

To all those labouring under harsh religious, economic and political systems today's Gospel gives more than a word of comfort. Jesus says, "Come to me... and I will give you rest." The word used for rest *(anapausis)* in the Gospel can refer to Sabbath rest, the rest of death, or rest from war when Israel's enemies have been subdued. Rest also is an image of salvation, of what will be when the world is finally ordered according to God's purposes and enjoys its full and complete meaning. In promising "rest," Jesus promises life under God's reign in the new world that he is bringing into being. And what is God's reign? It is the kingdom of God made real, alive and living now. It is where love, compassion, forgiveness, inclusion and justice are not just a decision we make but are the culture, the norm

and the vision we live by - they are the 'new normal'. But this does not happen by accident or by itself. We have to be that for others, each in our own situation.

What is the yoke Jesus offers? We might infer that it is his teaching, his way of discipleship, which is not burdensome but life-giving. He invites the weary to learn from him, for he is not a tyrant who lords it over his disciples, but is "gentle and humble in heart." His yoke is easy and his burden is light. To take his yoke upon oneself is to be yoked to the one in whom God's kingdom of justice, mercy, and compassion is breaking into this world, and to find the rest for which the soul longs. Preachers find rich treasure in this text, for themselves and for their congregations filled with people who are "weary and carrying heavy burdens" of many and various kinds, deeply longing for rest. To all who are weary to the bone and weighed down, Jesus says, "Come to me... and I will give you rest."

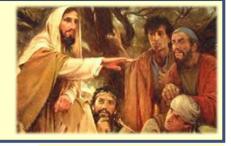
It is not that Jesus invites us to a life of ease. Following him will be full of risks and

challenges, as he has made this abundantly clear. He calls us to a life of humble service, a life where the needs of the most vulnerable in our community are put at the centre, a world where no one is forgotten, ignored or thought less of. It is a life of freedom and joy instead of slavery. It is life yoked to Jesus under God's gracious and merciful reign, free from the need to prove oneself worthy and free from sin, free to rest deeply and securely in God's love and grace. There have been tantalizing glimpses of this as people, communities and Churches reached out and cared for others during this pandemic. There where spontaneous and coordinated expressions of love, compassion and kindness. As this journey continues and as Churches, businesses, the country and the world reopens there is a responsibility on us as a people of faith to make sure this continues. Faith can move mountains, we have seen this so abundantly over the last few months... but only because those of faith picked up their shovel and went to work for others to make their burdens lighter. I pray that this is the 'new normal' we hope for. Have a great week.

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

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Masses

Clondalkin Village From Sart 11th July Sundays: (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm, Sunday 10am, 12 noon

Weekdays (Mon – Sat)10am Clonburris 6:30pm Sat & 11am Sun

Knockmitten From Friday 26th July 10am & 12 noon

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

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A Word From Fr. Damían

Dear Parishioners and benefactors of our Parish, It was great to see so many familiar faces back for ten Mass in the Village and at Knockmitten since we reopened for public worship last Monday. I appreciate that the last few months was a challenging time for us all. When we reopened the Village Church for afternoon prayer some weeks ago we had volunteers to make sure everyone was safe and following the guidelines laid down by the Archdiocese. Under Gerry Treacy's leadership, Sigle, Mary, Anna, Nora and Sean directed visitors to available seating. As the two centre aisles are available for prayer from two to five everyday and more people are familiar with the protocols our meters and greeters will move to looking after the Sunday and weekend Masses. The Vigil and Sunday Masses will be gradually open to the public during July with the attendance capped at fifty. This will be strictly adhered to.

If you visited the Church you may have seen envelopes for the First and Second collections, Easter Offerings, for the upkeep of the Church, for Masses booked over the phone or by email and for Trocaire. People have been most generous and I thank you very much. The safe on the bottom right hand side of the Church is the main point of dropping off contributions. Thanks also to Parishioners who have completed their CHY3 form and a gentle reminder to return same if you haven't already done so as Deirdre is processing these at the moment. One parishioner made a generous donation by bank draft and we have no idea who it is or for what purpose it was intended for so if you think this is you please contact the Parish on strictest confidence of course!!! Thank you once again, Fr. Damian

The Church of the Presentation in Knockmitten will reopen for Weekday Masses as follows:

Monday 6th July and Friday 10th July at 10.00am and Wednesday 8th July at 7.00pm. Sunday Masses resume on July 26th.

