# Clondalkin Village Parish Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church Clonburris H Knockmitten Parish Newsletter Sunday 1st March 2020



# THE TEMPTATIONS OF JESUS

*"This is my Son, the Beloved,"* with these words ringing in his ears, Jesus is led by the Spirit into the desert to prove his readiness for the mission entrusted to him by God. During that time the devil tested the quality of his Son ship: will he do as



the Father wishes or will he act to satisfy himself? Jesus refuses to obey the devil's suggestions to fulfil popular expectations of what the Messiah should do, namely, to use spiritual power to satisfy his personal needs, "Tell these stones to turn into loaves", to do spectacular deeds to impress others, "Throw yourself down from a great height and you will be unharmed" and to seize political power, "Fall at my feet and worship me and the world is yours". Instead he steadfastly affirms his trust in God and his readiness to follow the way of suffering and service that God had planned for him. He refused to put God to the test. The anointing of the Spirit at his baptism gave him power to resist the evil one. His absolute trust in God and his knowledge of Scripture sustained him. He knew God's Word and applied it when required. Thus the devil was defeated. Angels came and supported him. The temptations of Jesus are there to caution us about similar temptations in our own lives. Jesus remained faithful to God's plan. We are called to the same fidelity, to be true to the mission given to us at our baptism. The temptations of Jesus were not to sin but to choose other ways of being who he was, the Beloved of God. We too can be attracted by

being who he was, the Beloved of God. We too can be attracted by choices that give us easier options not to place God and his Word at the heart of all we do and say. There are times when the values of the Gospel do not sit easily with us. The pressure to compromise can be strong when power, prestige and popularity attract us.

## It is good to remember we are not alone. Jesus is with us. Scripture assures us "Because he himself was tested he is able to help those who are tested." Hebrews 2.

For this we give thanks.

Sr. Anne

Check out our website and FB page for a number of fun, practical and free resources for all ages this Lent www.clondalkinparish.com/?p=3907 Or @TheCCPCDublin

# 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 Sunday Holy Days (Vigil) **Sat 6.30 pm** 11am 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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## Women's World Day of Prayer is next Friday 6th March

The ladies of Zimbabwe have prepared the prayers to be said all around the world this year, the theme being "Rise - Take Your Mat and Walk". This

comes from the Bible story of Jesus healing the crippled man, and the Service challenges us to Rise!... from our mediocrity or whatever may have us trapped - and get going on the

transformation Jesus wants for us.

This is an annual Ecumenical event and is part of a longstanding tradition in our community at this stage. This year it is in the Church of the Immaculate Conception and St. Killian in Clondalkin village, starting at 11.00am.

We would encourage anyone who can - men and women - to join us next Friday morning and, of course, if there is anyone living in the community here from Zimbabwe, they would be especially welcome - it would be great to have them with us!

The gradation in temptations:



The three temptations – turn stones into bread (4:3); jump off the Temple pinnacle (4:6); worship Satan (4:9) - demonstrate three kinds of control: material, spiritual and civil.

They correspond to three wrong evaluations:

- 1. those who have material resources are blessed by God;
- 2. those who have spiritual powers are blessed by God;
- 3. those who have national power are blessed by God. These, in turn, correspond to three human-divine bargains:
- 1. I will worship You if you make me rich;

2. I will worship You if You endow me with magical powers; 3. I will worship You if You give me political power.

He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justice, to love kindness,

And to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8



*Trócaire* is the overseas Development Agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. This year's Trócaire box features Angela Murillo and her family. She has been told she is going to 'be taken out'.

One hundred activists from her community have been murdered in the last 20 years for peacefully resisting the destruction of their forests and land by big business.

Angela knows she could be next, but she is willing to die for the struggle. Her story is not unique. Around the world brave women and men are trying to

protect their families, land and environment from abuse by big business. We will focus on the theme of Protecting Families - Protecting the Planet. Women all over the world struggle to protect their families from many dangers such as violence, intimidation, hunger, exploitation, and climate Please take a box available at the Altar and change. subscribe to the work of Trócaire



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**Deacon Frank Drescher** whom many of you will remember when he resided here and worked in the Parish will be Ordained to the Priesthood in the Pro Cathedral on Sunday 14th June at 11am.

