

Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 10th May 2020



LEAVING ON A JET PLANE

Once of the advantages of the electronic newsletter is that I have until Friday to write my front page piece. Following my 9am podcast this morning there were some nice comments posted for which I am very grateful. One of the comments came from Tony and Jenny Dudik from the town of West in Texas. I first met them when I was working in the parish of Stephenville during my sabbatical when I was working in the Diocese of Fort Worth, Tony was lecturing in a local university and Jenny was working in the Veterans Administration. We became friends and have kept in touch and I visit them every few years. Tony, Jenny and their two daughters have decided to adopt Clondalkin Parish as their own during the lockdown. I'm continually surprised at the locations where people are tuning in from.

This week thirteen years ago I left Texas to return to Ireland for a couple of weeks before heading to Lima in Peru to work with Fr. Adrian Crowley also a priest of our Diocese who at the time was on Loan to the Missionary Society of Saint James the Apostle. After the comparative wealth of Stephenville, Dublin Texas, De Leon and Comanche Villa El Salvador was extremely poor. I spent six weeks there and it was a very enriching and rewarding experience. Years later a lasting effect of my time in Lima is that I have a very low tolerance of food waste having seen how little food people had there.

In the midst of our current tribulations can we see opportunities to witness to our Christian faith even by accident? My time in Texas and Peru was not planned or expected but it has had a transformative effect on my life. From travelling thirty miles on a Sunday for Mass to a very different approach to the Sacraments to an appreciation of the positive impact that newcomers near and far bring to parishes. During the past two months we have changed how we reach our parishioners through webcam, Facebook and even old fashioned phone calls. When we emerge from this situation we will gather to celebrate the Sacraments in a radically different way and we will face new challenges but please God we shall rise to the challenges.

Wishing you all the very best. Fr. Damian

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

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

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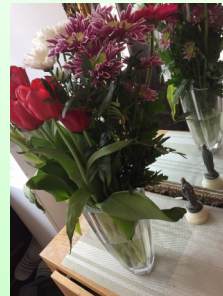
A Word from Fr Damian

Well it was lovely to see a few of our parishioners back with us in the Village Church during the afternoons for a period of quiet prayer. It was good to see familiar faces. A word of thanks to Sean, Sigle, Nora and Gerry who have created a ministry of welcome at the main door. I appreciate that the 'one way' system will take getting used to but this is so people can visit and not have to touch anything during their short visit. If you are not familiar with the arrangements I shall explain them to you. The doors are jammed open and there are roped off areas where seating is not available and we ask parishioners and visitors to observe the social distancing when sitting in the designated seats. A gentle reminder that the Church is open for private prayer or to light a candle and please do not engage in group prayer as this constitutes a gathering which could result in the Church having to close again. If you feel safer wearing a mask please feel free to do so and sanitiser gel is available at the entrance. The exposed parts of the Church are cleaned everyday hence we ask people not to venture into the other parts of the church which we keep for funerals and daily Mass. Hope to see you soon,

Fr. Damian



For the Month of May - Pope Francis has asked that, during the Month of May, the Rosary should be recited in the Church right across the World in the context of the coronavirus and its effects. We are still asking you to create a 'May Altar', a 'Marian Prayer space' in your home for this month and send us in a picture of yours to our email, or Facebook page and we'll share them!! **Thanks to those who have already sent them in.**



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.



Village Church

Saturday 9th May

6.30pm (Vigil) John Talbot (2nd An)

Sunday 10th May

10.30am Annie Fitzsimons (An), Margaret Minihan (Special An), Carol Nolan (7th An)

12 noon Anthony (Anto) O'Brien (2nd An), Kevin Blackburn (14th An) & Dec'd members of Blackburn Family, Evelyne and Philip Byrne (An) Don Devaney (thanks giving for recovery)

Tuesday 13th May 10am

Don Devaney (thanks giving for recovery)

Thursday 14th May 10am Special Intention

Friday 15th May 10am Padraig Faughnan (Bday Rem)

Saturday 16th May 10am Seamus McKeown (MM)

6.30pm (Vigil) Mary Keane (An)

Sunday 17th May

10.30 Emma Curran (15th An), Larry Farnon (20th An), Bill McDonnell (11th An), Breda Guy (5th An) Treasa Daly (5th An).



Recently Deceased
Bridie Murray
May she rest in Peace.

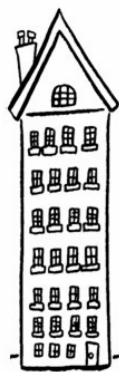
Music of Faith & Hope from the Public Square - Ecumenical Bible Week has been suspended until later in the year due to restrictions around Covid19. Our theme this year is 'Faith in the Public Square' We are inviting **musicians and singers** from all the Christian traditions to **record & share a hymn, song, piece of music or an original piece ...** that speaks to this theme and to our current experience of faith in this most different of public spaces. We then hope to share these as reflections throughout this week to **inspire, support, comfort, encourage, give hope** and emphasise that we are connected in prayer and hope as a Christian family of faith, even in these most difficult of times. We ask you to share these with us in Mp3 or Mp4 format by **PM** or email: frank.brown@dublindiocese.ie before the close of **Monday 25th May!!**

Monday Club 10 May 2020

It is with sadness and regret that I learned of the death of a dear friend of the club. I got word from Kathleen Finnan that Josie Burke had died. Josie was a member of the Monday Club and was one of the people along with Joan Steed and Collette White who used to do the teas and help in the club etc. Josie was a very valued helper too after I arrived. Josie was always so pleasant and always went about her work there very quietly and would have things done without one even noticing. Josie got ill some time back and she was missed by all. The Monday Club extends their sincere condolences to her family. May she rest in peace. Enjoy our small bit of freedom now that we can go for a walk.

