

Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 8th March 2020



Over fifty five years ago Karl Rahner once famously said,

“The Christian of the future will be a mystic or ... will not exist at all.”

What a mystical moment on the mountain that must have been for Peter, James and John. Moments of an encounter with God who was, is and always will be a loving God throughout generations. God the one longing for a covenant with ordinary people who trust, follow, pray and take risks.

Any mountain story in the bible is seen as a place where people experience God (eg. *Moses went up the mountain to be with God. One the mountain Moses was given the Ten Commandments*).

Out of the three disciples that Jesus led up the mountain Peter in particular had been on “a road” – after finally recognising that *Jesus is Christ, the Son of the living God* (Mt 16:16) he now encounters Jesus in a deeper way. You may know that Peter is one of my favourite characters in the bible. A normal guy, called by Jesus while doing his day to day job. On the one hand he was a guy that jumps for every opportunity to be with Jesus, to prove to Jesus he is the one to trust and on the other hand Peter is the one that doubted, while walking on water. He was the one that was not just happy for his feet to be washed by Jesus and probably when he thought it could not get more difficult – he denied Jesus not once - but three times. And with all this in mind he was the one who was asked to be the first Pope – *Peter*, although imperfect. Why? Because even with Peter’s broken-ness Jesus saw his potential in leading the community of followers of Jesus Christ.

On Ash Wednesday some parishioners took on a challenge of a book club. The group is reading a book by Gerard Gallagher, called ***Return to Me with All your Heart*** and as one who is committed to read, reflect and pray with this wonderful book I was struck by Ash Wednesday’s reflection “*There will be times when we might identify with some of the supporter of Jesus and some of those who denied Jesus took.*” (page 9).

In our own way we all can be Peter. We are all followers and at the same time we deny Jesus. We are human like Peter. Who are you going to be in the week ahead? How do people know you are a follower of Christ? When do you deny Jesus? If you have ever had a mountain experience like Peter, James and John, you know you cannot stay on the mountain side in awe – you need to come down and face reality of being a follower.

The Bookclub is still open for new members to join Wednesdays after the 10am mass or after 7.30pm mass. Or if you cannot attend buy the book for €8 in the shop.

Christina Malone, Parish Pastoral Worker

Listen to Jesus and follow
him. That’s the message of
the Transfiguration.

Pope Francis

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
7:30pm mass Mon-Fri for Lent

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 by request

Parish Office Hours

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CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Vera Pidgeon
No Flowers for Lent

Thank
You

Monday 9th March - Miraculous Medal Novena

after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Legion of Mary group meets in the Convent at **11.30am**

This
Week

Tuesday 10th March - CCPC Intercessory Prayer for Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes. This Tuesday, Intercessory Group joining in Adoration in Deansrath Church **7.30pm - 8.30pm**.

All welcome.

Wednesday 11th March - Charismatic Prayer Group - Our Lady Queen of Peace. This Wednesday, in Parish Pastoral Centre (downstairs) **8.00pm Evening Prayer of the Church** followed by **Charismatic Prayer Meeting**. Come & join us if you can.

Thursday 12th March - 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!



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

KATHLEEN BRANIGAN, Castle
BENNY MULLIGAN, Knockmitten
KIERAN FAY, Cappamore
KEVIN WEADICK, Castle

We remember their families and friends at this time



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2020
Will the pilgrims who have booked to go on the Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes please note that the remainder of the fare is due to be paid before the **25th March**.

Due to a cancellation, there is one seat available for anybody who may wish to join the Pilgrimage. ***This seat needs to be booked immediately.***

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)

The pupils from Scoil Íde will join the congregation at the 10am Mass on Friday 13th March.

AVAILABLE

Some time back Breda Grace was a regular contributor to the Newsletter. Her reports on the Monday Club were entertaining and informative. Before her retirement she brought out a book of her contributions. The book ***"Monday Miscellany" 2003 - 2012 by Breda Grace*** was well received.

There is now a limited number of the books available from the Parish Shop at €5 each with proceeds going to St. Vincent de Paul.

Breda celebrated her 92nd birthday last weekend.

We wish her ***"Happy Birthday"*** and many more happy years with us. She tells us that she still loves reading and writing. Long may it continue!

"Life is a journey, and if you fall in love with the journey, you will be in love forever."



Village Church

Sunday 8th March

6.30pm Vigil Michael Lawlor (40th An)

Robert & Joan Crookes (An)

Gretta Priest (10th An)

Elizabeth (Lilly) McCormack (MM)

Jack Corrigan (16th An)

10.30am Anne & John Connolly (An),
Bridie Naughton (An)

Eileen Holohan (54th An)

12noon Eleanor Goodwin (2nd An),

Vasaliuna Solovina (5th An), Eamon Boyce (MM),

Angela McGaughey (An), Josie, Fran, Dolly & Brendan Mulhare, Cora O'Daly & family

5.30pm Michael Waters (11th An)

Thursday 12th March

10.00am Patricia Gray (B'day Rem)

Sunday 15th March

6.30pm Vigil Kathleen Dillon (2nd An) & Bob and Robbie Dillon (Rem), Dec'd members of the Byrne family & Marcella and Mary Anne Roche (MM)

10.30am Padraig Doyle (B'day Rem)

Padraig Doyle (An), Paddy Murray & Leonard and Nan Hanna (An)

Carmel Maguire (An)

12noon Brendan Kelly (5th An)

Mary & Brendan O'Riordan (An)

Rose & James McKenna (An)

1.00pm Mass for the African community

Clonburris

Sunday 8th March

11.00am Sabina Donoghue (An)

Joseph Markey (An)



St. Cillian's NS, Robinhood Road, Bluebell is holding an **85th Anniversary** event on **Thursday 2nd April**. Past pupils are being invited to the school between 1pm and 3pm to meet the students and see the school in action. There is a second event that evening between 6pm and 8pm where the school will be open and past pupils can come and look around the school and view old roll books, photos, etc.

