



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 16th February 2020

6th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

What a week of change in government, in politics and in the weather. The phrase "seismic shift" has been almost played out and interesting times lie ahead. In the midst of this today's gospel has a very powerful message. Jesus begins by telling his disciples that his purpose is not to abolish the law or to criticize what the prophets proclaimed and taught. Jesus' intent is to fulfil the law. Jesus also emphasizes that keeping the commandments is essential. But Jesus was

often attacked and criticised for not following the law? So what law is Jesus asking us to follow? Jesus followed most of the Jewish laws and customs. However, when it came to people in need of love and compassion, Jesus lived by the law of God! Yes, all the commandments are important and necessary. For Jesus, the first two commandments are the foundation for the other eight commandments: love of God and love of neighbour. Love should come before all else! What was important above all else was love. So apt in this Valentine's week. Knowing that we are loved, we were created in love and that we were called to be that love for others is the basis of our faith and the foundation for our hope. Love then is the one thing above all others and love frees. When the law of the land or the church neglects, forgets, enslaves or oppresses then it becomes *the god*. When the law serves the few, focus' on the self and forgets the 'other' it is not God's law.

How often in life do we simply go through the motions of being Christian? Sitting in Mass on Sundays, saying a quick prayer at night before falling asleep or when we need something, giving up sweets or Facebook for Lent without really thinking about what Lent is all about. Jesus challenges us all to enter more fully into God's law of love, compassion, forgiveness and inclusion. Take a bit of time for yourself this week. In the midst of all this change and uncertainty to ask yourself - What is it that God is actually calling me to in life? What does following God's laws, God's commandments really mean to me, and how does it change my life? Does the practice of our community of faith mirror and witness to that love in our community?

We should not simply go through the motions of Christianity. Rather, as Jesus calls us to do, we must follow and enter fully into God's commandments and **Be Love** for others. As St Mother Theresa said, "*The world is full of good people but if you can't find one, then be one*". If you can not find a person of love, then go be that person. If you can not find a person of hope, then go be that person. Why? Because that's who we are and who we are called to be. If we began to do this individually and as a community then this really would be a seismic shift!!

Frank Brown, Parish Pastoral Worker



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

Parish Office Hours

Clondalkin: Mon-Fri 9:30 - 12:30

Clonburris: Contact through Village

Knockmitten: Mon-Fri Mass times

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CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen:
Flowers

Mary Leonard
Kathleen Cosgrove

Thank
You

Monday 17th February

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Legion of Mary group meets in the Convent at

11.30am

Tuesday 18th February CCPC Intercessory Prayer for Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes. This Tuesday, Intercessors praying in Pastoral Centre for needs of the community

7.30pm - 8.30pm.

All welcome.

Wednesday 19th 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 & join us if you can.

Thursday 20th February - Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at **7.30pm**. *New members welcome*

Adoration: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Evening: Hour of Prayer in the Church **7.00 - 8.00pm**

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.



Recently Deceased

Eamonn Boyce, Monastery

Brendan Foley, St John's

Elizabeth Mac Cormac, Cherrywood

Martin Joyce, Michael Collins

Donal O'Brien, Ninth Lock

In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers

Friends of Newcastle Burial Ground Annual General Meeting

Monday 24th February @ 7.30pm

Venue: Old Schoolhouse, Newcastle Church Grounds
All Welcome

Book Club for Lent

Book: **Return to Me with All your Heart. Daily Reflections for lent** - by Gerard Gallagher. **Every Wednesday** during Lent in the Pastoral Centre **10.40am** (after 10am mass) and/or **8pm** (after 7.30pm mass).

Cost €10 (this includes the book, refreshments and all other material) If interested call Christina on 085 7162152



Recently Married - Congratulations!

**LEANNE STOKES and
STEPHEN STOKES**

The **ANNUAL COLLECTION** of **ACCORD** Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family,

will be made at all Masses this weekend.

The Collection replaces the usual Share Collection.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:

- Marriage Preparation courses,
 - Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships.
 - A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.
- Please give generously

The new **rosters for Eucharistic Ministers** for February & March are now available for collection in the Sacristy. Thanks.