Take care and stay safe. **Kathleen R.**

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A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners - **Thanks Chris**

"W tych trudnych czasach bardzo podnoszą na duchu słowa, które możemy usłyszeć od Pana Jezusa, że zamierza przygotować pokoje w niebie dla swoich uczniów. A jak stać się jednym z nich, jak stać się żywym kamieniem i zacząć tworzyć dom duchowy, jak siódemka wybranych z pierwszego czytania? Uwierzcie. Uwierzcie, że zostaliście powołani z ciemności do cudownego światła Pana Boga i za sprawą Ducha Świętego będziecie czynić większe dzieła niż Jezus czynił gdy był na ziemi. I wykonujcie te dzieła w imię Boga.

Don't let your hearts be troubled. *Trust* in God and *trust* also in Me.
John 14:1

In these difficult times, I am very encouraged by the words we can hear from the Lord Jesus that He is going to prepare rooms in heaven for His disciples. And how to become one of them, how to become a living stone and start creating a spiritual home, like the seven chosen from the first reading? Believe. Believe that you have been called out of darkness into the wonderful light of God and through the Holy Spirit you will perform greater works than Jesus did when he was on earth. And do these works in the name of God."

A word from Fr. Vincent in Sruleen...

Hello everyone! I have been meaning to share with you a couple of thoughts for a while now. For a variety of reasons, it has not been possible until now! Some of us will remember the days when we 'had to learn our Catechism' in school! One of the questions posed to us was 'What are the three divine virtues'? Our response had to be 'The three divine virtues are faith, hope and charity'!

These virtues are being lived and shared each day by so many among us including by wonderful people like yourselves, particularly at this most strange of times. None of us has anything to which we can compare this current period in our lives, individually, familiarly, socially, and as Church community. We are walking through uncharted territory. It is a time like no other. Consequently, lots of thoughts and feelings are generated including those of uncertainty, aloneness, loneliness, fear and anxiety. We are also conscious of the profound experience of grief with the loss of family members, relatives and friends. There is deep loss in so many different ways for so many people at this time, not forgetting those of routine and schedule, school and college, and employment and income. The associated thoughts and feelings are totally normal and to be expected. On the positive side, think of how well you are coping, taking one step, one moment, one hour, one day at a time! Not always easy! Nevertheless, it's happening. You are likely doing better than you would have previously imagined or anticipated!

At times like this the three divine virtues are very human and spiritual guides for us as we take baby steps toward the end of this time of isolation, shutdown and reduced public services. As a people of faith, notwithstanding its human struggles sometimes, we place our trust in our God who is walking with us, gently accompanying us, and loving us through this difficult time. As a people of faith, we are sharing in word and deed with those among us who are in need of our help and support. Amazing gestures of charity, visible and not, are occurring all the time among us, and all because of kind and compassionate people like you. Truly, God's love is with us in an extraordinary way during this tough experience. As a people of faith, we are people of hope. We are an Easter people who, this year, have not had the opportunity to gather and to liturgically celebrate light in darkness, life in death, and hope in despair. The truth is, however, with what we are currently going through, we ARE celebrating Easter Day and all it stands for, in a very different way, without any doubt. Yet, in a very powerful way! As a people of faith, in charity we are taking care of each other in the certain hope that God is with us and loves us.

'O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus We Place Our Trust In You.'

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

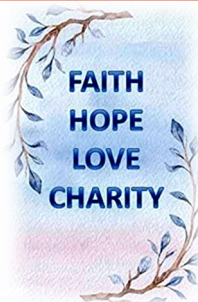
*I tune in every morning on the webcam for Mass which I really appreciate. **Bernadette***

*Really enjoying all the resources ye are offering. Praise God for the many gifts. **Carmel***

*I was born in Clondalkin and Monica Dowling is my mother. Myself and my two sisters, one in England and the other in Germany are watching with my mum who is with my brother in Enniscorthy. It has been a great comfort to attend mass with my family in the online world. - **Michelle, England** (We also received an email from her brother in law in Germany and thank them greatly for the donation received from both.)*

*That really gave me the lift I needed this morning, thanks. **Aileen***

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



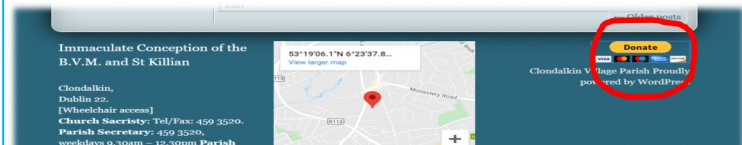
Fr. Vincent Fallon, SS.CC Sruleen. Clondalkin.

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