

# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church*

**Clonburris**  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 31st May 2020



## A PENTECOST REFLECTION FROM ARCHBISHOP DIARMUID MARTIN

After his resurrection, at the moment in which he returned to his Father, Jesus pours out the Spirit upon his disciples and makes them sharers in his own mission. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the disciples went out on the first Pentecost Sunday and began to preach the Good News to peoples from all parts of the then known world.

The Spirit enabled the apostles to speak a message which was understandable to all. The Spirit enabled them to teach a message that was relevant and understandable to the lives and the concrete realities of peoples of different backgrounds. The message of Jesus is a universal one, not just in the sense that it has spread right around the world, but above all in that no one, no people is excluded from that message or from the community that Jesus' message constructs.

The disciples of Jesus are brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit. You cannot be a solo-Christian. Christianity is a faith that demands the building of community. The Church is called, according to the opening words of the Vatican Council's Constitution on the Church, to be "a sign and a sacrament of the unity in Jesus Christ of all humankind". Wherever Church exists, it must be a sign for all to see of unity and community.

We all need community. Community is not just for the few who are naturally gregarious. We need something more than a vague good neighbourliness based on living next-door to each other without enmity or undue friction. We all need real community.

In our times - for the first time in human history - more than half of the world's population lives in an urban setting. Modernity fosters urban life. The Archdiocese of Dublin is predominantly an urban diocese, though partly rural. Building urban community is a major challenge. Where the building of urban community fails, the results come in social breakdown, violence and alienation. Where urban community is built up, we have that extraordinary sense of care and solidarity which for generations marked the best of our inner cities. In the current crisis, we have seen great examples of spontaneous community support.

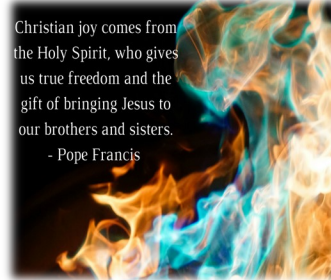
As we return towards a normalisation of Church life, we have to create focal points of community within our huge urban conglomerations. For too long we have given the name "development" to a process of simply building houses on the fringes of our cities, without any of the infrastructures to support community. Society needs community.

We live in a world in which for many individualism, self-expression and self-sufficiency become the driving force of human activity. Growth, progress, economic interest and profit can often be pursued for their own sake, without any regard for the consequences for other areas of life, whether on the poor and excluded, or the environment, or on the global good of inclusion.

The freedom given by the Spirit is not an individualistic freedom. The freedom that comes from the Spirit unites. The freedom that comes from the Spirit overcomes division. We all need community, but we must all construct community. The "Creator Spirit" is the one who helps us steer the path of human progress in another direction, within a framework respectful of God's design for his creation, forcing us to transform our individualism and self-centeredness into a response of generosity. Society needs community. Society needs a Church which witnesses to community and care.

**+Diarmuid Martin**

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



Christian joy comes from the Holy Spirit, who gives us true freedom and the gift of bringing Jesus to our brothers and sisters.  
- Pope Francis

## 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**  
**please contact through**  
**Phone & Email**

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## A Word from Fr Damian

You may be aware that the Village Church is open for private prayer Monday to Saturday from 2 to 4pm. Some parishioners have expressed their sadness and frustration that we cannot celebrate Mass with our usual congregation. The Archbishop sent an email to all parishes and it is as follows; ***I must remind all parishes that disregard for the norms of public health regarding the opening of Churches for public worship is something that is unacceptable. It will only damage the efforts of all to move forward together patiently and with caution. People across the country are making great sacrifices in strictly observing current lockdown norms. No parish may go it alone and have Mass open to the public in violation of the public health norms. No parish can self-authorise a dispensation from or propose an individual interpretation of these norms.***

We are preparing a plan in order to be ready when the civil authorities and the Archdiocese gives permission for us to welcome back our congregation at Mass.

Fr. Damian

May the "Creator Spirit" bless us and help us steer the path of human progress in another direction, within a framework respectful of God's design for His creation, forcing us to transform our individualism and self-centeredness into a response of generosity.  
May we experience this Pentecost as a united community of faith enlivened and invigorated to go be Church.  
May we always be a Church which witnesses to community and care. And we ask this, as always, through Christ our Lord,  
**Amen**

+Diarmuid Martin (adapted from his Pentecost message)

Holy Spirit Come, Holy Spirit we welcome you,  
Holy Spirit dwell within us,  
Holy Spirit bless and keep us in your protection

Thanks to all who  
took part in our  
Novena

Live Pentecost

WALKING THE PATH TO PENTECOST



IT HAPPENED ONE PENTECOST...



Pentecost is often referred to as  
the "Birthday of the Church."

Important  
Notice

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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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.**

## Village Church



### Sunday 31st May - Pentecost Sunday

#### 6.30pm Vigil

Moira McDermott (MM)

Michael & Mary Lacey (An)

#### 10.30am

Pat, Nance & Eilis Nolan (RIP)

Brendan Young (1st An), Patrick O'Brien (3rd An)

Roy Steede (An) & his parents, Thomas Quinn (An)

#### 12noon

Moya Galvin (RD)

### Tuesday 4th June

10:00am George Cook, Pete and Conor Evans (An)

### Thursday 4th June

10.00am Eamon O'Brien

### Sunday 7th June

10.30am John & Mary O'Neill (An)

Carmel O'Neill (An), Annie Kenny (An)

#### 12noon

Eamonn Farrell (11th An)



### Recently Deceased

**Kathleen Connolly  
Anne Gallagher**

May they rest in Peace.