Pat Connell

Village Church

Sunday 16th February

6.30pm Vigil Brigid Power (An)

Ella Bennett (An), Margaret Ledwidge (An), Ita O'Gorman (3rd An), Mary O'Reilly (1st An), Kathleen Nolan (Rem), Gretta Gallagher (Rem), James Egan (An)

10.30am Belinda & James Fitzsimons (An), Cornelius Higgins (100th B'day Rem), Mona Nash (3rd An)

12noon Maisie Delaney (An), Brien Lucas, Sheila Barry (An), Aisling Lawlor (RD), Elizabeth Shields (1st An), Oliver, Donal & Olive Grace (An), Mary Fagan (An), John Conaghan, Hugh & Grace Gallagher

5.30pm Patrick Lovett (An)

Mon 17th Feb

7.30am Mary Josephine Maguire & for Maguire & Connolly families

10am Peggy Moore (2nd An)

Fri 21st Feb 10am Patrick Riordan (An)

Sat 22nd Feb 10am Chris Stapleton (B'day Rem)

Sunday 23rd Feb

6.30pm Vigil Nuala & Paddy Meskill, Nora McHugh & Tom McHugh (An), Peter O'Sullivan (B'day Rem), Martin Joyce (MM)

9.00am Patrick Nugent (An)

10.30am John & Mary O'Neill (An)

12noon Marian Doyle (2nd An)

Clonburrís

Sat 15th Feb 6.30pm Michael Maloney (An), Patrick & Kathleen Blackburn (An) & dec'd members of the Blackburn family, Patrick Richard Cafferty (1st An)

Sunday 16th Feb

11.00am Nancy Heffernan (B'day Rem), Marie Sullivan (An), Ellie Nolan (An), Patrick Richard Cafferty (1st An)

PLEASE
NOTE...

The 12 noon Mass today, Sunday 16th February

will be a special celebration for couples and the Sacrament of Marriage.

There will be a blessing of rings - so if you or someone you know have recently gotten engaged or are celebrating a special anniversary this year you are especially welcome.



"Our aim is to develop friendships and provide respite and social outlets for people with disabilities."

There will be a Church Gate collection for

C.A.S.A. after all Masses next weekend February 22nd & 23rd. Please give generously!

Bless my ex-sister.

Two sisters spent the day fighting. That evening they prepared for bed, still mad at each other. As usual, each knelt by the side of her bed for their prayers. "Dear God," the 8-year-old began, "Bless Daddy and Mommy, bless our cat and dog." Then she stopped. Her mother gently prodded, "Didn't you forget somebody?" She glared across the bed at her 6-year-old sister and added, "And, oh yes, God, bless my ex-sister."



[Pulpit Resource (Jan-Mar 1992), p. 14.]

You are invited to join with us for...

A Musical Service...

A Celebration of Creation

Featuring choirs, groups and musicians from Sruleen, Bawnogue, Rowlagh & Neilstown parishes



When: Thursday 27th Feb 2020

Time: 7:30pm



**Venue: Church of the Transfiguration
Bawnogue Parish Church, Clondalkin, D22**

- Cuppa provided at the interval
- There will be donation boxes to cover expenses

Spread word - Invite your friends

Monday Club 10 February 2020

Despite the very cold morning we had a good attendance in the club.

We had two very special ladies celebrating their birthdays today.

Phyllis Rungay and Bernadette Cleary have their birthdays on the same day. We presented them with a small bunch of flowers each. We all wish them good health and happiness in the year ahead.

Maureen Rutledge brought her DVD of her time on a farm some years ago, but unfortunately we could not show it on this occasion, but it is hoped in another week or two we will see it.

South County Dublin wrote to us last week looking for ideas to be creative as we age for the Bealtaine Festival. We decided we will put on an art and craft show at the beginning of May where everybody will be invited to participate and come and see the exhibition. There are many talented people in the club so it will be an opportunity to showcase their work.

Some people have been busy during the week knitting the little bonnets. I received over 80 yesterday. The lads will be really pleased. Thank you all for taking on the project. The bonnets are really beautiful with lovely colours.

Next week we look forward to welcome the young men and ladies of Localise come to celebrate St. Valentine with us.

