



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 26th January 2020



Today is a busy day for starts and finishes! Christian Unity week finishes. The theme this year was 'Unusual Kindness' and one of the highlights of the week was a live televised Sunday service on RTE lead and organised by the Ecumenical Bible week group www.bibleweek.ie that have been forging stronger relationships between the different Christian traditions throughout the greater Dublin region for the last number of year. You can watch this back on the RTE player - (*Service on Sunday*). It was a real witness to the friends & understandings formed. It is also the start of Catholic Schools Week which takes the inspiration for its theme, **Living in Harmony With God's Creation** from Pope Francis' letter 'Laudato Si' reminding us that we all can be instruments of care for God's creation.

Today also see the inaugural celebration of a new feast day called for by Pope Francis, "Word of God Sunday". He is passionate about Jesus Christ and passionate about the transformative and lifegiving Word of God. By inviting us to read the Word of God for ourselves, he hopes to help us all encounter Christ and catch again the energy and vision of the very first believers. The challenge & invitation to us is to make the Scriptures part of our everyday lives. When I was a child we had a bible at home, it was huge and used for keeping all the baptisms, etc in. As kids we found it very useful. We used to put it on the ground and stand on it to get up onto the cupboard and raid the biscuits!! The call today is for each of us individually and collectively to make a special effort to rediscover and get to know the scriptures better. Today's Gospel is very fitting. As Jesus walks beside the water, the soon-to-be-disciples are engaged in their everyday jobs: earning a living for themselves and their families by fishing in the Sea of Galilee. They are probably at the lower end of the socio-economic ladder; their work is dirty and physically challenging, and it demands their attention from sunup to sundown. Jesus does not seem to be bothered by their grimy fingernails, their wet and dirty clothing, not even by their low social status or lack of political power. He does not demand that they shower up before joining His mission, nor does He ask questions about their education, their abilities, nor their availability for an extended time away from home. To Simon and Andrew, Jesus promises to expand their skills: these men who cast nets for fish will one day catch people, instead. As for the sons of Zebedee, James and John, they receive only a call: no hints about what follows, no details about the mission, no promises of success. Remarkably, all four of these people, just as they are, follow after this stranger who interrupts their daily routine. All that is asked of them at this point is simply that they follow: as they are, from where they are, being who they are. He trusts them with His message of love, acceptance and peace.

Our encounter with Jesus in the scriptures sets us a challenge, always. It speaks to us in our situation, our circumstances and our time. We are asked to respond with the gifts and talents we have, now! The call of Jesus in the scriptures is always transformative and immediate. So take the risk and commit to take a closer look!

Frank Brown, PPW



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

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Clonburris: Contact through Village

Knockmitten: Mon-Fri Mass times

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Altar Linen:
Flowers

CHURCH DUTY

Marie Harrington
Nuala Kendellan

Thank
You

Monday 27th January- Miraculous Medal

Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Two Legion of Mary groups meet in the Convent each Monday: one at 11.30am and the second at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 28th January - CCPC Intercessory Prayer for Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes. This Tuesday Intercessory Group praying in Pastoral Centre for needs of the community **7.30pm-8.30pm**. All welcome.

Wednesday 29th January - Charismatic Prayer Group *Our Lady Queen of Peace*. This Wednesday, in Parish Pastoral Centre **8.00pm Evening Prayer of the Church** followed by Charismatic **Prayer Meeting**. Come & join us if you can.

Thursday 30th January - Adoration Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

All welcome.

Saturday 1st February, Fatima devotions after 10am Mass

This
Week



"From Farm to Bus Station to Tower Cinema - 100 Years of History"

Illustrated talk by Patrick Ging
Monday 27th January at 8.00pm

Admission: €5.00 Non-Members All Welcome
Áras Chrónáin, Irish Cultural Centre Watery Lane



Lourdes 2020

If you are thinking of joining us on our Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes, it is advisable to book immediately as places are limited.

