



# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church*

**Clonburris**  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

**Sunday 8th December 2019**



## ADVENT, SEASON OF HOPE



The good thing about the Christian Year is that it keeps coming around. Yes, it is Advent again and the beginning of a new Church year, Year A, the year of Matthew.

Advent is a time of expectation and waiting. The people in the Old Testament lived in hope. As God moved through their lives they were

filled with the hope of One who was to come. They were people who waited for promises to be kept and prophesies to be fulfilled until at last the day dawned when a bright and glorious Word pierced their darkness. The Word became flesh and dwelt among them. John the Baptist announced the good news that Someone was coming whose sandals he was not worthy to carry. "Prepare the way of the Lord" was his plea." Give some evidence that you mean to reform". John's expression "turn away from your sins" required them to return from travelling down a wrong road and set out anew on the right road. The people were called to admit their sinful ways and correct them. As a sign that they were sincere John told them to produce the appropriate fruit. "The axe is laid to the tree", he warned. "Any tree that fails to produce good fruit will be cut down".

Advent is a time to remember just how much our world needs Christ. We cannot escape the reality of human suffering when we witness countries divided, civil war annihilating whole communities, refugees fleeing from violence, hungry children ignored, human beings trafficked, greed and wealth destroying the planet. Hope was never so badly needed. We mourn in lonely exile and put our whole hearts into praying "Oh come, oh come Emmanuel".

Advent invites us to slow down and experience the peaceful presence of God in the midst of the chaos. As we light the second of the four Advent candles, Hope, Peace, Joy and Love let us trust in His promise, "I am with you always". We cannot teach someone to hope but we can give hope by living out our own hope. During this Advent Season of Hope let us gospel up our lives with His presence and hang lights in our hearts as well as on our trees.

Sr. Anne

"Hope means hoping when things are hopeless, or it is no virtue at all... As long as matters are really hopeful, hope is mere flattery or platitude; it is only when everything is hopeless that hope begins to be a strength."

— G.K. Chesterton

## Masses

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#### 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:

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## CHURCH DUTY

**Altar Linen:** Angela Minihan  
**No flowers for Advent**

*Thank  
You*

**Sunday 8th December** – Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal at all weekend Masses

**Monday 9th December**

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary

Legion of Mary Meets in the Convent at 11.30am

**Tuesday 10th December**

CCPC Intercessory Prayer for Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes.

This Tuesday in Deansrath Church for Prayer and Adoration 7.30 – 8.30pm. All welcome.

**Wednesday 11th 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 12th December**

Adoration: 10.45 to 11.45am in the Sisters' Oratory

Adoration 7.00 – 8.00pm in the Church

**Friday 13th December**

Pupils from St. Joseph's Boys School will attend 10am Mass.

**This  
Week**



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Today we light the 2nd candle of Advent. The candle represents *faith* and is called "*Bethlehem's Candle*."

Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David.

If you like your child to be involved in this year's Nativity Play. Please come along to an initial meeting on **Monday 16th of December** straight after school (approx. 2.40pm) to allocate roles (choir, etc.)

Further practising takes place on Tuesday 17th, Thursday 19th all straight after school for approx 45 minutes. Monday 23rd 2—4pm final rehearsal.

The Nativity play is part of the **Christmas Prayer Service** on **Tuesday 24th at 4pm** the Village Church. This is especially for families with young children.

If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Christina, PPW 085 71 62 152



Mass Intentions: Village

**Sunday 8th December**

6.30pm (Vigil) Elizabeth & William Shields

Peg & Daniel Lynch (An),

Joseph Ledwidge (An)

Josephine Fitzgerald (An),

James & Mary Thornbury, Sylvia, Barbara

& Reg Thornbury (An)

9.00am

Hinda Duff (An)

Sheila & Tommy Murphy (An)

10.30am

James Jnr & Alice Norton

Noel Diggins (An),

Evelyn Jones R.I.P. (100th B'day Rem)

Mary Ashe (An)

12 noon

Tommy & Hettie Tobin (An)

