



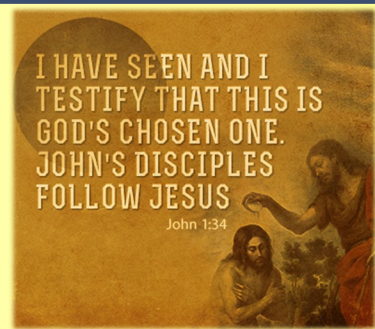
Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

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Parish Newsletter

Sunday 19th January 2020



Last Sunday, you know that we celebrated Jesus' baptism and the beginning of His ministry. Today's text from John's gospel continues the story of Jesus' baptism from a different perspective. Here the focus is on John the Baptist and his prophetic role in announcing Jesus as the Promised Messiah, *the anointed one*.

I think that John the Baptist is sometimes portrayed in a bit of a wild light. It's easy to imagine him as some wild-eyed, dishevelled, crazy man walking around out in the desert and this is mainly because of descriptions we get of him from the Bible. We know he wore animal skins, he ate locusts and honey, and he did his ministry in the wilderness... the desolate places... the less than civilized places. There are a few things we can take from that. Firstly, we tend to look on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart. We tend place too much value on outward appearance, on fitting-in, on named brands or on the latest trend. There are still places where you are defined by your dress code, where assumptions are made about the way you look, your accent or where you are from. And with these assumptions come judgements and expectations. Can you imagine if John came to our church today and asked to preach? Apart from the mountain of red tape and the forty questions he would have to go through, I wonder what reaction or welcome he would get. *"Ok, so you're Jesus' cousin, and you're the forerunner of Christ, and you want to give our parishioners a message... have you a suit or something tidy? What - No suit and you won't shave? I'm sorry John, we can't let you get up on the sanctuary wearing animal skins."* We can be so quick to judge people by what they look like, where they are from or what they wear, but that's not what God does. The Gospel shows us that we can't dictate *how* we receive God's message or from whom. We are asked to be open to God revealing Himself to us through the people, situations and events of each day. Our challenge is to be open and aware to God calling to us through the extraordinary-ness of our ordinary day.

The second thing I think we can take from this, is that God's calling of John to do ministry in the wilderness is also a challenge to us. This 'wild man' who recognises Jesus for who He really is, preaches in the unwelcome, desolate, barren and harsh desert. Of course the message of the Gospel is welcome in the comfortable places and can be regarded as 'nice' sometimes. But the true, transformative and liberating power of the Gospel is felt when it is brought to and heard by those who society and our community, rejects, forgets or shuns. Can we be that person? Can we take up the challenge to bring that message of love, compassion and forgiveness to the forgotten, the unwelcome and the stranger hidden in our midst? Have a good week,

Frank Brown, Parish Pastoral Worker

"NEVER LET THE THINGS YOU CANNOT DO
PREVENT YOU FROM DOING THE
THINGS YOU CAN."

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

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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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Flowers

Teresa Coyne
Nuala Kendellan

Thank
You

Monday 20th January- Miraculous Medal

Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

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

Tuesday 21st 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 22nd 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 23rd January - Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Morning: In the Church 10.45-11.45am

Evening: In the Sisters' Oratory 7.00-8.00pm.

All welcome.

This
Week



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

Saint Agnes



Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr, lived perhaps in the early 4th Century. The story from the 15th Century *Acta* is that this beautiful 13 year-old girl from a noble and wealthy Roman family had many suitors but rejected them all, saying Christ would be her only spouse. Some of her suitors denounced her to the pagan authorities as a Christian. She was then asked to make the

offering of incense to the Roman gods, which she considered idols. The governor condemned her to death by having her throat cut. This took place in the Stadium of Domitian, now Piazza Navona, where there is a church - Sant'Agnese in Agone - named after her. St. Ambrose wrote of her "*She went to her execution more cheerfully than others go to a wedding*". Her body was buried in a catacomb a short distance from Rome where the church Sant'Agnese fuori le mura was built in her honour. She is often depicted in art with a lamb (Latin *agnus*). The feast of Saint Agnes is 21st January.



Recently Deceased Eileen Monahan, St Killian's Carmel Maher, St Bridgid's

We remember their loved ones at this sad time

All traces of Christmas has now been removed from the Church. Again we thank the many volunteers who came to help, without whose assistance and generosity the task would have been lots more difficult.

And now the real work of Christmas begins:

"When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart".



Thurman

Village Church

Sunday 19th January

6.30pm Vigil

Ciaran Carr (An),
Kathleen Kelly (An), Kevin & Nora Galvin (An),
Greta Gallagher & Kathleen Nolan (Rem),
Rose Plunkett (7th An),
Paddy & Molly Kelly (An)
Maud Hurley (6th An)

10.30am

Vincent & Bobby Norton (An),
Ivor & Sady Noone (An), Ita Ward (An),
Martin & Kevin McInerney (An)
Elsie Naughton (3rd An),
Margaret (Peggy) Walsh (An),
Jack & Eileen Durcan (An)

12noon

Margaret O'Rourke (MM),
Luke Barry (An),
Margaret, Martin & Maura Hughes (An),
Noelle O'Brien (3rd An)

1.00pm

Mass for the African community

Monday 20th January

10.00am

Annie Conroy (3rd An) & John Conroy (21st An) & Josephine Noone (2nd An)

Sunday 26th January

6.30pm Vigil

Ciaran Carr (An)

9.00am

Eddie Redmond (An)

12noon

Carole Doyle (19th), Aon Shiel (MM),
Andrew Bell (20th An)

Clonburris Sunday 19th January

11.00am

John Turbitt (3rd An)



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 inside Church porches

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.
John 1: 29



"I told you that I would make you regret it." A young soldier was utterly humiliated by his senior officer. The officer had gone beyond the bounds of acceptable behaviour in disciplining the young soldier and knew it, so he said nothing as the younger man said through clenched teeth, "I'll make you regret this if it is the last thing I ever do." A few days later their company was under heavy fire and the officer was wounded and cut off from his troops. Through the haze of the battlefield he saw a figure coming to his rescue. It was the young soldier. At the risk of his own life, the young soldier dragged the officer to safety. The officer said, apologetically, "Son, I owe you my life." The young man laughed and said, "I told you that I would make you regret humiliating me if it was the last thing I ever did." That is God's kind of revenge. "Behold the Lamb that takes away the sins of the world..." Something happened on Calvary that bridged the gap between a Holy God and unholy humanity.

