



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 2nd February 2020



PRESENTATION OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

They met in the Temple, Joseph, Mary and the infant Jesus, Simeon and Anna. They were all there for a purpose. Joseph and Mary brought their infant in obedience to the Law to present Him to God and to offer sacrifice for the purification of the mother who gave birth forty days previously. The Law prescribed that they offer a lamb. The poor were allowed to offer a pair of turtle doves or two pigeons. Mary and Joseph's family were recognised as living below the poverty line reminding us that who we are, our uniqueness before God, is more important than what we have or own.



Simeon was guided by the Holy Spirit to be present in the Temple that day. He was promised that he would not see death until he had seen the Messiah, the Christ. While Mary is called the God-Bearer, Simeon can be called the God-Receiver. He took the child Jesus in his arms and saw more than a forty day old baby. With the eyes of faith he recognised his Saviour, "My eyes have seen your salvation". Simeon lived days and years waiting and wondering, "Is this the day I will experience the fulfilment of the promise?" His life was one of expectation, anticipation and waiting. We have all done the same. We all know what it is to wait for results, for forgiveness, for clarity, for healing. Simeon never failed to turn up in the Temple every day. He continued to show up. But what if Jesus was waiting for Simeon so that He could present him to the Father? The Presentation in the Temple happens everyday. Jesus waits for us to show up so that He can present us to the Father to sustain and uphold us like He did Simeon.

Anna was also present in the Temple that day. Led by the Spirit of Prophecy she spoke about the child to all who were present. She belonged to the smallest of the tribes, that of Asher, reminding us that the small and fragile are those most disposed to recognise Jesus, the Saviour.

A young couple with a child in their arms, an old man who recognised and embraced the child, an old lady who proclaimed the Good News the story of the Presentation in the Temple has a lot to say to us.

Sr. Anne

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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Thank
You

Monday 3rd February

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Legion of Mary groups meet in the Convent at 11.30am

Tuesday 4th February

CCPC Intercessory Prayer for Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes. This Tuesday Intercessory Group praying in Pastoral Centre for needs of the communities 7.30pm-8.30pm. Come and join us.

Wednesday 5th February

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 and join us if you can.

Thursday 6th February

Adoration— Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Morning: In the Church 10.45-11.45am

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

Legion of Mary in the Convent at 7.30pm

Friday 7th February

First Friday, all Masses are offered for all whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead

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.

On **Friday 7th February** the pupils from St. Joseph's Boys' School will join the congregation for 10am Mass.



The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association will meet on Friday 7th February in the Parish Centre after 10am Mass.



Lourdes 2020

All places are now filled. Should a vacancy arise through cancellation, notification will be made as soon as possible through the Newsletter



Tomorrow, feast of St. Blaise, 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, and wool trading

Blessing of throats will take place during 10am Mass, in the morning

Village Church

Sunday 2nd February

6.30pm Vigil Maura Dagg (2nd An)

9.00am Lily Quinn (An)

10.30am Donagh Lynch (An)

12noon Joan, Molly, Davey & Alice Coates (An)
Rory McDonnell (An), John Power (1st An)

5.30pm Bridie Hoban (1st An) &
Mrs Brigid Hoban (An)

Wednesday 5th February

10.00am Michael Lacey (An)

Friday 7th February

10.00am First Friday of the Month

Sunday 9th February

6.30pm Vigil James Gaffney (1st An),
Margaret Gaffney (An), John Lynch (An),
Dooney family, Hayden family, Murphy family &
Coyle family (Rem)

9.00am Michael Lanney (An),
Mark Wiggins (1st An)

10.30am Kathleen Mucha (12th An)
Gerard Doyle (B'day Rem)

12noon Conor & Jerry McElhinney (An)
John McInerney & William Walsh (An)

5.30pm Patricia Whelan (An)

Clonburris

Sunday 2nd February

11.00am George Browne (An),
Michael Kennedy (An), Paddy Sharkey (An)
Dick & Sheila O'Brien (An)



Today, the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord, known as Candlemas Day. Candles will be blessed at all Masses. Please collect your candles as soon as possible.

