



# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church*

**Clonburris**  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

**Sunday 5th January 2020**



Those of you who are old enough may remember the excitement, anticipation and maybe even apprehension surrounding this time twenty years ago as we approached not just a new year but a new decade, century and millennium. Twenty years later it seems like a lot of fuss and worry about nothing and life went on as usual. We

have seen many changes since then; some for good, some definitely not. The one constant is God's presence in the lives of believers as they continue their journey through life worshipping their Creator.

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrated on January 6th, commemorates the visit of the Wise Men to worship the baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar. The

men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. This was prophesied in the Book of Micah. According to the Gospel narratives, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them. These gifts were very meaningful. Gold was a precious and expensive gift and showed how important Jesus was. Frankincense was a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped. Myrrh was used to keep things fresh and it was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold his suffering and death.

Following on from my piece last week about what sort of welcome would the Holy Family receive today. If the three kings travelled some distance to Clondalkin to find Jesus, would they find him here and if so, where? As we begin this new year where traditionally people commence their resolutions which are often broken within the first six days, never mind six weeks, how shall each of us resolve to witness our faith to family, friend and stranger? Finally, to thank one and all for their constant support by prayer, time, talent and financially to the Parish throughout 2019 and I wish you and yours a very peaceful and blessed New Year.



*Fr. Damian*

As we start into this New Year, take a moment to look back, we pray for all who were with us this time last year and are now gone to their eternal reward.

We remember all who are sick, lonely or housebound.

We remember the displaced or forgotten.

We remember all who bless us, share our journey and help us in our daily struggles & anxieties.



## 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

**Sundays** (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm  
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: Vera Rogers  
Flowers: Maintenance of Christmas flowers.  
Teams resume after Christmas.

Thank  
You

### Monday 6th January- Miraculous Medal

**Novena** after 10am Mass and Rosary.

### Tuesday 7th January - CCPC Intercessory

**Prayer** for Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes. This Tuesday Intercessory Group meeting in Pastoral Centre 7.30pm to 8.30pm. All welcome.

### Wednesday 8th January - Charismatic Prayer Group

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

### Thursday 9th January - Adoration

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Morning:** In the Church 10.45-11.45am

**Evening:** In the Church 8.00-9.00pm **Hour of Prayer.** All welcome.

This  
Week



### Nollaig na mBan, 6th January

#### Women's Christmas.

It's an old tradition that women take a break on this day. There are not too many written accounts documenting this custom. The date is also referred to as Nollaig Bheag (*Little Christmas*). It was the woman's answer to Nollaig Mór or Christmas day, when women worked hard serving and preparing food. This was a time when all of the preparations for Christmas both domestic and financial fell to the woman of the house. Growing up in Galway the day was celebrated with relish by the mothers of the Village. The parlour was pre-booked and out of bounds from children and men. As night fell the gathering began—no bell ringing or prior phone call—just walk in with the greeting prayer as Gaeilge. My dad did the serving and the topping up of many tea cups. We, the children took full advantage of being boisterous and being kids letting off steam without much correction from dad. Eventually we were allowed to join the fun and partake of the delicious left overs and show off our party pieces to an appreciative audience.

Innocent, funny and I am now glad to hear the custom is being revived countrywide!



Rest In Peace

**Recently Deceased**  
**Ambrose McKiernan, Monastery,**  
**Michael Taylor, Bushfield**  
**Elizabeth Fleming, Ballymount Cottages,**  
**Aon Shiel, Monastery**

We extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to families and friends

### C.A.M.E. (Clondalkin Adult Morning Classes)

Next enrolments take place from Monday 6th to Friday 10th January from 10am to 12 noon at rere VEC on Monastery Road. Classes commence on Monday 20th January. Enquiries: Tel (01) 464 0450 or 086 770 3445

Mary Seery

**Ministers of the Eucharist please note:** New Rosters for January and February are now available for collection from the Sacristy.

Pat Connell

"The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul and a new nose; new feet, a new backbone, new ears, and new eyes. Unless a particular man made New Year resolutions, he would make no resolutions. Unless a man starts afresh about things, he will certainly do nothing effective."

G. K. Chesterton

## Village Church

### Sunday 5th January

**6.30pm Vigil** James McDonagh (An),  
Bridget Leydon (An),  
Sarah & Thomas Delaney (Rem)  
Marie Hegarty (3rd An)  
Ambrose McKiernan (Rec dec)  
Minnie Mulcahy (MM),  
Martin McLoughlin Jnr (An),  
Christopher Nixon (An),  
Noel & Carmel Holton (An)

