



# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church*

**Clonburris**  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 3rd May 2020



## Together we are Church!

This weekend we are celebrating **Vocation Sunday**, also known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**. Over the past number of years the numbers of vocations entering the seminaries has dropped for various reasons. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we hear in the Gospel that Jesus wants us to have life and to live it to the full. To be able to live life to the full we need to hear His voice which can be crowded out by louder voices, such as those of worry, fear or anxiety. In the midst of this Corona pandemic the experience has made people anxious and fearful. It also can make people selfish and uncaring. In our community and all around us we see inspirational examples of people living out their vocation - doing ordinary things in the most extraordinary and inspirational of ways. They stand as a shining example of our true vocation - **Love**. A love that encompasses compassion, care, forgiveness and support. A love that does not stand idly by - that focus' on 'We' not 'Me'. If we truly follow Jesus' example, if we emulate His mission and if we take time to recognize that He walks this journey intimately and unconditionally, He will always lead us in the ways of love, and in this way we will lead full lives. Vocation Sunday is more than the call to priesthood or religious life. Einstein once said, "In a the midst of unknown and uncertainty show me a person who is hope-filled and content and I will show you a religious person". In this pandemic emergency we see the need for those who can live, show and proclaim the Easter message - "That death does not have the final say". We need to recognize, see and be people whose faith and vocation keeps hope alive. It is a call to everyone of us.

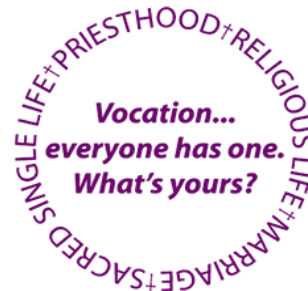
**What is your Vocation and, in the midst of what is happening at present, how are you living it out?**

If you are married or single, if you are a religious or a priest, young or old, parent or single, if you are actively involved in the Church or not, ... - together we are called to be love and share love with others because together we are Church. We are connected by faith, by hope, by prayer and by purpose. Our diversity is our joy, our difference is our creativity and our message is needed! So, in the midst of this crisis, let us be Church in whatever way we can, with love at its centre.

This week ask yourself - **How is my faith, my calling making a difference to how I am responding to this emergency and how I am supporting others through this most difficult of times? How am I, and how are we being Church?**

God bless, keep well and healthy - **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

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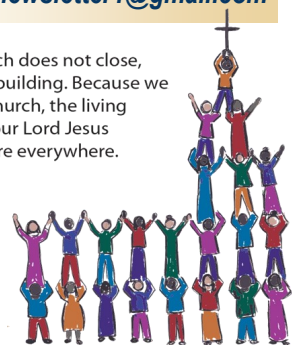
**Parish Office Hours**  
**Clondalkin: Mon-Fri 9:30 - 12:30**

**Closed to the public but please contact through Phone & Email**

**Clonburris & Knockmitten:**  
Contact through Village

**Submissions for Newsletter:**  
**Parishnewsletter1@gmail.com**

The church does not close, only the building. Because we are the church, the living body of our Lord Jesus and we are everywhere.



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## A Word from Fr Damian

I'm writing this on Friday 1st May when we should have been finishing up the Confirmation Mass for the boys from Saint Joseph's Boys National School. We have celebrated Confirmation on the feast day of the school for the past number of years. We send our best wishes to Niall Desmond, School Principal, his staff and pupils and to assure the boys that Confirmation will take place sometime during 2020. This Sunday is also the start of our First Holy Communion Masses and we shall endeavour to see how we can celebrate this special occasion later on in the year. Many of the rights of passage associated with schools, Confirmation, graduations and the junior certificate examination now look like they may not take place in the way we have envisaged and from my stage in life it may seem unimportant to our younger parishioners it can be a cause of anxiety and uncertainty. Below is a lovely piece on the tradition of the May Altars. When we think about the life of Mary and Joseph and how they face their uncertain future with trust and faith maybe we could commend these difficult times to their protection. We had four funerals during the week and we extend our sympathies to their families in their time of loss.