We see Christ in His majesty but also in His mercy.

On Sunday the 19th of January, @ 11am, RTE will broadcast a service of worship for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. This year, the service will be led by friends of

Ecumenical Bible Week, a Dublin based ecumenical project. The EBW has taken place in the greater Dublin area since 2014, bringing together a diversity of believers for prayer and reflection in June each year. Both Archbishops of Dublin have lent their personal and institutional support since the start. The topic for this year's EBW is "Faith in the Public Square." Details: www.bibleweek.ie



The picture of the Lamb of God in His mercy:

In a cathedral in Copenhagen, Denmark there is a magnificent statue of Jesus by the noted sculptor Bertel Thorvaldsen (1770–1844). When Thorvaldsen first completed the clay sculpture he gazed upon the finished product with great satisfaction. It was a sculpture of Christ with His face looking upward and arms extended upward. It was a statue of a majestic, conquering Christ. Later that night, however, after the sculptor had left his fine new work in clay to dry and harden, something unexpected occurred. Sea mist seeped into the studio in the night. The clay did not harden as quickly as anticipated. The upraised arms and head of the sculpture began to drop. The majestic Christ with arms lifted up and head thrown back was transformed into a Christ with head bent forward and arms stretched downward as if in a pose of gentle invitation. At first Thorvaldsen was bitterly disappointed. As he studied the transformed sculpture, however, he came to see a dimension of Christ that had not been real to him before. It was the Christ who is a gentle, merciful Saviour. Thorvaldsen inscribed on the base of the completed statue, "Come Unto Me," and that picture of the Lamb of God in His mercy has inspired millions.

NOT JUST FOR KIDS!

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AWAY BAPTIST BEHOLD COME GOD SON
JESUS DOVE LAMB REMAIN SEEN
SPIRIT SINS WORLD TESTIFIED TAKES

Can you find these words in the word maze above?

Had space to fill and thought you would enjoy this quiz for fun.
We always welcome contributions suitable for insertion in the Newsletter.

Teresa



Candles for blessing on Candlemas Day, **2nd February** are now available from the Church Shop. Blessed Candles are recommended for all homes and are used when the blessed Sacrament is brought to the sick and housebound. Indeed Blessed Candles can be lit any time and is solace and comfort in times of loneliness and distress.

PLEASE!!
NOTE

Baptism prayer service on Thursday 23rd at 630pm in the village church. It is part of the Sacramental preparation for children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. All are welcome but especially families with young children.

Christina Malone

Parish Pastoral Worker for the Combined Catholic
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Monday Club 14 January 2020

We are back after our Christmas break. We had a small group in this morning. The weather was not great and with the promise of storm Brendan on the way people with good sense stayed at home.



Roul and Setanta, two young men from Moyle Park College came to tell us of the project they are involved in. They need us to help them with knitting little baby hats for premature babies in hospital. They will be coming over to us next Monday with the pattern for the hats and also I think they are bringing wool too. If any of you would like to help them with this project please bring some knitting needles and if you have some wool you would like to use please also bring that too.

It was sad that we have lost two of our members in the past few weeks. First Minnie departed before Christmas and last week Kay O'Neill. Like Minnie, Kay loved coming to the club until she got ill and was not able to come again since February. Kay loved music and really came to life whenever we had music or a sing song. She knew every song and sang out whenever the music started. She also liked a step of a dance, but space and the floor was not very suitable for such. She had a lovely smile and a lovely curl in the front of her hair. We miss you both. We extend our deepest sympathies to their families. May they both rest in peace.

Magdelene too we miss. Magdelene is gone to a nursing home in north Dublin to be near her daughter.

I wish everybody a very happy, healthy and peaceful new year.

Thanks to Stephen for setting the tables and clean up, Collette and Joan, and to you all for making the club a happy place.

Until next week take care.

Kathleen

God will
ALWAYS
PROVIDE

IT JUST MIGHT LOOK DIFFERENT
THAN WHAT WE HAD IN MIND.

The rich businessman Raymond goes to meet his new son-in-law to be, Ben. He says to Ben, "So, tell me Ben, my boy, what you do?" "I study the Theology," he replies. "But Ben, you are going to marry my daughter! How are going to feed and house her?" "No problem," says Ben, "I study Theology, and it says God will provide." "But you will have children! How will you educate them?" asks Raymond. "No problem," says Ben, "I study Theology, and it says God will provide." When Raymond returns home, his wife anxiously asks him what Ben is like. "Well," says Raymond, "he's a lovely boy. I only just met him, and he already thinks I'm God."

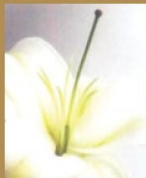
(Submission contributed by parishioner)

This week we celebrate the
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
JANUARY 18-25, 2020

The 2020 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "***They Showed Us Unusual kindness***"

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