He will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving on Monday 15th June in Clondalkin Village Church at 7pm. All are welcome. Please keep Frank in your prayers.

## Something Different For Lent 2020

## A DIY Retreat for busy people

We invite you to join us in a 6 week Lenten 'retreat' with a difference... It won't cost you anything but a little of your time, You are the retreat leader, you set your own pace

and work around your own lifestyle and schedule. All this retreat asks of you is that you gift yourself a bit of time each day to reflect, prepare and pray.

Take your time, use what is useful for you. The reflections and suggestions on these pages are meant as a guide. You can do some of them or all of them. Be open to what this Lent will

bring and gentle with yourself.

You can pick us a reflection sheet each Sunday after mass or download the retreat booklet from the parish website or facebook page (@theCCPCDublin)



The Novena to St. Francis Xavier will begin on Wednesday 4th March and ends on 12th. The Novena Prayers will be available and will be recited after 10am Mass each morning.

"truly I have put all my trust in God and I wish as much as in me to obey the precepts of Our Lord Jesus Christ: he that will save his life will lose it and he that shall lose his life for my sake will save it. Words easy in thought but not easy in practise" St. Francis Xavier

#### Monday Club 23 February 2020

We had a nice morning in the club today. We were to have a showing of Maureen McNulty's DVD of her farm experience some years ago, but this had to be deferred to a later date. We will be showing it later when we can get the DVD player set up. Noel had his harmonica and played us some lovely sing along tunes. He got everybody in singing mood and he also did his lively Garyowen Jig. He really plays it so well. Thank You Noel. You always play so well and is much enjoyed by all of us. Afterwards we had a quiz which was prepared soon after our visit to Arnott's Department store in Henry Street. Some of us visited their museum two years when they were celebrating their 175 years in business. We did not have groups broken up into teams. Just throw the questions out to see who could answer them as they would have been a bit of a wild shot to get the answers.

Some of the questions were: In what year was Arnott's founded?

#### What were the names of the two founders? In what year did Arnott's get it's name?

Most of the answers were guesses, but a few like Maureen McNulty, Mary Farrell Joan Steed and Kathleen Finan got a few answers correct at a guess.

Here are a few questions for our readers of the newsletter and the first correct answers to all three questions received, and, if you

can answer the above three will be doing well will win a huge prize.

In 1848 a Scotsman invested a sum of money in the business, what was his name and how much did he invest?

#### What date and year did the huge fire happen that destroyed Arnotts?

Who was the man given the job of designing the new premises after the destruction of the fire?

If anyone can give the correct answers to the above questions too it will be great.

Please write your answers with your name and phone number for my attention or Joan or Collette and leave in the Monday Club or in Sacristy.

On Friday 6 March after the 10am Mass in the Church of Immaculate Conception there is the Women's World Day of Prayer. This is the day when all women throughout the world unite in praver.

This year the prayers and readings were prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. It is a beautiful event and if possible should not be missed. Claire Connell and other parishioners together with St John's are preparing for this for the past number of weeks. We all look forward to as many as possible come and unite with us and the women of the world in prayer.

In the coming weeks we hope to have Kay Lee come and tell us of her recent visit to Fr Bala in India.

Fr Damian on his visit to St Damien's mission with lepers. Timpeall na Tithe with traditional music, Sean Coughlan with his guitar, and Sean Browne with his accordion. Thank you to all who been busy knitting the baby bonnets. Please keep in mind the Art and Craft exhibition in May. Until next week take care. Kathleen R



A Catholic priest working in an inner city was walking down an alley one evening on his way  $f_{\text{br}} \models f_{\text{br}} \models f_{\text{br}} = home when a young man came down the alley behind him and poked a knife against his back.$ 

"Give me your money," the young man said. The priest opened his jacket and reached into an inner pocket to remove his wallet, exposing his clerical collar. "Oh, I'm sorry, Father," said the young man, "I didn't see your collar. I don't want YOUR money." Trembling from the scare, the priest removed a cigar from his shirt pocket and offered it to the young man. "Here," he said. "Have a cigar." "Oh, no, I can't do that," the young man replied, "I gave them up for Lent."





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