

Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 23rd February 2020

7th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE

Many of the people I encounter in the course of my Priestly ministry with whom I share my name spell it with an E. Indeed, I gather Damien is many times more popular than my own spelling Damian. Perhaps the most famous Damien is Father Damien, Saint Damien of Molokai. Born in Belgium in 1840, he was a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, a missionary religious institute who care for our neighbouring parish of Sruleen. He won recognition for his ministry, which he led from 1873 until his death in 1889, in the Kingdom of Hawaii for people with leprosy (*also known as Hansen's disease*), who were required to live under government -required medical quarantine in a settlement on the Kalaupapa Peninsula of Moloka.

During this time, he taught the Catholic faith to the people of Hawaii. Father Damien also cared for the patients himself and established leadership within the community to build houses, schools, roads, hospitals, and churches. He dressed residents' ulcers, built a reservoir, made coffins, dug graves, shared pipes, and ate poi from his hands with them, providing both medical and emotional support.

After eleven years caring for the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of those in the leper colony, Father Damien realized he had also contracted leprosy when he was scalded by hot water and felt no pain. He continued with his work despite the infection but finally succumbed to the disease on 15 April 1889.

Last month I got an opportunity to visit the peninsula of Kalaupapa along with my Mother. We flew on a ten-seater plane from Honolulu and the clouds were so dense we had to have a second attempt at landing. I've included a photograph of one of the many graveyards on Kalaupapa where almost eight thousand lepers were buried. I made a discovery that a second person who ministered on the island of whom I had never heard of was Sister Marianne Cope. She was a German-born American religious sister who was a member of the Sisters of St Francis of Syracuse, New York, the same order as Sister Carmel Earls in Neilstown. She accepted an invitation from the authorities to come to Kalaupapa to look after the girls and women who had been forcibly exiled on the peninsula. She worked along side Fr. Damien and indeed was with him at his death.

These two extraordinary people left their home countries, ministered where they had least expected and gave of their all to the end. They were and are two witnesses to our faith. On Wednesday we can wear our ashes to mark the start of Lent and in doing so we too can give witness that our faith is something important to us.

Fr. Damian

(See inside page for more photos)



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

Kay Lee
no flowers for Lent

Thank
You

Monday 24th February

Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Legion of Mary group meets in the Convent at

11.30am

Tuesday 25th 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 26th February - Charismatic Prayer

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

Thursday 27th 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: In the Church after 7.30pm Mass **until 8.30pm.** 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.



Recently Deceased

Donal O'Brien

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society fosters vocations to the priesthood and religious life and assists financially in the education of students for the priesthood.

The next meeting of the Society will be held at 10.45am on **Wednesday 26th February** in the Parish Centre.



New rosters now available for collection from the Sacristy—March and April.



Wednesday next, 26th February, **ASH WEDNESDAY**, begins the Season of Lent and our preparation for **EASTER.**

Masses are at 7.30am, 10am and 7.30pm

Ashes, blessed and made from the previous year's burned palms, will be used to mark the foreheads of

the faithful.

Blessed ashes will be available to be taken away for the sick and housebound.

The name 'Day of Ashes' comes from "Dies Cinerum" in the Roman Missal and is found in the earliest existing copies of the Gregorian Sacramentary. The concept originated by the Roman Catholics somewhere in the 6th century. Though the exact origin of the day is not clear, the custom of marking the head with ashes on this Day is said to have originated during the papacy of Gregory the Great (590-604).

Pupils from 5th & 6th classes in Scoil Áine, Scoil Íde and Scoil Mhuire and 3rd Year students from Coláiste Bríde will join the congregation at 10am Mass.

Please note: in addition to the morning masses there will be an evening Mass at 7.30pm on all weekdays during Lent

On Friday 28th February, pupils from Scoil Íde will attend 10am Mass.

Village Church

Sunday 23rd February

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

9.00am Patrick Nugent (An)

10.30am John & Mary O'Neill (An)

12noon Marian Doyle (2nd An)

Monday 24th February

7.30am Vera McDunphy (2nd An)

10.00am Mary & Michael Lacey (An)

Wednesday 26th February - Ash Wednesday

10.00am Veronica & Patrick Murphy (An)

Friday 28th February

7.30am Paddy O'Connell

Kathleen & Angela Kennedy (An)

10.00am Teresa Cahill (6th An)

Sunday 1st March

6.30pm Vigil David O'Sullivan (B'day Rem), Sarah Delaney (9th An), Shane Coughlan, Edward Corrigan, Mary Corrigan & Annette Connor (An)

10.30am Denis & Nora Minogue (An),

Teresa Cahill (6th An), George Walsh (An)

12noon Sara & John Joe Brady (An)

Clonburris

Saturday 22nd February

6.30pm Pat Sharkey (1st An)

Michael Kennedy (1st An)

Martin Joyce (MM)

Sunday 23rd February

11.00am David O'Doherty (An)

Martin Joyce (MM)

Dec'd members of the Dardis family

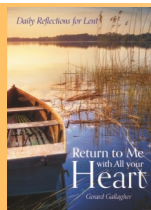
Patrick & Madge Buggle (An)

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)**



"Brú Na Bóinne & the Drought of 2018", illustrated Talk by John Dolan on Monday 24th February at 8pm in Áras Chónain. Admission is €5 (*non members*)



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. We are endanger of losing this in early March if some local sponsors do not come onboard very soon. It is this sponsorship that pays for the printing and delivery of our newsletter. 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. Thanks.

