



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 19th April 2020

**2nd Sunday
of
Easter**

With the possible exception of Martha, as in “*Mary has chosen the better part,*” I suspect there is no scriptural character more misunderstood than the Apostle Thomas. Over the course of history, he has gotten the dubious title of “Doubting Thomas” because Thomas lived by the adage “seeing is believing” and because he looked for certain tangible signs to shore up his belief. But have you ever considered the fact that Thomas never really doubts the Risen Lord? What Thomas doubted was the word and the witness of the disciples, the community of faith. Thomas simply did not find his friends a credible community. But why?

All week we have been journeying together through our social media and web cam, on the road to Pentecost. And this week with gospel stories like Mary at the tomb, The Emmaus story, etc there have been a few common themes. When the person meets the Risen Lord and recognises Him, they immediately rush, filled with joy, to tell others, to spread the good news and to be this for others.

Today in the gospel we hear that Jesus had appeared to the disciples in the room, but Thomas isn't present. He'd probably just stepped out briefly. Maybe he was doing a food run. Perhaps none of the others would put a toe out the door – but not so, Thomas. He is either fearless or just plain foolhardy – or maybe both! Thomas returns and they tell him they have seen the Lord - but for Thomas, something doesn't ring true. If they have seen the Lord, why are they still locked up tight in that room? If they are filled with such joy, why couldn't he read it on their faces? If they have been empowered by the Spirit of God ... what are they waiting for? So, Thomas says to them, in so many words, “I don't find you believable.” Thomas – simple, loyal, loving, straightforward, down to earth, direct — who didn't understand but wanted to, who longed to follow Jesus but who needed to know the way - Thomas didn't doubt the Lord; he doubted the word of his friends! Thomas found it highly unlikely that the Lord was Risen because he was surrounded by a group of witnesses whom he simply did not find credible, whose actions didn't back up what they were saying. There is a huge challenge for us as a church, as a community of faith, especially at this time of social distancing, lock-down, fear and anxiety. We can talk, preach, meditate and pray about the care, compassion, love, connectedness, hope and joy of the Risen Lord. We can even profess, through our own faith to have seen, known and encountered Him. But in our actions, in our living out of that encounter, in our response to this are we bringing that message of hope? Are we being that care, compassion, love and joy for others, especially the most vulnerable, over-looked and isolated at this time? Are our actions a credible witness to the Risen Lord? Am I responding to this in such a way that people will ask me about my faith? There are a number of inspirational, ordinary people in our community doing extraordinary things during this emergency and for them we are unbelievably grateful for being that credible witness to the Risen Lord at work, alive and with us. This week I pray that I will strive do my best, in my own little way, to be the message for others. Stay safe, stay sane and stay healthy, God bless,

Frank Brown, Parish Pastoral Worker

We pray for all those in our country and throughout the world suffering from the Corona Virus. May its victims and their families be strengthened by the support of our community of faith and restored soon to full health. We also pray for our leaders and medical personnel who deal with the virus. May we keep calm and may we join together in solidarity with care and compassion to tackle this emergency.

This we ask in confidence through Christ Our Lord. Amen



Masses

Clondalkin Village
Sundays: (Vigil) Sat
6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am,
12 noon

All Behind Closed Doors

Weekdays (Mon – Sat)
10am ONLY

Behind Closed Doors

Clonburris
Church Closed

Knockmitten
Church Closed

Parish Office Hours
Clondalkin: Mon-Fri 9:30 - 12:30

**Closed to the public but
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A Word from Fr Damian

A word of thanks to all who have been in touch with the Parish either by email, Facebook, Whatsapp and by old fashioned post. Thanks indeed to the postal workers who in some parts of the country are doing much more than delivering mail. This Monday should have seen our younger parishioners returning to school and continuing preparation for the Sacraments. The Archbishop has advised us that the regulations



regarding gatherings applies to Churches therefore there will be no celebrations for the foreseeable future. The wedding season would be in full flow by now and Julie our secretary is working with couples whose weddings have been postponed to arrange an alternative date. Please do keep in contact and let neighbours and family know about our on-line services that Frank has outlined. Thanks to Fr. Padraig, Fr. Seamus, Sean, Gerry, Christina, Frank and Julie for their constant support. Fr. Shan and Fr Des send their regards to all. **Fr. Damian**

Some important Parish information to keep you up-to-date

All Masses at the times on the front page are now behind closed doors -

You can follow all these on the parish webcam and the parish Facebook page. **The Parish Office** is closed to the public. Contact only via email and phone. We are endeavouring to keep you connected with a full set of services at various times, etc through our parish webcam (accessible through www.clondalkinparish.com and social media - @TheCCPCDublin or @ClondalkinVillageParish

Each weekday on the parish webcam you can connect with- All masses at their times, Rosary after mass, the Angelus at 12noon & 6pm. **Through our Facebook page we will live broadcast** - A Thought for the day at 9am, A prayer at 3:30pm and 7:30pm. We will keep you updated with other live inputs - eg: Tuesdays 11am Lectio Divina.

We will do our best to keep you updated as information unfolds - Keep calm & Healthy



The Parish Office & Church is closed to the public at present. However, parishioners who wish to have Mass offered for deceased family members, friends or other intentions, can contact the office by phone or email between **9.30am and 12.30pm, Monday to Friday (closed on Bank Holidays)**

Parish Office Contact Details:

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Web: www.clondalkinparish.com

Don't forget you can tune into the parish radio and watch the parish webcam (through the parish website) to participate from home in daily and Sunday Masses rosary, reflections, etc. You can also keep in touch with parish activities on Facebook

@TheCCPCDublin, @Clondalkinvillageparish

The Parish Team is meeting weekly to review the current situation and will issue updates as appropriate.