**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. Pope Francis also composed two special prayers for the occasion which we have shared on our website and Facebook pages. Traditionally during this month many people create a small altar in their home and many schools made them in their classrooms during the month of May. The altar is traditionally dedicated to Mary, the mother of God. May is also the first month of summer, so it comes to pass that altars which are created during this time are adorned with flowers that bloom at this time of year and with particular prayers, or items of devotion such as rosary beads to decorate this special space and to express our love and honour to Mary. We are also 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

[@TheCCPCDublin](https://www.facebook.com/TheCCPCDublin), [@Clondalkinvillageparish](https://www.facebook.com/Clondalkinvillageparish)

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

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## Village Church



### **Saturday 2nd May**

**6.30pm Vigil** Joe Farrell (7th An)

### **Sunday 3rd May**

**10.30am** Ann McCabe (An), Special Intention

**12 noon** Mary Byrne (MM),  
William Keaney (4th An),  
Romy (An), René Celle (An),  
Melissa Carroll (MM)

### **Monday 4th May**

**10.00am** Mary Anne, Paddy & John Joe Guihen

### **Tuesday 5th May**

**10.00am** Mary Kinane (B'day Rem)

### **Thursday 7th May**

**10.00am** Christopher, Lillian &  
Brendan Behan (An)

### **Saturday 9th May**

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

### **Sunday 10th May**

**10.30am** Annie Fitzsimons (An)  
Margaret Minahan (Special An)

## Recently Deceased



**George Annett, James Geraghty, Moira McDermott, Patrick McCarthy, Josephine Burke, Jim Roice.**

*May they Rest in Peace.*



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](https://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.





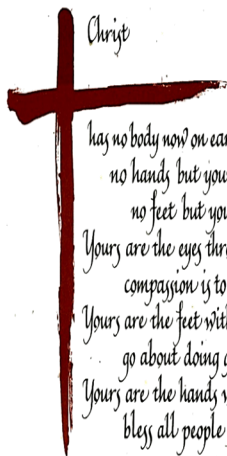
## A Prayer for Vocations

O God, our Father, you have called us in Baptism to follow your Son Jesus through lives of loving service to you and to one another. Grant us your assistance guided by the Holy Spirit to live out our vocation in life. We pray especially for those who have answered your call as priests, brothers, sisters, deacons and lay ministers. Keep them faithful in following your Son and dedicated in serving their brothers and sisters. Grant that many more men and women will be open to the challenge of dedicating their lives in the ministry of building your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen**



You have one life. For God's sake and for your own, live it.

Take a moment to **Reflect**



Christ  
has no body now on earth but yours,  
no hands but yours,  
no feet but yours.  
Yours are the eyes through which Christ's  
compassion is to look out to the world.  
Yours are the feet with which Christ is to  
go about doing good.  
Yours are the hands with which Christ is to  
bless all people now.

*Jerome of Avila*

### Read the Prayer

Think about one time when you've experienced God reaching out to someone through another person

### Read the prayer again

Think about a time that you've experienced God reaching out to another through you.

### Read the one more time –

### Change the word 'Yours' to 'Mine'

Recognise the gifts you have, the difference you make to those around you, the opportunities you have been given to share the Love, Joy, Peace, Hope & Compassion of God each day and say 'Thanks'!

### Keep the Prayer with you...

as an ongoing reminder of how God desires to work through you!

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



Szymon Piotr przeszedł długą i wyboistą drogę, aby w końcu znaleźć odpowiednie wejście do zagrody owiec należącej do Pana. Upadał, zdradził Jezusa, ale ostatecznie nawrócił się i zmienił sposób myślenia z ludzkiego na Boży. W pierwszym czytaniu możemy zobaczyć, jakie było znaczenie tego wszystkiego. Zrozumiał swoją misję, wyszedł przez bramę zagrody owiec i przyprowadził kolejne trzy tysiące ludzi do owczarni Pańskiej. Nasza misja nie kończy się na powrocie do Boga i Jego zagrody owiec, to tylko początek. Teraz musimy stać się głosem Pana dla innych i pomóc im, tak jak my, wejść do zagrody owiec przez bramę, którą jest sam Pan.