**10.30am**

**12noon**

### Monday 6th Jan

**7.30am** Patrick Kinane & Mary (An)  
**10.00am** Maisie Delaney (100th B'day Rem)  
Frankie Brown (B'day Rem)

### Tuesday 7th Jan

**10am** Mary & Joe Coughlan (An)

### Thursday 9th January

**10.00am** Doreen Rackley

### Friday 10th January

**10.00am** Nicholas Kendellen (An)

### Saturday 11th January

**10.00am** Sr. Mary Holohan (6th An)  
Gerry, Jim, Fran & Daniel Doran (An)

### Sunday 12th January

**6.30pm Vigil** Annie McBride (An)  
James Galvin (MM)  
**10.30am** Mary Cronin (16th An)  
Vincent & Bobbie Norton  
**12noon** Nora & Gay Keogh (An),  
Rosaline Gill (4th An),  
Nicholas Dillon (2nd An),  
Joe & Josie O'Connor (An)  
**5.30pm** Katrina Dalton (4th An),  
Maura Collins (Rem),  
Steven Burke (Rem)



## THE EPHIPHANY

### 6th January

The word 'epiphany' means 'appearance' or 'manifestation' was used in traditional Greek religion to indicate the appearance or manifestation of a god or goddess in human form, along with the suggestion that the person or persons who had experienced the epiphany would be delivered from danger and/or their enemies defeated.

The Christian feast of Epiphany first appears in Egypt commemorating the Baptism of Jesus but besides this, it later gathers round it other themes, such as Jesus' birth, the miracle of Cana and the coming of the Wise Men. In the West, it is the coming of the Wise Men that became the dominant theme of this day, while in the East it is Jesus' baptism in the Jordan which remains to the fore of the celebration.

**Tomorrow the Feast of the Epiphany** is A Holy Day of

Obligation, Mass times as follows:

Village Church: 7.30am, 10am and 1pm

Clonburris: 9.30am and 6.30pm



If you ever visit Cologne Cathedral in Germany you can walk around the sanctuary and behind the main altar there is a large reliquary said to contain the bones of the three wise men. "How did they get to Cologne?" you might ask. The wise men's bones are said to have been located in Persia and then brought to Constantinople by St. Helena. St. Helena was the mother of the emperor Constantine who was the first Roman Emperor to convert to Christianity. The bones were transferred from Constantinople to Milan in the fifth century and to Cologne in 1163. So not only did the wise men journey during the lives but even after death their relics went on a journey. Today, we pray that the "STAR" we follow will lead us to Jesus and worship Him as did the three Wise Men!





Photos by Eddie of our new crib, created, made and donated to the Church by Clondalkin Men's Shed and ably assisted by Frank, our Pastoral Worker. We are now the proud owners of a beautiful, unique, soundly constructed crib to last for many years and all completed in one week.

The three ministers of the liturgical environment couldn't have done all the decorating of the Church without help from many people:

Pat and Anne for erecting and decorating the Christmas Tree and taking down the decorations from the Attic.

People who called in to say a silent prayer were asked for help with heavy lifting and no one refused.

Aideen and her husband who donated the basket of turf and logs.

Monday Club for their financial contribution which went towards the cost of the lamb in the crib.

Michael Fahy from Kilcloone who donated the straw.

Eddie and Marie who supplied the foundation for the structure and of course Sean who gave us admittance after the Church closed.

And of course all who helped in any way.

We pray that the 'Spirit of Generosity' will always be with us and shown by 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things'

*Ministers of the Liturgical Environment*

### THE ETERNAL WORD

Story is perhaps the best and most effective form of communication. Every child loves a story at bedtime. "Tell me a story" the child says and the parent repeats again the favourite tale, careful not to omit any detail.



How do you start a story? What about the very beginning- it's a very good place to start. This is what John does with his story of Jesus which we read in today's gospel. He goes back to the very beginning. Mark's gospel begins with Jesus entering his ministry as a young man. Luke traces Jesus' story back to his birth in Bethlehem and Matthew goes back even further to Abraham but John goes back to the beginning of time, the creation of the universe. "In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God". John traces the Word back to before the beginning of time as described in Genesis, the first book in the Bible. John introduces a person- the Word, who is to become Jesus of Nazareth. That Word was the living, breathing word of God "full of grace and truth" sent to reveal God. "No one has ever seen God: it is the only Son who has made him known".

The first eighteen verses of John's gospel, known as the Prologue, forms today's gospel. Think of the Prologue as an overture, a beginning piece that introduces themes that the full work will treat in greater detail. The themes of life and light shining in the darkness are important themes in Genesis' creation story and in John's gospel. The light that Jesus offers is more than physical existence. It is a relationship with God. Jesus, the Light of the world, promises "He who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life". John the Baptist was not the Light but a witness to the Light. The true light was coming to enlighten everyone but when He came and tabernacled among us "full of grace and truth" he was not recognised or accepted by all. Light shows up best in the dark. Stars are not seen in the daytime. It was in his darkest hour, his crucifixion, that Jesus was recognised for who he really was, "Indeed this was the Son of God".

*Sr. Anne*

### A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one! Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain. But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes; Not by making your path easy, but by making you sturdy to travel any path; Not by taking hardships from you, but by taking fear from your heart; Not by granting you unbroken sunshine, but by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows; Not by making your life always pleasant, but by showing you when people and their causes need you most and by making you anxious to be there to help.

*God's Love, Peace, Hope and Joy to you for the year ahead*

(Wishing all readers of the Newsletter, Contributors, Printer, advertisers a "Happy and Peaceful 2020")

*Parish Newsletter Team*