!

Imagine how many Christmases could be brightened by a simple kind gesture.

The rules:

1. Pick someone who has had a tough time or would simply benefit from some festive goodwill. *It doesn't have to be someone you know well!*
2. Choose a gift for them - big or small
3. Write them an anonymous note, some kind words about why you were thinking of them.
4. Leave it all at their doorstep.
5. Knock on the door and leggit! - make sure they don't see you!
6. Feel happy knowing that you have spread some Christmas cheer with no expectations of anything in return.



let's share and see if this catches on and we can spread a bit of Christmas magic. Miracles really do happen!

#Christmashope #MADDoorstepchallenge

The Excitement is Building!

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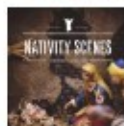
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