Dates: 25th to 29th May (4 nights)

Cost: €690 pps (€200 extra for Single Room) Hotel Moderne

Forms are available from the Office, Sacristy or Repository. Further details on posters in Church porches



The pupils of Scoil Íde will be in attendance at the 10am Mass on Friday 31st January

Lectio Divina, a time to

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



Catholic Schools Week 2020

It is apt as we celebrate the Feast of St. John Bosco (Jan. 31st), founder of the Salesian Order, committed to education. In 1845 Don John Bosco, an Italian priest opened a night school for boys in Valdocco. In the following years, he opened several more schools, and in 1857 drew up a set of rules for his helpers, which became the Rule of the Society of St. Francis de Sales, which Pope Pius IX approved definitively in 1873. The Society continues to operate worldwide; in 2000, it counted more than 17,000 members in 2,711 houses. **Catholic Schools Week 2020** will be celebrated from Sunday 26 January to Sunday 2 February



This year's theme is 'Living in Harmony with God's Creation' Parishes and Catholic Schools across Ireland look at our own responsibility to care for the earth, not just for our own future, but for the future of every one of God's creatures.

Village Church

Sunday 26th January

6.30pm Vigil

Ciaran Carr (An),
Brian Doonan (4th An)
Eddie Redmond (An)

9.00am

10.30am

12noon

Lilian Fleming (MM)

Carole Doyle (19th), Aon Shiel (MM),

Andrew Bell (20th An), Jerry Wilson (MM),

Paddy & Margaret Palmer (An)

Martin Kelleher (12th An)

Friday 31st January

10.00am

George Brown (Boot Rd) (Rem)

Saturday 1st February

10.00am

Ann & Jimmy O'Brien (An)

Sunday 2nd February

6.30pm Vigil

Maura Dagg (2nd An)

10.30am

Donagh Lynch (An)

12noon

Joan, Molly, Davey & Alice Coates

(An)

Rory McDonnell (An)

Bridie Hoban (1st An)

5.30pm

Mrs Brigid Hoban (mother of Bridie) (An)

Clonburris

Saturday 25th January

6.30pm

Mary Byrne (An), Frank Tobin (An),

Sunday 26th January

11.00am

Stacey Byrne (B'day Rem),

Harriet Coe (An)



Monday Club 20 January 2020

Today we had a good crowd in the club despite the cold morning.

We had five young gentlemen from Moyle Park College come armed with knitting needles, wool and patterns to get little hats knitted for the premature babies. This is a project undertaken by Roul, Setanta and the others as part of their projects for transition year. After the tea the ladies got busy knitting. If anyone else reading this space has some spare wool and would like to knit a little hat this is the pattern. It is double knit wool on size 4 needles.

Cast on 40 stitches (leave a long piece for sewing up the seam later. Knit six rows of K2, P2 for rib.

Switch to stocking stitch by knitting until the piece measure 5" from cast on.

Decrease by knitting row 1 K2 K2tog across the row

2nd Row Purl

3rd Row K2, K2tog across row

4th Purl

5th Row K2tog across row.

Using a needle, break yarn leaving a long tail. Thread through the remaining stitches and pull tightly and stitch up and weave the tail ends

Good luck with the knitting. If anyone does knit hats, they can be left in the church for my attention. This would help greatly with the lads' project and the premature babies in hospital.

The lads will be back again next week with more needles and wool for those who did not get needles and wool today. I don't knit but maybe I might try to do so next week.

We had a minutes silence for Kay O'Neill who died recently, and we said a prayer for all the deceased members of the club. May they all rest in peace. We also remembered Magdelene who used to always sit beside Kay, has gone to North Dublin to be near her family.

Thank You Sean for the lovely apple strudel you left for us this morning. Every one said it was truly delicious.

Thank you Stephen and Collette for all your help this morning by setting tables, teas and clear-up.

We wish Joan a speedy recovery from her very bad dose of cold. We missed you this morning.

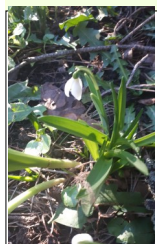
Until next week take care.