Phyllis Hurrell (An)

**Monday 9th December** - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

10.00am

Jack & Bridie Murphy (An)

**Friday 13th December**

7.30am

Mollie & Christopher Hannon (An)

10.00am

Lisa Sexton (An)

**Sunday 15th December**

6.30pm (Vigil)

Bridie & Paddy O'Brien (An)

Sam (Sammy) McDonnell (An)

Brigid Leonard (An)

Phyllis McGrath (An)

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

12 noon: Maura Spollen & dec'd family members (An)

Padraig Faughnan (4th An)

1.00pm

Mass for the African community

**CLONBURRIS**

**Saturday 7th Dec**

6.30pm

Fr. Jim McCaffrey (RD)

**Sunday 8th Dec**

11.00am

Julia Hackett (An)

Ann Henry (An)

Gerard McKenna (B'day Rem)

Jeffrey McVeigh (An)

Rose Fagan (An)



**Congratulations and Welcome**

Chase & Reina Walsh,

Commons Rd

**Mass Times for Holy Day Monday 9th December –  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Village Church: 7.30am and 10am

Clonburris: 9.30am and 6.30pm

Knockmitten: 11.00am

**Recently Deceased:**

Gerard Kavanagh, St John's.

Cyril Deasy, Monastery.

Patricia Hayden, Floraville.

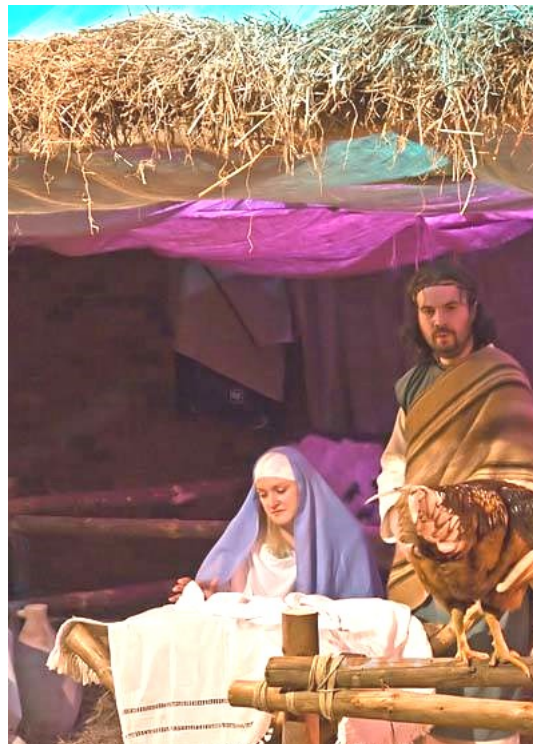
Eileen McGuire, St Bridgid's.

Minnie Murphy, Moyle Crescent.

We extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to their families and friends.







## LIVE CRIB - Beithilín Beo

Aisteoirí Chrónáin & Clondalkin Youth Theatre of Áras Chrónáin Irish Cultural Centre, are trying to bring back a bit of the Christmas Spirit and in doing so are once again building and putting on a **Beithilín Beo-LIVE CRIB**.

This is a truly magical and moving event involving the whole community. Live actors, animals, baby, snow etc. On approach to the **Beithilín Beo, Live Crib** one enters a street scene from Bethlehem ....Centurions, Scribes, People, Animals, Lepers, etc all going about their daily business as if it was only yesterday.....

Then you enter into the world of the **Beithilín Beo.....**where you sit in bales of hay and watch the story of the whole nativity unfold before you very eyes. All choreographed to music. The entrance of the Shepherd.....sharing some water & bread....the arrival of the 3 kings.....and the falling of the snow.

After each performance all the children are invited to come and explore the crib, nice and quietly & gently and visit the animals, after this people are invite d into the main building to join us in a cup of tea/coffee, hot chocolate and a mince pie or cake and to share in the wonderful Christmas Spirit.

