

Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 26th April 2020



3RD SUNDAY
OF EASTER

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34



A WALK FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

In 2009, in the Phoenix Park in Dublin, four hundred people set off on the first Darkness into Light walk to raise funds to support those bereaved by suicide. They believed that through walking and talking together, despair and disappointment can be replaced by hope and acceptance.

Today's gospel describes a walk from Jerusalem to Emmaus by two despairing disciples of Jesus. They are both downhearted and "looking sad". Their faith in Jesus has been extinguished after his execution. They had given up everything to follow him. They witnessed his miracles, listened to his teachings and heard the women's news that he was alive and that the tomb was empty. It was no help to them. They had "hoped" for much more. When a stranger joins them, they tell him of their disappointment. The death of Jesus was no more than a tragic end to a life of promise. They saw themselves as ex-disciples of a dead prophet.

When they had finished their story, the stranger begins his. He invites them to look at the past through the lens of Scripture. He sees the death of Jesus as the reason for his coming into the world. It was the fulfilment of his mission. It was his hour of glory.

As he helps the two disciples to make sense of the past, they invite him to join them for a meal. He gives away his identity by the way he breaks the bread. He is the risen Jesus. He leaves them with hearts that burn, eyes that see and a hope they can share with their companions in Jerusalem. They return from the darkness of Good Friday to the bright light of Easter Sunday.

When we gather as believers to celebrate the Eucharist, we too listen to the Word of God and receive the Bread of life. Like the two disciples, we come with our own stories, our disappointments and our hopes. One way of walking from the darkness around us into the light that Jesus offers us, is to read the gospels, imitate his way of living, welcome him into our lives and share the Good News with others.

Sr Anne

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

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A Word from Fr Damian

Hello again,

Are we there yet? This well-worn phrase attributed to children down to the years particularly when midway through a long holiday trip. I must admit that I have this feeling myself asking when this will end and will we ever get back to normal. Someone asked me what was normal what is normal and what will be the normal in the future? Having a keen interest in history I recall reading how after the second world war soldiers returning home to England and their families were determined that life would not return to pre-war normal and that the sacrifices people made during the war wouldn't be in vain. A challenge for us a Parish and indeed as a society will be how we live our Christian vocation now but also in the future when the new normal comes around. What lessons have we learnt? what changes for the better that we have made individually and as families can we retain to garner the sense of solidarity generated during this time. **Fr. Damian**



An update with regard to the celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion this year.

The Archbishop sent the following note with regard to the celebration of Sacraments Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

I am being asked about First Communions and Confirmations. We can only begin to speak of timetables for these Sacraments when it will be possible once again to hold large gatherings of people, especially children and this is unlikely for some months.

Therefore, pending a change in the guidelines with regard to gatherings it is unlikely that our Parish will be in a position to celebrate the Sacraments in the usual manner in May and June. We reassure all school staff, pupils and parents that the Sacraments will be celebrated at some point in the future and we encourage the parents to continue to prepare their children at home by reading the religion books, praying at home and tuning into Mass via the many parish webcams. We have communicate this to all the school principals in the area.

With every best on behalf of Fr. Shan O Cuiv, Fr. Padraig O' Sullivan, the parish team and myself,

Fr. Damian Farnon, Moderator, Clondalkin Group of Parishes.



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)**

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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

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

Friday 1st May is the First Friday of the month. The 10am Mass will be offered for parishioners intentions. It is also the feast of St Joseph the Worker



Village Church

Sunday 26th April

6.30pm Vigil Phil Fitzpatrick (11th An)
Marian Homan (RD), Rose Plunkett (B'day Rem)

10.30am James & Josie Fitzsimons (An)
Patrick Ryder (An), Tony Guy (1st An)
Sean Doody (RD), Peggy Burke (B'day Rem)

12noon Tony Guy (1st An), Paddy Keogh (22th An)
Winnie Keogh (19th An)

Monday 27th April 10am Con Scott (MM)
Tuesday 28th April 10am Special Intention

Wednesday 29th April 10am Special Intention

Thursday 30th April 10am Terrance Kinane (An)