Fr. Des Byrne

Feast Days This Week Monday 6th July St. Maria Goretti Wednesday 8th July St. Kilian (Kilmore) Saturday 11th July St. Benedict, Patron of Europe

St. Benedict was born, a twin with St. Scholastica, into a wealthy family at Nursia in east-central Umbria around the year 480. He went to school in Rome but, disturbed by the moral laxity of other



students in Rome, he left before completing his studies. Seeking peace and quiet he withdrew to Subiaco situated in the mountains about forty miles from Rome. Here he met a monk called Romanus who helped him in his first steps as a hermit. Soon disciples joined him and he became the leader of a monastic community at Subiaco. Some monks there were unhappy with Benedict's strict discipline and put poison in his wine. When they brought it to Benedict to drink, he blessed it and the glass miraculously broke. "God forgive you," he exclaimed, and he went off again to the wilderness. Around 529 Benedict left Subiaco for Monte Cassino, where he built a great abbey and lived till his death in 547. Benedict seems to have lived his life immersed in an atmosphere of prayer and it was this prayer that made him alive to the concrete needs of his neighbours.

It was wet and windy and then I discovered this stone in the village church flowerbeds. Magic!

Eddie







Recently Deceased JOSEPHINE PURCELL JOE CONROY

May they rest in peace

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.



Charles Dickens



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

The Spirit of God has made His home in you

'Święty Paweł mówi dziś w drugim What does "Home" mean to you? czytaniu, że "Duch Boży zamieszkał w tobie". Co to znaczy dla Ciebie? Oznacza to, że nie możesz dłużej patrzeć na ten świat i otaczających cię ludzi w ten sam sposób. Powinieneś być mniej zainteresowany "posiadaniem", ale bardziej "byciem" i kochaniem. We wszystkim i wszystkich powinieneś szukać długoterminowej perspektywy - życia wiecznego, a nie tylko teraźniejszych korzyści. Duch Boży jest w twoim sercu, aby rzucić Ci wyzwanie i otworzyć twoje serce na duchowe doświadczenia, które spełnią twoje najgłębsze pragnienia. Nie bój się, że Duch Święty zmieni twoje życie. Pozwól mu wypełnić pustkę, którą każdy z nas pielęgnuje w sercu.

Saint Paul says in the second reading today that "the Spirit of God has made his home in you" What does this mean for you? This means that you can no longer look at this world and the people around you in the same way. You should be less interested in "having" but more in "being" and loving. In everything and everyone you should look for a long-term perspective - eternal life, not just present benefits. The Spirit of God is in your heart to challenge you and open your heart to spiritual experiences that will fulfil your deepest desires. Do not be afraid that the Holy Spirit will change your life. Let him fill the emptiness that each of us cherishes in our hearts.'

Clondalkin Youth Service

- 2 challenge weeks for 10-13 years (6th-10th July)
- There will be 4 categories that you can take part in.
- Enter as many times as you want!!
 Send your entries to the youth workers
- At the end of each week we will sight
- At the end of each week we will pick 1
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Photos by Tommy Keogh

recent clean up of the area last week ,thanks to Kevin Keogh, Adair Cowan & George Smith. with special thanks to Councillor Timmons for having the railings replaced at the pedestrian entrance to the well from the Fonthill Road.

St Brigid's Well looking its best after the

Did You Know ?

The **10th July** unites the nation for National **Don't Step on a Bee Day!** This year we're calling for your help to protect our precious bees. The recent press surrounding the Bee Crisis has been hard to ignore. Not only do our bees help provide the honey, propolis and beeswax contained within your favourite Bee



Good products, they also help to keep us all fed and watered! Without the tireless work of our little buzzing friends, over a third

of everything we eat would disappear from our tables. On **July 11th** every year is an event known as World Population Day. You may not have heard of such a day before but it has been celebrated for almost three decades. The aim of this day is to focus the world's attention on the importance of population issues. The Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme recommended its introduction in 1989. Inspiration for this special day comes from the interest that was raised by "Five Billion Day" on 11th July, 1987. This was the day when the world's population reached 5 billion.





Rebecca O Reilly , Karima Abbes , Sinead Lang , Daniela LOCAL Stefanuca, As final year social care students they had a lot of changes due to this pandemic.

They didn't let it get the better of them, so they came together and built a website which looked into young people, activities, adult resources such as drug awareness, staying safe online etc, older people how to keep active etc. They spent a lot of time to make it personal for each topic.

Their website is called our space , as it is a diverse , creative which is accessible for all. There's a lot to explore such such as challenges and helpful information on mental health.

They want to people to link in and get involved in what they have created.

Give it a look !and share it around ,

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