



# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church*

**Clonburris**  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 16th August 2020

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of  
Ordinary  
Time

## THE CANAANITE WOMAN

In today's Gospel reading we are looking at the few times in the Gospels when Jesus changes his mind, or rather, someone else changes his mind for him. It happens on two occasions that Jesus gives up his own opinion and accepts what a woman tells him.

The first was at the marriage feast of Cana. His mother was there and Jesus was also there with his disciples. His mother noticed that the wine was running short. She brought the problem to Jesus, "They have no wine." Jesus had no intention of getting involved, "My hour has not yet come" was his excuse. But his mother changed his mind for him by ordering the servants to do whatever he told them and as a result Jesus performed his first miracle.



Today's Gospel story gives us another example of a woman who changed Jesus' mind. He and his disciples were travelling in a non Jewish territory when a Canaanite woman, a foreigner and an outsider holding different beliefs and customs, met him at the border and begged him to cure her daughter who was tormented by an evil spirit. He ignored her plea and his disciples, taking for granted that he wanted nothing to do with her, told him to send her away. But she persisted even when Jesus referred to her as a dog, a derogatory name Jews had for non Jews. Instead of being insulted she plays on its meaning to get Jesus to realise that dogs need to be fed too. She reminded Jesus that the dog in the family household is entitled to eat the crumbs that fall from the family table. She taught Jesus that his mission was wider than he had stated. It extended not only to the Jews but to every nationality, race, colour and belief (an event that happened later). She pleaded to be seen, not only as a Canaanite woman, an outsider, a foreigner with different beliefs and customs, but also a person, a child of God's household. And Jesus responded to her. Her daughter was healed instantly.

*If Jesus' Jewish attitude to the outsider was changed by the Canaanite woman should we not follow his example and accept the stranger among us?*

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 10.00am, 12 noon

#### Weekdays

(Mon – Sat) 10am

### Clonburris

6.30pm Sat & 11am Sun

### Knockmitten

#### Sundays

11.00am and 2.00pm (Polish)

Mon & Fri 10.00am

Wed 7.00pm

### Parish Office Hours

Clondalkin: Mon-Fri

9:30 am - 12:30pm

Clonburris & Knockmitten:

Contact through Village

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## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 17th August	Our Lady of Knock
Wednesday 19th August	St. John Eudes
Thursday 20th August	St. Bernard
Friday 21st August	St. Pius X
Saturday 22nd August	Queenship of Mary

**Support Line for Older People** - ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week,  
**8.00am – 8.00pm, by calling 0818 222 024.**

### The Irish Hospice Foundation - National Freephone Service

Have you been impacted by a bereavement during COVID-19? Are you finding it difficult to cope with a bereavement at this time? Would it help to talk to someone in confidence about your loss? The Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line is a national freephone service - **1800 80 70 77** - available from 10.00am to 1.00pm, Monday to Friday.

#### How can teachers support bereaved children

Irish Childhood Bereavement Network and Irish Hospice Foundation is hosting a free online webinar on 11th August from 2 - 3pm. This webinar is aimed towards teachers to help them prepare for bereavement questions/issues that may arise when schools open at the end of August

This is a free event but booking is required.

Further information and booking process for this event can be found on the following link:

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-can-teachers-support-bereaved-children-in-the-classroom-tickets-113560564706](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-can-teachers-support-bereaved-children-in-the-classroom-tickets-113560564706)

## Village Church



### Sunday 16th August

**6.30pm Vigil** Patrick (Francie) Maher (MM)  
**10.00am** Mary Minogue (B'day Rem)  
 Anthony Kinane (An)  
**12noon** Maire (Moya) Galvin (RD)  
 Maria Ging (MM)  
 Jeanne Hickey (MM)  
**2.00pm** Mass for the African Community

### Monday 17th August

**10.00am** Julia Weily (An)

### Thursday 20th August

**10.00am** Elizabeth Whelan

### Friday 21st August

**10.00am** Special Intention  
 Cathleen Grace (27th An)

### Sunday 23rd August

**10.00am** Peter McCabe (An)  
 Elizabeth Lombard (1st An)  
 Vincent Lernihian (Special Intention)



### Recently Deceased

**COLM LAWLOR, MARY STACK**

*May they Rest in Peace*

South Dublin CYPSC is working collaboratively with its member agencies to provide information and resources to reassure children, young people and families that there is support and information available throughout this period of change. Click on the link below.

<https://www.cypsc.ie/south-dublin/resources.303.html>

**It is not enough to say we are Christians.  
 We must live the faith, not only with our  
 words, but with our actions.**

*Pope Francis*

### Thursday 20th August - Feast Day of St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Bernard was born at Fontaines, near Dijon, the third of a family of seven children of a noble family in Burgundy, six of whom were boys. At the age of twenty-two he joined the newly formed Cistercian monastery of Citeaux, then struggling to restore the Rule of St Benedict in all its rigour. It is said he did not join the popular Benedictine abbey of Cluny because "his own nature was so passionate that it needed stronger medicine". Along with him he brought thirty-one companions, among them five of his brothers and many relatives. Three years after he joined Bernard himself was sent with twelve monks to start a new foundation at Clairvaux and soon became abbot.

Bernard's initial regime at Clairvaux was so austere that he himself became ill, and only the influence of his friend William, the bishop of Champeaux, and the authority of the General Chapter could make him mitigate the austerities.