Saturday 2nd May 10am Fran Byrne (MM)

Sunday 3rd May

6.30pm Vigil Joe Farrell (7th An)

10.30am Ann McCabe (An)

12.00 Mary Byrne (MM)

Romy (An), René Celle (An)



Join the **Virtual pilgrimage to Knock today**, Sunday April 26th, starting at 2.30pm with the Rosary and Mass will be celebrated at 3pm. We encourage as many people as possible to join us in prayer at this time. **Join the pilgrimage from:**

www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live.html

Times are, 2.30pm - Rosary, 3pm - Pilgrimage mass
3.45pm - Benediction, 4pm - Visit to the Apparition Chapel, 4.15pm - opportunity to place a petition, light a candle or have a mass said online.



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.



Recently Deceased

**Seamus McKeown, Breda Whelan,
Sean Doody, Fr Gabriel O' Dowd,
James Geraghty.**

May they Rest in Peace.



“ Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you. ”

Pope Francis

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VILLAGE EMMAUS FACES
 DOWNCAST ISRAEL FOOLISH
 ORDAINED GLORY EVENING
 BREAD BLESSING RECOGNISED



**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 beginning.**

JOHN O'DONOHUE

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

“Wow. That was stunning. Thank you Gerry” **Amy**
 Thank you Stasia for that beautiful reflection. **Kathleen**
 “Thanks. Really enjoyed that.” **Ciara**
 “A Huge thanks for all your support and efforts. It means soooo much”. **Michelle & Family, USA**
 “I really need that. It lifted my spirits. Thanks ”. **Jonathan & Family, England**
 “Great to see you and thanks”. **Aisling, France**
 “Lovely xxx, God bless you ” **Maureen, Belfast**
 “A beautiful and much needed prayer. Thanks ” **Pauline**
 “Thanks for lifting our spirits! Peace be with you all!”
Margaret

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

A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners - Thanks Dorota

"Miło jest pomyśleć sobie, że nawet jeżeli przychodzi nam ciężko, lub straciliśmy ją i chcemy odejść od kościoła, to zawsze Pan Bóg wyśle kogoś kto będzie nam towarzyszył. Jezus nie osądzał uczniów w ich drodze do Emaus, tylko był z nimi, słuchał ich, nauczał i próbował budować z nimi relacje. Jeżeli dzisiaj jest ten dzień w którym myślisz o odejściu od kościoła, pamiętaj, że są wokół ciebie ludzie, posłani przez Boga, którzy naprawdę ciebie kochają i chcą, abyś był/a szczęśliwy/a.

It is encouraging to think that even if faith comes hard, or we lost it and want to leave the church, God will always send someone to accompany us. Jesus did not judge the disciples on their way to Emmaus, but just was with them, listened to them, taught and tried to build relationships with them. If today is the day you think about leaving the church, remember that there are people around you, sent by God, who really love you and want you to be happy"



Important Notice

We have been working with the *Family Support Network* and *Clondalkin Young Minds* and they have produced a 2 page leaflet with **Important**

Local (Clondalkin) & National help and supports during this time - It is worth printing out and keeping a copy close for when/if you need it or even printing a few copies out and distributing them around your neighbours & maybe drop some into your local shop, newsagents, etc.

Please share it with anyone or any group that you would think will find it useful. We are hoping to get copies to the local shops, meeting places, dropped with food parcels, etc hoping that no one is falling through the gaps and they know that there is supports, a friendly voice and help out there for them.

You can download this very useful leaflet and print it from the **Covid-19 Resources Online** section of our website www.clondalkinparish.com/?p=4112

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



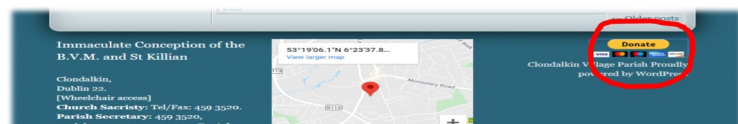
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