Was good to see a few of the Clondalkin Men's Shed able to do a spot of gardening (Socially distanced and safely of course!!)

**Come, Holy Spirit! Free us  
from being closed in on  
ourselves and instill in us the  
joy of proclaiming the Gospel.**

Pope Francis





## PENTECOST SUNDAY

What are the effects of the Spirit in our lives? That is expressed very well in the Second Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. First, Paul says we cannot even call Jesus "Lord" unless we have his Spirit. To call Jesus "Lord" is not just uttering a pious phrase; it implies a real faith in who Jesus is and the proof of that will be in the way we live our lives. Second, the Spirit is the source of the special gifts (or 'charisms') which each member of the community receives. The Source of the gifts is one – the Spirit of God and that is what unites together all those who receive them into one community. But there is a huge variety of gifts. It is important to note that the gifts are not given as a personal grace for oneself. They are rather special abilities by which each one serves the needs of the community. We have all to work together, using our gifts, to build up the community to which we belong.

We are many in number but, through the working of the Spirit, we become like one body, in fact, we are the Body of Christ. Just as one body has many limbs and organs working together as a harmonious unit, so we as the Body of Christ each make our distinct contribution to the life and work of the community. "In one Spirit, we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink."

(Taken from "LivingSpace" - Sacred Space)

### Pentecost



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

Możesz się zastanawiać, 'dlaczego potrzebuję Ducha Świętego? Słucham nauczania Chrystusa, staram się być dobrym człowiekiem i wiernym chrześcijaninem, który wprowadza Jego nauki w życie.' I jak Ci to idzie? Bez Ducha Świętego nie możemy zrozumieć nauki Chrystusa, bez Ducha Świętego nigdy nie będziemy mówić w języku Miłości, który zostanie zrozumiany przez wszystkich i dotknie ich serc. Duch Święty nie poprawi naszego życia, ale On radykalnie je zmieni i odsłoni prawdę o nas samych, tym świecie i Bogu. On da nam nowe Życie.

You may wonder 'why do I need the Holy Spirit? I listen to Christ's teaching, I try to be a good man and a faithful Christian who brings His teachings to life.' And how are getting on with this? Without the Holy Spirit we cannot understand Christ's teaching, without the Holy Spirit we will never speak in a language of Love that will be understood by everyone and will touch their hearts. The Holy Spirit will not improve our lives, but He will radically change them and reveal the truth about ourselves, this world and God. He will give us a new Life.



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**Coronavirus, Church and You** - DCU's Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education (Director, Dr. Gareth Byrne) has made an important survey available. The Covid-19 pandemic has obviously had a profound effect on Church. As we pass the most severe period of lockdown, it seems a good time to assess how clergy and churchgoers have responded to the experience, and what they think the future might hold. The views of priests, religious and lay people are all welcome. To have your say go to: <https://www.dcu.ie/materdei-centre-for-catholic-education/news/2020/May/Coronavirus-Church-You-Survey.shtml>

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

Greetings from Melbourne we are also in lock down here and we get mass on the internet I done a search and found Clondalkin Parish where we lived for 20 years. We now get the 10:30 am Mass down under @ 19:30 our time. Thank you for this great service

Patrick/Catherine Murtagh .

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



TUESDAY 2 JUNE @ 10.00 AM

### Morning Prayer

Led by Philip & Julia McKinley

THURSDAY, 4 JUNE @ 15.00

### Webinar

"In light of the C19 crisis and the increased digital presence, where to from here for faith communities?"

Chair: Pat Coyle (Jesuit Communications Officer)

Panel: Scott Evans (C. of I. Chaplain in UCD)

Sam McConkey (Presbyterian Elder and Associate Professor in International Health and Tropical Medicine, RCSI)

Bryan Shortall (OFM Cap priest and author)

SUNDAY, 7 JUNE @ 19.00

### Evening Prayer

Led by Martin Sauter and St Finian's Lutheran Community

All attendees must pre-book your space for this online event.

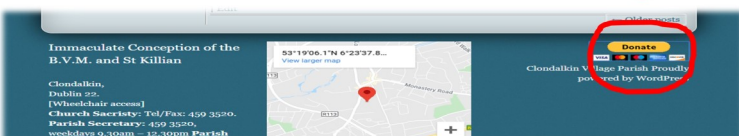
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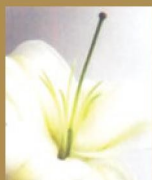


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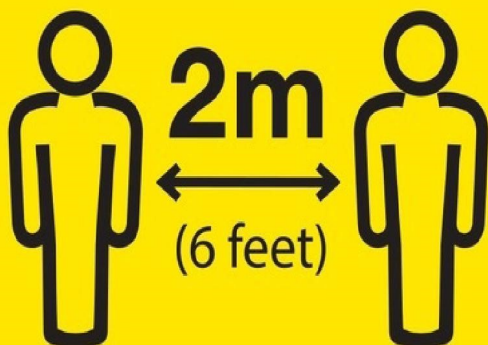
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