You can follow our daily broadcasts and look over previous ones even if you are not on Facebook – Just put the link www.facebook.com/TheCCPCDublin into your search bar! (the google-izer!)

You can also put this into your favourites on your search bar (Click the little star on the right) and you can go straight in next time just by clicking the link that this will create for you. Clondalkin next goes live.

Village Church

Sunday 19th April

6.30pm Vigil Katie Stokes (An), Marie Ryan (1st An)
Tony Tighe (An), Fr Michael Hassett (11th An)
Mary O'Shea & Mary Furlong (An)

10.30am Joseph Lernihan (An), Anne Lynch (An)
Elizabeth & Timothy Kehoe (An)
Vera Mahon (MM)

12noon Kathleen O'Neill (An), Jim Nash (10th An)
and Evelyn McGrillen (16th An)
Bernard Sheridan (An)
Liam Callaghan (9th An)
Andy Crowley (RD)

Tuesday 21st April

10.00am Dolores Nolan (60th B'day Rem)

Thursday 23rd April

10.00am Suzanne & Mark Heffernan (An)

Sunday 26th April

6.30pm Vigil Phil Fitzpatrick (11th An)

10.30am James & Josie Fitzsimons (An)
Patrick Ryder (9th An)



Recently Deceased

**Seamus McKeown,
Andy Crowley, Antoinette Cooke,
Breda Whelan**

May they Rest in Peace.

We are keeping their family & friends in our prayers at this time.

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Saint Pope John Paul II instituted it on May 5th, 2000, five days after the canonization of Polish nun, Saint Faustina Kowalska, the most notable advocate of the devotion. On Divine Mercy Sunday, the Church calls us to celebrate God's Divine Mercy given to us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our need for trusting Faith, and our need for the forgiveness of our sins.



A poem by John O'Donoghue to bless the space between us

This is the time to be slow
Lie low to the wall
Until the bitter weather passes

Try as best you can, not to let
The wire brush of doubt
Scrape from your heart
All sense of yourself
And your hesitant light

If you remain generous
Time will come good
And you will find your feet
Again on fresh pastures of promise
Where the air will be kind
And blushed with the beginning.

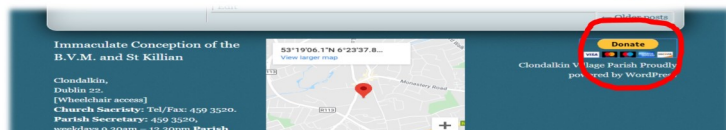
(Shared by Fr Pat Coughlan from Bawnogue Parish)

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*Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you.
All things pass away:
God does not change.
Patience attains all things.
Those who have God find they lack nothing
God alone is enough.*

St. Teresa of Avila

Just a few of the **Thank you notes** received from our viewers
from Clondalkin and extended Parish:

Thanks for giving us hope - **Margaret**

"That was a lovely contribution from Margaret Talbot. Great ideas re the sacred space." **Maureen**

"Thanks. You are doing a great job." **Connolly Family**

"Just to say how thank you, thank you - It is wonderful to hear words of hope each day". **Milton Family, USA**

"It's so amazing to spend this time with you! You all are AMAZING!". **Saule**

"Thank you for all your support, encouragement and hope during these difficult times". **Toni, Denmark**

"That is so beautiful. Thank you" **Patricia**

"Thanks for your encouraging words, as always.. " **Anne**

Please keep sending your prayers, your Mass intentions, your messages and pictures & Thank You for staying connected

For our Polish Parishioners -

Thanks Dorothy

Czy naprawdę wierzysz, że Bóg jest miłosierny? Czy może myślisz, że jest miłosierny tylko dla wybranych, a na pewno nie dla tych, których nie lubimy lub uważamy, że nie zasługują na miłosierdzie. Niewierny Tomasz wykonał świetną robotę dla nas wszystkich. Słuchając tylko innych apostołów, nie uwierzył, że Jezus powstał z martwych. Uwierzył dopiero, kiedy włożył rękę do Jego boku. Jak trudno jest nam uwierzyć w Miłosierdzie Boże... Zaczniemy myśleć po Bożemu, otworzymy nasze serca, i zaufajmy Jego Miłosierdziu. Jezus, Ufam Tobie.



Do you really believe that God is merciful? Or do you think that he is merciful only to the chosen ones, and certainly not to those whom we do not like or think that they do not deserve mercy. Doubting Thomas has done a great job for all of us. Listening only to the other apostles, he did not believe that Jesus rose from the dead. He did not believe until he put his hand to His side. How difficult it is for us to believe in God's mercy ... Let's begin to think the God's way, open our hearts and trust in His Mercy. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Join & walk with us on our
Journey to Pentecost

You can view, download or print the Scripture a day calendar from our website

www.clondalkinparish.com/?p=4288



If you have any articles you feel would be of interest to our readers and are suitable for all ages, please don't hesitate to send them us.

If any parishioner is anxious or concerned about themselves or someone else at this time, please contact the Parish Office giving your name and a contact phone number and one of the Parish Team will get in touch with you for a chat to see how they could offer support and reassurance. We are all in this together and need to encourage each other to face the coming weeks with confidence and trust in God's love and mercy.

"Prayer leads us forward in hope."

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