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



Photos of one of the grave yards at Kalaupapa and tomb of Sr. Marianna Cope taken by and submitted by Fr. Damian on his recent visit to Molokai - a leprosy colony looked after by Fr. Damien of Molokai 1873 to 1899

"Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles....By their fruits you will know them."

Monday Club 17 February 2020

We had a wonderful entertaining morning with the visit of the young people from Localise. They had the centre all decorated with redheart balloons, flower streamers and other decorations for the celebration of St Valentine. They really had put in such an effort to make sure everything was done to perfection with setting the tables, chairs. I had nothing to do and felt at a bit of a loose end with all the activity going on all around. After the teas etc. they had a personality quiz for each table. They had questionnaires where each person was asked question e.g. what's your favorite food, your TV programme, color or what would you not leave your house without. I don't know exactly how this quiz worked. Each table had to guess who the person referred to. Each table won prizes. Then they had each person making an origami heart. Laura was the demonstrator of this project and everybody made lovely hearts. We thank all those involved in Localise who come each year, at St Valentine & Halloween.



It is a wonderful opportunity for the young people to engage with the older generations and they certainly do that. They are a credit to themselves, their families and schools. There are a lot of new young people joined Localise and are mentored by Anne, Debbie and Sean. I hope the new boys and girls have enjoyed their experience with us this morning. We look forward to their return visit in the Autumn.

We wish them all the best for the future and thank you all for a wonderful enjoyable morning.

Claire Morrissey from South County Dublin Bealtaine Festival Committee paid us a visit this morning. She came to see if we had been notified of the request for submissions for the Bealtaine Festival. The festival will be for the month of May and they want ideas from groups of what to do regarding Creativity As We Age. We have discussed this and have agreed to put on an Art and Craft Show here in the club where everybody will be invited to participate and showcase their craft. I told Claire what we intend to do and was please with that. Please keep it mind and we have time to get making crafty things.

I have received more baby bonnets today. I think we have about 200 bonnets now and the promise of more. Thank you everybody who have made so many. They are really lovely little bonnets all different colours.

We had a letter from St Mary Hospice thanking us for our help over the years with fundraising. They have opened a Museum there and later on we hope to organize a trip there to see it. Next week we hope to show the DVD Maureen McNulty asked to show about a week she spent on a farm in the country. If it's not possible we will at a later date. Until next week take care.

Kathleen R

Michelangelo, was at work on one of his statues when a friend called on him and said – "I can't see any difference in the statue since I came here a week ago. Have you not been doing any work all the week?" "Yes! I have been working the whole week along," said the sculptor – "See, I have retouched this part, softened this feature, strengthened this muscle, and put more life into that limb." "But those are only trifles," said the friend. "True," said Michelangelo, "but trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle." Today's Gospel passage concludes with Jesus saying, "Be perfect, just as your Heavenly Father is perfect"



You are invited to join with us for...

A Musical Service...

A Celebration of Creation

Featuring choirs, groups and musicians from Sruleen, Bawnogue, The Village, 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

FREE EVENT

Next Thursday 27th for the 1st time a number of the choirs & musicians from around the Clondalkin Churches come together to celebrate **Creation** in Bawnogue Church. We invite you to fill the bring friends & fill the Church!! Promises to be a joyful & fun evening! Light refreshments will be provided at the interval!!

"Be Holy for I your God am holy!" Lutz Long was one of the best German athletes and a favourite of Adolf Hitler. During the long-jump trial, he broke several Olympic records. The only other person who could beat him was Jesse Owens. Hitler hated the black athlete and moved out of the pavilion when Jesse recorded his trial. Jesse was upset with the treatment of Hitler. He fouled his first trial and failed to qualify in the second trial. There was only one last chance to redeem himself. At that moment Jesse felt a tap on his shoulder. It was Lutz Long his competitor. He advised him to draw a line a few inches short of the take off. Jesse followed the advice of his opponent. He succeeded and qualified for the event. From that moment onwards a bond of friendship developed between the two athletes. Later on, Jesse had to compete with Lutz and won against his advisor. Jesse went on to win three gold medals. Hitler looked at the black athlete with anger and contempt, but Lutz held his hand and praised him for his achievement. Lutz, an ordinary athlete not only followed the law but went beyond the law. He practiced the law of love against his opponent. – All of us need a transformation! The world needs to change & we need to be that change!! **Fr. Kadavil**



"I don't need a church to tell me I'm wrong when I know I'm wrong
I need a church to tell me I'm wrong when I think I'm right!"

GK Chesterton