And do you know, it's all FREE, It's about a time of enjoying what is magical about this time of year, everybody involved is giving freely of their time because they just want to be part of this wonderful and magical event.

We would like as many people as is possible to experience this wonderful and unique event.

This magical and wonderful event takes place on Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th December in Áras Chrónáin Ionad Cultúir, Irish Cultural Centre in Clondalkin each day performances are at 2.00p.m., 3.00p.m., 4.00p.m., 5.00p.m., 6.00p.m.

Leo McKiernan

## Monday 2 December 2019

We had a nice crowd in the Club this morning. It was lovely and warm and cosy in the club with the heat on and apple strudel being kept warm on the heater.

We did not hear anything from the young men of Moyle Park College. They said they had sent an email to me but I did not receive it. I will keep an eye out for it.

We welcomed Eleana to the club this morning. Eleana was to come last week with Ljiljana and Suki but got some kind of bug and was unable to come. It was wonderful she could come this week. Eleana is Latvian/Russian and has been living in Ireland for nearly twenty years. She is a wonderful craftswoman and brought along some of her art pieces. Everybody took a great interest in the quilled eagle she brought along together with a picture of tigers and a cups and saucers representing waterfalls. Quilling is an art form using shredded paper, PVA glue and rolling the strips of paper using a tool with a split needle to roll the paper and shape it, and glue together to a achieve a required object. The eagle and the other pieces are only a small sample of the work Eleana does. Eleana teaches art and crafts in different places and she teaches in the Intercultural Centre here in Clondalkin. I never knew of quilling and through Eleana has opened my eyes to this wonderful art. Thank You Eleana for a lovely interesting morning and also telling us of the history of the craft. Eleana will be at the Lucan Library Craft Fair on Sunday 8 December if anyone is interested in seeing more of her work or interested in buying something.

Thank You Sean for the lovely apple strudel you brought for us on Monday. It was delicious and it got a quick death indeed.

Next week we will do a craft for Christmas. I will probably have no calendars as I find it hard to get them this year.

Thank You Stephen, Collette and Joan for all your help. Until next week take care and keep warm.



## Blessing for Expectant Parents

Immediately following the Prayers of the Faithful, at 12 noon Mass today, 8th December, the Expectant and adopting Parents are invited to bow their heads. With hands extended, the celebrant welcomes them & blesses them and all those present, in these words:

"God, author of all life, bless, we pray, all expectant and adopting parents; give them constant protection and calm their fears when they are anxious. Watch over them, encircle them in your care, support them and bless their children with good health. Gracious Father, your Word, spoken in love, created the human family. And, in the fullness of time, your Son, restored your family in friendship. As members of our Christian family, may they praise you and glorify you through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

**We pray for the mothers:**

Loving Father, bless these mothers to be with your care and protection. May they know that you care for them unconditionally and unceasingly with gentleness, love and compassion, and knowing this, may they be examples of your loving compassion to their children. Addressing the mothers: May Christ fill your heart with His holy joy and keep you and your baby safe from harm, always.

**We pray for the fathers:**

Lord of the ages, who have entrusted these men to know the grace, privilege and pride of fatherhood, grant them courage in this new responsibility, and make them examples of justice and truth for their children. Addressing the fathers: May Christ fill your heart with His holy joy and keep you and your baby safe from harm, always.

**For the family:**

Lord, bless these all families with sincere and enduring love as they prepare to welcome their children into their midst. Lord, you have put into the hearts of all men and women of good will a great awe and wonder at the gift of new life; fill our parish community with faithfulness to the teachings of the Gospel and a new resolve to share in the spiritual growth and support of these children. We ask this through Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

R/. Amen.



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

Kathleen R

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin. (St. Mother Teresa)

Let us do at least three acts of kindness today for others!

Joseph's silence in the Gospel, does not demonstrate an empty interior, but rather the fullness of faith that he carries in his heart. Let's allow ourselves to be 'infected' by the silence of St. Joseph!

Pope Benedict





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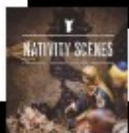
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