



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 15th December 2019



This weekend we celebrate in the third Sunday of Advent by lighting the candle of Joy. Today we light the pink candle as we are half way through advent we are reminded to be joyful as Christians. Today is also known as Gaudete Sunday (rejoice). Or as St Paul invites us today: Rejoice in the Lord, always, again I say rejoice.

In the midst of the season of advent we are

preparing our heart and soul for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Last week, a priest reminded his parishioners that Advent should not become a "lost" season. With many are getting ready for Christmas Day, the food, the tree, the presents, the stress of it all... We are so focused on the end goal – Christmas Day – we forget to take the four weeks of Advent as a present. A time to reconnect with yourselves. Advent is about waiting. In times were we are used to have everything in mouse click waiting can become a challenge. How often do I see people, with their phones in their hands, earphones plucked in, walking around the streets while having a conversation!?

How can we become more present in the moment? Patience is a virtue.

Today I invite you to pause for a moment.

When is the last time you just sat down? Doing nothing. Just you, and the Lord? Listen to what is really going on in your heart? What is it that you like to hand over the Lord? Do you need to reach out to someone close to you? Do you have to apologize to a family member before you sit together as the Christmas Table? Or should you tell someone how much you appreciate and love. Take today as a present - try not to think about the 25th – rather just be joyful and grateful in the presence of the Lord.

Christina Malone

Parish Pastoral Worker for the Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin



Joy is distinctly a Christian word and a Christian thing. It is the reverse of happiness. Happiness is the result of what happens of an agreeable sort. Joy has its springs deep down inside. And that spring never runs dry, no matter what happens. Only Jesus gives that joy. He had joy, singing its music within, even under the shadow of the cross.

S.D. Gordon

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,**
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: Teresa Coyne
No flowers for Advent

Thank
You

Monday 16th December

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 11.30am each Monday.

Tuesday 17th December

Intercessory Prayer for Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes. Group praying in Parish Pastoral Centre 7.30pm – 8.30pm. All welcome.

Tuesday 17th December:

Pupils from Scoil Aine will attend the 10am Mass

Wednesday 18th December

Charismatic Prayer Group Our Lady Queen of Peace. 7.40pm – Evening Prayer of the Church for Advent. 8.00 – 9.00pm – Quiet time in preparation for Christmas in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the Pastoral Centre. Come and join us if you can.

Thursday 19th December

11.30am – Scoil Ide Carol Service in the Church Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Morning: In the Sisters' Oratory 10.45 – 11.45am

Evening: Penitential Service in the Church at 7.30pm. All Welcome.

This
Week



Recently Deceased

Minnie Murphy, Moyle Crescent.

We extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to her family and friends.

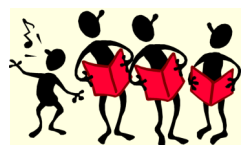
(The last time I spoke to her was from her hospital bed. She was apologetic that she wouldn't be able to attend Mass for the Feast of the Little Flower, but she would ensure that her sister Nancy would attend with the Relic and asked for our prayers. Teresa)



The **third candle** symbolizes **Joy** and is called the "Shepherd's Candle." To the shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too. In liturgy, the colour rose signifies joy.

thank you 😊

Contributions to the St. Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal last week amounted to €10,434. This figure included €320 from Scoil Aine, €150 in cheques from parishioners to the collection and £20 Sterling.



We would like to thank the girls from Colaiste Brid transition year students who came to entertain us with beautiful Christmas Carols under the leadership of Ms Dooley / Ms Lanigan and supplied us with mince Pies. We had a lovely morning Next week we will be taking a break for Christmas and returning in the New Year. We would like also to thank Mrs Quinlan who allows us have our meeting there each week Happy Christmas to all our members!

Geraldine Lanigan

Christmas Carols by candlelight in the Glendalough Monastic City:

A great way to start Christmas, St Kevin's Parish in Glendalough and St John's Parish in Laragh invite you to join them on Tuesday 17th December at 7.30pm for a unique event to celebrate Christmas - An evening of traditional carol singing in the monastic style. Tea, Coffee and mince pies provided afterwards. The event is open to everyone, Assemble at 7.15pm at Glendalough Hotel and bring your lantern.!!!

Mass Intentions: Village

Sunday 15th December

6.30pm (Vigil) Bridie & Paddy O'Brien (An)

Sam (Sammy) McDonnell (An)

Brigid Leonard (An)

Peggie Ging (An)

Phyllis McGrath

9.00am

10.30am

John Bernard Eagan (An)

John, Lucy & Olive Corcoran and Lily & Kathleen McCormack (An)

12 noon

Eilish Hynes (An)

Eugene Garrigan (2nd An)

Donal Moffat (15th an)

Liam Callaghan & dec'd members of the Callaghan & Shannon families

Maura Spollen & dec'd family members (An)

Padraig Faughnan (4th An)

Sr. Catherine Fowley (An)

1.30pm

Mass for the African community

Breda Prizeman (RD)

5.30pm

Paddy Delaney (4th An)

Monday 16th December

10.00am

Moya Riordan (An)

Tuesday 17th December

10.00am

John & Mary Scully (An)

Sunday 22nd December

6.30pm (Vigil)

Joseph & Ellie McDonagh (An)

Eamon McDonagh (An)

John Henney (An)

Seamus Egan (12th An)