Under Health and Safety Regulations we must sign in when coming to the club, also no home baking either. Thanks Stephen, Collette and Joan for their help with setting up, teas and clear up.

Until next week, take care and stay warm. Kathleen R



Glendalough Retreat for Young Adults:

Book your place on our upcoming young adult retreat in Glendalough for the weekend of 6th -7th March.

Download the booking form on www.evangelisation.ie

Booking closes on Monday 24th February. For more upcoming events and information follow us on Instagram @theyoungchurchdublin

We are in danger of losing our Newsletter!



WE NEED local businesses to support, sponsor and advertise on the back page of our parish newsletter to ensure that we can keep this vibrant, colourful and dynamic format. It is this sponsorship that pays for the printing and delivery of our newsletter without cost to the Parish.

Since changing to this format over 3 years ago the uptake of the Parish Newsletter has went from 300 to over 750 on a weekly basis with even more engaging on line. It is a vital & valued communication, outreach and evangelisation tool for our parish.

To place an ad contact Patrick Coughlan from Pisces Print on - **01 4569334** or **087 2266334** or info@piscesprint.ie

We welcome practical suggestions and input from parishioners as to the best way to keep the Newsletter going. The team consists mainly of volunteers for content.

Your help is urgently needed!

Newsletter Team

COURT ROOM



"BLESSED ARE THEY WHO FOLLOW THE LAW OF THE LORD!"

Today is the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, and through the Scripture Readings of today, God calls us to a radical way of living.

**We are called to be more than just moral:
God calls us to be virtuous. .**

"A story is told about Fiorello LaGuardia, who, when he was mayor of New York City, during the worst days of the Great Depression and all of WWII, was called by adoring New Yorkers 'the Little Flower' because he was only five foot four and always wore a carnation in his lapel. He was a colourful character who used to ride the New York City fire trucks, raid speakeasies with the police department, take entire orphanages to baseball games, and whenever the New York newspapers were on strike, he would go on the radio and read the Sunday funnies to the kids. One bitterly cold night in January of 1935, the mayor turned up at a night court that served the poorest ward of the city. LaGuardia dismissed the judge for the evening and took over the bench himself. Within a few minutes, a tattered old woman was brought before him, charged with stealing a loaf of bread. She told La Guardia that her daughter's husband had deserted her, her daughter was sick, and her two grandchildren were starving. But the shopkeeper, from whom the bread was stolen, refused to drop the charges. "It's a real bad neighbourhood, your Honour." the man told the mayor. "She's got to be punished to teach other people around here a lesson." LaGuardia sighed. He turned to the woman and said "I've got to punish you. The law makes no exceptions—ten dollars or ten days in jail." But even as he pronounced sentence, the mayor was already reaching into his pocket. He extracted a bill and tossed it into his famous sombrero saying: "Here is the ten dollar fine which I now remit; and furthermore, I am going to fine everyone in this courtroom fifty cents for living in a town where a person has to steal bread so that her grandchildren can eat. Mr. Bailiff, collect the fines and give them to the defendant."

So the following day the New York City newspapers reported that \$47.50 was turned over to a bewildered old lady who had stolen a loaf of bread to feed her starving grandchildren, fifty cents of that amount being contributed by the red-faced grocery store owner, while some seventy petty criminals, people with traffic violations, and New York City policemen, each of whom had just paid fifty cents for the privilege of doing so, gave the mayor a standing ovation. In this story we see how the mayor of New York City maintained and defended the laws under his jurisdiction, not by merely keeping them himself, but much more than that by showing respect, even to the accused and being compassionate to her and helping her out at the same time.

Justice without mercy would be dark, cruel, more like injustice than justice. But mercy without justice would be like salve on a sore which should be cleansed with the red-hot iron; if the salve is applied before the wound is cleansed it only makes it smart, and does not heal it"

Catherine of Siena



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Feet First Clondalkin



Round Tower Gaa
Social Committee are
hosting a

Valentines
Afternoon Tea Dance



Music by: Bill Joyce

Light Refreshments Served

Sunday 16th February 2020 - Time: 4pm - 7pm

Cover Charge: €5.00 - All Welcome



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