In the meantime, we are going to gather any stories, photos or other memorabilia people may have, to display on the day.

If you have anything, they can be sent to

hsc1@stcillianSNS.net, WhatsApp'd to Colm on (086) 1425 945, dropped into the school or Colm can arrange for collection.

If you would like to come any bring any guests, just let us know in advance by phone or email (see above) so we can have an idea of numbers.

Hopefully we will see you there!

Michelle O'Farrell, Principal, St. Cillian's NS



We are glad to report that the Newsletter in its present form will be with us for sometime longer.

To keep it healthy and ongoing please advertise your business, activities, clubs etc.

To place an ad contact Patrick Coughlan from Pisces Print on - **01 4569334** or **087 2266334** or info@piscesprint.ie
Your ideas and suggestions welcome regarding the financing of the Newsletter.



The monthly collection will be taken up after all Masses this weekend. All monies donated go to the people in need in the wider Clondalkin area. Your generosity and support always appreciated.



"A Celebration of Creation" - a Musical Service, featuring choirs, groups and musicians from the Village, Srulleen, Bawnogue, Rowlagh and Neilstown parishes under the direction of Frank Brown, our Pastoral Worker was held in Bawnogue Church last Thursday to a large and appreciative audience. A marvellous celebration!! Well done to all. Eddie Byrne was in attendance and sent us the photos.

"There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number - both great and small" Psalm 104: 25



A Clondalkin prayer for the Earth

God of the Universe,
We thank You for Your many great gifts we see around us each day.
For the beauty of Corkagh and Collinstown parks and the lazy, meandering Camac river.
We thank you for the wildlife, creatures, trees and plants that they support and for the rest they provide.
We thank you for clean water, fresh air, for food and shelter, animals and plants.
Thank you for the beautiful diversity that is so evident in our town, village and estates and for the blessing of each other.
Let us never take these precious gifts for granted.
May we always be mindful of what we use. Forgive us for times we have wasted what You have given us, and we pray for those who suffer because of our waste, greed or indifference.
Let apathy never allow us to forget our role as stewards and caretakers of nature.
May our touch be always marked with gentleness, care and with love, respecting all living things.
We ask this in Your name, today & always.
Amen

This is the "Clondalkin Prayer for the Earth" that was written and used the Celebration of Creation by the small organising group. We would ask you to use and promote it.

You can download & print a copy of this prayer from Our website or from our facebook page.

It will be used in all the parishes in the area as their prayer after communion on the last Sunday of each month for the next year.



Due to the large number of articles submitted for the newsletter during February I didn't get an opportunity to include the following.

If you visited Saint Brigid's well on the Fonthill Road you will have seen the results of a major clean up that took place prior to St. Brigid's Day. All the overgrown hedging and rubbish was removed, the plaques were repainted and the vandalised door was replaced. This hard work was carried out by volunteers from three groups namely; Clondalkin Men's Shed, Clondalkin Tidy Towns and Friends of the Camac. A big thank you to all involved. Please do visit the well and see for yourself. *(Photo Tommy Keogh)* **Fr. Damian**

You are invited

to a meeting 'Let's take Ireland back for Christ, what you can do' in Celbridge Manor Hotel on Monday 9th March at 7.30pm with Human Life International Ireland. Please see Church porch notices. **Caoimhe Doyle 085 2525 612**

Monday Club 2nd March 2020

We had a great crowd in the club this morning. Our condolences to the family of the late Aine Mac Mathuna who was a member of this club for many years and died last week in her 105th year. May she rest in peace. Also, a very close friend of Una Murphy who died on Sunday. It is very sad when we lose someone close to us. May they all rest in peace Amen.



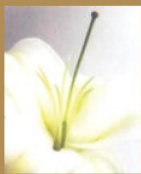
We had only one response to the quiz so far. I will be announcing the winner next week, so you have time this week to submit your entries. First of all correct answers opened wins. All answers to be written in order of the questions, together with your name and telephone numbers please.

I have received more baby bonnets and now we have over 200 bonnets to date. I see not only the babies will be wearing bonnets but I see Sadie wearing one too, and well it looked on her. The hand knitted hats are nice and warm in this cold weather. So maybe now some could be knitted for the grown-ups too.

We had a few games of bingo today and prizes were won by Mary McKeown, Kitty Egan and Peggy Condron. Congratulations. Maureen McNulty's DVD will now be shown on Monday 23 March Please God. Our thanks to Stephen, Collette and Joan for help with the setup, teas and clear up. Also, our thanks to Kathleen Walshe (Santa's mother), who very kindly sent us a box of biscuits.

Until next week take care.

Kathleen R



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