Kathleen R





A combined group of volunteers from Clondalkin Tidy Towns, Friends of the Camac, and the Clondalkin Men's Shed has tidied up St Brigid's Well in preparation for the feast of St Brigid on 1st February. The beautiful stone wall surrounding the well has been cleared of overgrown hedging, while the Men's Shed group has repaired the recently vandalized door at the well and they will replace it in good time for the feast day. They have also restored and repainted several plaques at the well. Some fresh flowers at the well would be appreciated. **Tommy**



The January sun shines through the snowdrops blooming in the Village CHURCH grounds at 3pm after a NIGHTS frost - an inkling of spring, The great awakening, nature's colour pallet unfolding, the earth nodding again towards the sun. But before all of Nature's coloured promise the gracious snowdrop nods its head in courtesy to us all blooming marvellous. **Eddie**

Please do take time out and in wonder give the scene the admiration it merits



Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebastea and a doctor. The first known record of the saint's life comes from the medical writings of Aëtius Amidenus, where he is recorded as helping with patients suffering from objects stuck in their throat. Many of the miraculous aspects of St. Blaise's life are written 400 years after his martyrdom in the "Acts of St. Blaise."

Saint Blaise is believed to begin as a healer then, eventually, became a "physician of souls." He then retired to a cave, where he remained in prayer. People often turned to Saint Blaise for healing miracles.

In 316, the governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, Agricola, arrested then-bishop Blaise for being a Christian. On their way to the jail, a woman set her only son, who was choking to death on a fish bone, at his feet.

Blaise cured the child, and though Agricola was amazed, he could not get Blaise to renounce his faith. Therefore, Agricola beat Blaise with a stick and tore at his flesh with iron combs before beheading him.

Feastday: **February 3**

Patron: of throat illnesses, animals, wool combers & wool trading

Blessing of throats will take place during **10am Mass, Monday 3rd**

WE SING A SONG TO BRIGID

"We sing a song to Brigid,
Brigid brings the spring
Awakens all the fields and
the flowers
And calls the birds to sing.
All were welcome at her
door, no one was turned
away.

She loved the poor, the sick
and the sore,
She helped them on their
way.

She laid her cloak out on the
ground
And watched it grow and
grow,

In wells and streams and
fields of green
St. Brigid's blessings flow."

Saturday 1st February,

Feast of St. Brigid, it has become customary to process to the Well after 10am Mass as a praying community interceding with St. Brigid for the needs of our families, community and parish. It is hoped that the tradition to be continued, weather permitting.



Next Sunday,

2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord, known as Candlemas Day. Candles will be blessed at all Masses. Candles are on sale in the Parish

Shop. Candles bought may be kept in basket provided, - please include your name, after they are blessed they then may be collected at your ease.

Blessed candles are used when the Blessed Sacrament is brought to the home or in time of sickness. Many people find them comforting when used in times of distress or loneliness.



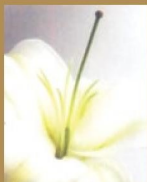
Give up your oul' sins!"

There is a story told about Leonardo de Vinci's famous painting of the Last Supper. He searched far and wide for what he considered to be an ideal model for each person in the painting. He began with a fine-looking young man, full of life, and anchored, and chose him as a perfect

model for Jesus. He followed with other models for each of the apostles. Naturally, the work took several years. He left

Judas till last, because he was having a problem finding someone who could represent him. Finally, he came across a tramp who was sleeping rough, who had all the appearances of being untrustworthy and, like Judas, would probably sell his soul if it brought him some money. Leonardo approached the man and persuaded him to come to his studio. While the

work was in progress, both men came to the same realisation. This man had been in this studio before, representing Jesus. He had gone astray, lost his way, and was now on Skid Row. It was a great shock to de Vinci, and a moment of conversion for the man. When Jesus called on people to turn from their sins, he also asked some of them to follow him. They were to become his pupils, people who would absorb his Spirit, and continue his work, when he went back home to the Father.



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