Gretta Gallagher (Rem)

Helen O'Donoghue (1st An)

George McDonnell (An)

Elizabeth & Nicholas West (Rem)

& dec'd members of the West family

Mary & Frank Hendley (Rem)

Kathleen & Danny O'Neill (Rem)

10.30am

James (Snr) and Bridget Norton

Chris Stapleton (Christmas Rem)

Jack & Katie Fitzgerald (An)

& dec'd family members

Patrick & Mary Cosgrove (An)

Mary Kirwan & Geraldine Larnihan (An)

Bridget Brannigan (An)

Pauline Murphy (3rd An)

12 noon

Eugene McNamara (3rd An) & dec'd

members of the McNamara family

CLONBURRIS

Saturday 14th December

6.30pm

Adam McGuinness (An & B'day Rem)

Sunday 15th December

11am

Bill Molloy (An), Joe Gleeson (An)



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How necessary it is to cultivate a spirit of JOY. It is a psychological truth that the physical acts of reverence and devotion make one feel devout. The courteous gesture increases one's respect for others. To act lovingly is to begin to feel loving, and certainly to act joyfully brings joy to others which in turn makes one feel joyful. I believe we are called to the duty of delight.

Dorothy Day



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



Another Double win for Clondalkin Community Group in the South Dublin County Community Endeavour Awards 2019

Congratulations to the Clondalkin Village Group, The **Clondalkin Men's Shed** on its brilliant wins last Friday night in the Red Cow Hotel, winning the Active Age category and also being declared Overall Winners in the Community Endeavour Awards for South Dublin County 2019 with Marty Whelan acted as MC, Presentation by Mayor of SDCC Councillor Vicki Casserly

New members always welcome, drop down to our premises at 22 Mayfield Court, Watery Lane, Clondalkin any afternoon.

Tommy Keogh

Monday Club 9 December 2019

We had no club today out of respect for Minnie Murphy who died suddenly last week. Her funeral was on Monday so it would not have been ok to have the club where she spent most Mondays and her funeral taking place in the church. It gave us all a chance to go to the Mass and funeral. Minnie attended the club and contributed so much by her lovely presence. She always had a lovely friendly smile and hello and always greeted everyone with that lovely smile. She was a very gentle and kind person, and always very encouraging. She was always very grateful for everything. She enjoyed our musical mornings, quizzes, bingo and whatever was going on. She loved to do her Minnie's musical mornings when she would bring along her cassette player and CDs of her very much selected pieces she would play for us. She had her little note book of the list of music to be played with information about the song, singer or musician, or what show the piece was from. None of your sticking on a CD and playing whatever came on. By the end of the morning you knew who Joseph Locke, John McCormack, or Frank Patterson was and what they sang where and when. It was an educational morning and taught us how to appreciate a wide selection of different genres of good music. Minnie would sometimes ring me and say I enjoyed the morning and give encouragement and let me know I was doing well. Thank You Minnie for that as sometimes I worried about if people were enjoying themselves. Minnie was a private person and kept secret her 90th Birthday back in May. However, her secret got out and we celebrated her birthday in a small way the following week. "Ah' it's too much", she said, "I don't need anything, and gone to the trouble," but it was only a small cake and a few flowers. She was so delighted and appreciative of the surprise. We finished off the morning singing "Happy Birthday" and playing her often requested tune "Shoe the Donkey" renamed "Minnie's Donkey".



Christmas is all around

The sights and sounds and smells of the season are all around us. Is there a particular sound that reminds you of Advent or Christmas – perhaps a carol you've always loved, or the sound of jingle bells? For many, the smell of mince pies or mulled wine are real signs of Christmas. Our towns and cities are filled with wonderful sights too: festive lights and decorations, trees decked out with tinsel and baubles, while our churches display Nativity scenes. Another common sight in the run-up to Christmas are the charity collectors we meet on the streets, singing carols or shaking buckets, urging us to give generously to a good cause. It is a feast for the senses, with these experiences often evoking warm Christmas memories and putting us in good humour.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday – Gaudete means 'rejoice'. In our churches, the rose-coloured candle is lit on the Advent wreath to symbolise joy. Today's readings bring out this sense of joyful anticipation of the Lord's coming. The people of Jesus' time would have been familiar with Isaiah's talk of 'everlasting joy and gladness'. And Jesus tells us: 'Happy is the man who does not lose faith in me'. It is this personal encounter with Jesus that we celebrate at Christmas, God becoming man, the Good News announced by John the Baptist in today's Gospel. We have reason to be happy – let's make this Gaudete Sunday a real celebration. **Trona Doherty**

Our sincere sympathies to her husband Colm and all the family. We will miss you Minnie, May your gentle soul rest in peace.

Our sincere sympathy too to Collette and her family on the sudden death of her husband John.

We will be back in the club on Monday and hope to see everybody there please God. Until then take care.

Kathleen R

Will you take our MAD Christmas Doorstep Challenge!

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

The rules:

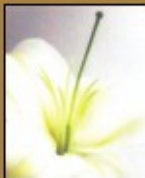
1. Pick someone who has had a tough time or would simply benefit from some festive goodwill. *It doesn't have to be someone you know well.*
2. Choose a gift for them - big or small.
3. Write them an anonymous note, some kind words about why you were thinking of them.
4. Leave it all at their doorstep.
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.



The Excitement is Building!

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

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