Simon Peter went a long and bumpy road to finally find the right entrance to the Lord's sheepfold. He fell, betrayed Jesus, but eventually converted and changed the way of thinking from human to God. In the first reading we can see what the significance of all this was. He understood his mission, went out through the gate of the sheepfold and brought another three thousand people to the Lord's sheepfold. Our mission does not end with returning to God and His sheepfold, this is only the beginning. Now we must become the voice of the Lord for others and help them, like us, enter the sheepfold through the gate, which is the Lord Himself.

## Monday Club Hello Monday Club friends and readers of the newsletter.

I hope and pray that you are all doing well during this difficult time. It is now nearly two months since we are in this lock down situation where family and friends cannot gather to visit or celebrate happy occasions or sympathize with family and friends in difficult and sad situations. I miss you all so I thought that I might let you know I am thinking of you all and remembering all in my prayers. Please God if we continue to do as we are requested by our leaders and medical experts we will beat this virus. There was a song made very popular in 1979 by an Irish country singer Gloria who made a hit with the song "One Day at a Time". Yes, one day at a time is all we can do and hopefully one day at a time we are nearer to getting freedom back. I am sure some of you must have extra spotlessly clean and tidy houses and gardens by now with the extra free time and the weather being so good. Maybe some of you have been reading plenty of books, newspapers and other material. Please God when we get back to the club we will have a quiz so you will be full of knowledge and no question will be difficult. You will know all the answers. Maybe some of you are doing a craft which we can exhibit in the promised craft exhibition. Try something new and surprise us with something even if it is a recycled article e.g. something new from something old. As for myself, I have great intentions for most days, but some days I do not do as much as I should, and others days then I do too much and am dead the rest of the days. Example, I see so much to do, and try to hopefully build Rome in a day instead of doing a bit today and a bit tomorrow, but when I get started its difficult to stop especially garden work. Never ending. Too much growth especially weeds and dandelions. Pity I don't make wine but they look pretty and bright with their lovely fluffy yellow blooms. Weeds can look nice with their very small delicately colored flowers such as chickweed and daisies. Inspiration for my paper flower making. I am making flowers some days and am trying to put an order on my crafty things. I am making a picture which hopefully will represent four seasons. Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter whenever it will be completed. I need to do plenty of quilled and fringed flowers and leaves for it I am also in the process of cutting images from wallpaper my neighbour Kieran gave me so I will hopefully have a 3D picture. These little projects are keeping me busy as well as trying to learn a few new tunes and practice the ones I know. It all helps to keeps the feelings of isolations, loneliness at bay and the mind busy. The days fly by. It is wonderful that we are lucky to be able to get Mass via webcam every morning at 10am or for those that may not have the facility you can get Mass on channel 521 on Sky TV at 10.30am. It is great to start the day with Mass. Our gratitude and thanks to Fathers Damian, Padraig & Seamus who are keeping us in prayers and addressing us even from an empty church which must be a difficult thing to do. And to Christina, Frank, Sean and Gerry who are very committed and dedicated. Thank You to all concerned and keep them in our prayers too and thank God they are safe and well. Please keep in mind a few people who used to attend the club in the past in your prayers. One or two are not well at this time. Remember as the song says "ONE DAY AT A TIME" Sweet Jesus if you looking below show us the way one day at a time, we will be together soon again. **Take care and Stay Safe Kathleen R**



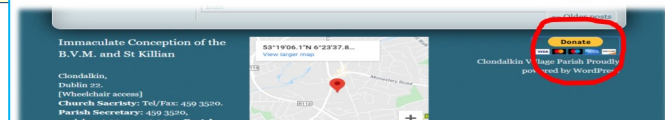
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