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

Living in joyful Hope

An elderly woman in frail health was speaking with her doctor and expressing her hope that she would have the strength to live just a few more months so that she could celebrate the birth of her first grandchild. Sure enough, the day came, and the woman was present and well enough to hold the little child in her arms. When the woman went back to her doctor, he suggested that it would be important to set a new goal so that she had something to look forward to, something to "keep her going". "Well", the woman pondered, "my son did just buy me a new refrigerator with a 10-year warranty."

Today in Luke's Gospel we are introduced to a couple of characters who have been waiting for a long time for a promise to be fulfilled. When they see the Child, Anna and Simeon announce to everyone they see that He is the fulfilment of God's promise to humanity.



Outdoor collections in aid of St. Vincent de Paul will resume as follows:

Knockmitten today after all Masses

Village: after all Masses next weekend.

All monies are distributed within the greater Clondalkin area. Again your support and generosity greatly appreciated.



Knockmitten Sunday Vigil Mass (Saturday 6.30pm) has been suspended until further notice



Last week children that are preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion gathered in the church for a prayer Service. The theme was **Baptism**. Prayers and reflections were all about us being loved by God. We are unique and wonderful the way we are. The children were asked to light their baptism candles and remember that Jesus is the light of the world. In times we feel surrounded by darkness remember the light. It was a wonderful experience and it was fantastic to see Karlee attending this prayer service. I call her "the walking miracle". Shortly before

Christmas Karlee collapsed in the Mill and had to be resuscitated seven times (seven!). She is recovering slowly but steady. It is a long road ahead of her and her family. I am sharing with you to remind you **"nothing is impossible for God"**. Please keep each other in prayers. The power of prayer is beyond words and in times where there is a lot of sadness around we need these "walking miracles" as a reminder there is always hope. *Christina Malone, PPW*



Monday 27 January 2020

We had a good crowd in the club on Monday. I must say that there has been a very productive week since the lads from Moyle Park College came seeking help with the knitting of the little baby bonnets for the premature babies of the Coombe hospital.

Last week knitting needles and wool was brought to the club to give out to people who wished to knit. The wool and needles were all taken swiftly by the keen knitters willing to help. The lads returned today with some more needles, wool and patterns were given to those who requested them. Some people were very busy knitting during the week and brought in beautiful little bonnets. All are keen to continue knitting, so we should have quite a few to give the lads on their return to us in a few weeks.

Our thanks to Mrs Mary McEntee, (*mother of Fr Seamus*) who has knitted a bag of squares to be made into blankets for the Lourdes Pilgrims. Cecelia Doyle took them to give to Gabrielle to sew into blankets. Mrs McEntree is an avid knitter and knits a lot of things. She is now knitting the little bonnets. She also knits for Tallaght Hospital for fundraising. Thank You for all the help. Every help is much appreciated.

We decided we will not have St Brigid Cross making this year. I don't have the time to go west for them, and we don't want to put pressure on Frank and Anna to come. Frank and Anna were always very good to come and teach us how to make the crosses and we thank them very much for their long commitment and loyalty to us.

We discussed a few possible outing for the coming months, one being a visit to Dail Eireann. When one of our local TDs hopefully will be re-elected so it might be a chance to get a visit arranged when things settle. Other options maybe a visit to the new museum at Mount Joy which is due to open in March. They are just a few thoughts to think about in the future weeks ahead.

Welcome back Kitty from your travels to Tasmania. Kitty went there recently for her grandchild's wedding. Great to see you back safe and well and we wish your grandchild a very happy long life of wedded bliss.

Joan is still laid low with the cold, so we wish you a speedy recovery.

Thank You Collette and Stephen for set-up, teas and clear-up. Until next week, take care

Kathleen R

Candlemas

Not Just for Kids!

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ANNA AND SIMEON
CANDLES BLESSED
COMMEMORATING
FEAST
GOSPEL OF LUKE
LIGHT OF THE WORLD
PRESENTATION
TEMPLE

CANDLEMAS
CHRISTIAN
EPIPHANY SEASON
FEBRUARY TWO
HOLIDAY
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"How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a weary world."

— William Shakespeare, *The Merchant of Venice*



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