The monastery, however, made rapid progress. Disciples flocked to it in great numbers putting themselves under his direction. His father and all his brothers entered Clairvaux so as to pursue religious life. Even his sister, Humbeline, with the consent of her husband, took the veil in a Benedictine convent. In the year 1119, Bernard was present at the first general chapter of the order convoked by Stephen of Citeaux. It was this general chapter that approved the constitutions of the order (*The Charter of Charity*), which Pope Callixtus II then confirmed.

By this time Bernard was probably the most influential Church person in Europe. He sent monks from his overcrowded monastery into Germany, Sweden, England, Ireland, Portugal, Switzerland, and Italy. In all sixty-eight monasteries were established from Clairvaux. About the same time, Malachy, archbishop of Armagh in Ireland visited Clairvaux and developed a close friendship with Bernard. Malachy wanted to become a Cistercian, but the Pope would not give his permission. Malachy did succeed in getting Bernard to send some Cistercian monks to Ireland and later died at Clairvaux in 1148.

From the beginning of the year 1153, Bernard felt a great loss at the passing of his friend Pope Eugenius. He grew gradually weaker and died at age sixty-three on August 20, 1153. He was forty years a monk. (Extracts taken from CatholicIreland website)





### We're looking for people to join the Newsletter team

The parish weekly newsletter is currently being presented in an online version. We would love to hear from people out there who would be interested in joining our team, especially anyone with good communication and social media skills. For more information, please contact

**Frank Brown, Parish Pastoral Worker at**

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or leave your name and number with the **Parish Office** at office@clondalkinparish.com

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

'Bóg pokaże ludziom swoją prawość i sprawiedliwość' czytamy w księdze proroka Izajasza. W dzisiejszej ewangelii możemy zobaczyć przykład Bożej sprawiedliwości. Jezus oddał sprawiedliwość Kananejskiej kobiecie, która w Niego uwierzyła i całym sercem kochała swoją córkę. Boża sprawiedliwość zbudowana jest na jednej prawdzie, że jesteśmy synami / córkami Ojca, który jest w niebie, i Bożej miłości do nas nic nie może powstrzymać. Człowiek jednak inaczej niż Bóg, rozumie sprawiedliwość i miłosierdzie. Zadać sobie dzisiaj pytanie, jak łatwo przychodzi ci pomóc komuś, kogo nie lubisz? Nadszedł czas, abyśmy wszyscy spojrzeli na innych ludzi oczami Boga i oddali im sprawiedliwość, na jaką zasługują.



'God will show people His integrity and justice' we read in the book of the prophet Isaiah. In today's gospel, we can see an example of God's righteousness. Jesus showed justice to a Canaanite woman who believed in Him and loved her daughter with all her heart. God's justice is built on the one truth that we are sons / daughters of the Father who is in heaven, and nothing can stop God's love for us. However, humans understand justice and mercy differently than God. Ask yourself today, how easy is it to help someone you don't like? The time has come for all of us to look at other people through God's eyes and show them the justice they deserve.

### Did You Know .....

#### Tuesday 18th August is NEVER GIVE UP DAY

Never Give Up Day is all about cultivating a mindset of determination, which helps us to get through all of the difficult challenges that life throws our way.

It is about motivating and inspiring ourselves and others, as well as remembering people that have never given up on those. We should use this day not only to applaud people for reaching their goals but also to support those who are still trying to achieve their goals and have not quite got there yet.

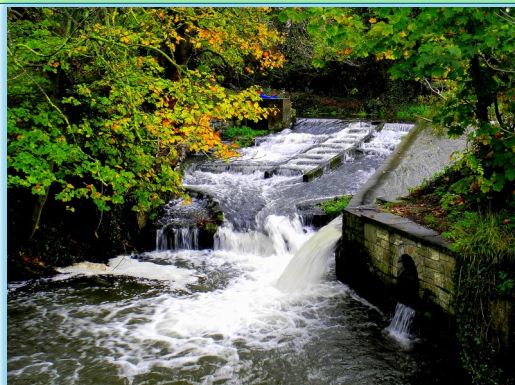
Motivate yourself - Losing motivation is something we can all relate to! This is why you need to look for ways to motivate yourself. Figure out what works for you. This could be watching, listening, or reading motivational material, for example.

Choose to be positive - It pays to be positive in this cynical world that we live in today! This does not mean that you have to try and be blindly happy all of the time. However, what it does mean is that you should try and focus on the good things that are around you.

*Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all.*

Camac River at the Sandy Hole

Photo by  
Tommy Keogh



### National Heritage Week 15<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 *"Celebrating the Heritage of the River Camac in Clondalkin"*

To celebrate National Heritage Week, and especially Water Heritage Day Sunday 23rd August 2020, **Friends of the Camac** wish to share the history and heritage of the river as seen through the eyes of the people of Clondalkin. Working with LAWPRO, who generously sponsored a literature competition whereby people could share their experiences of their local rivers, we are publishing a special edition newsletter: '**Celebrating the Heritage of the River Camac in Clondalkin**'. It will be widely shared online, and printed copies will be distributed to schools and libraries.

Congrats to Lorna in Neilstown Parish on her 40th from all in the CCPC

Email [friendsofthecamac@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofthecamac@hotmail.com) and we will be happy to send a copy. Visit our website - link below.

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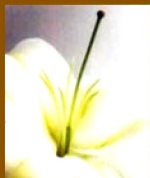
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