



# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church*

**Clonburris**  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 23rd August 2020

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
of  
Ordinary  
Time

## FOUR CORNERS



Instead of my usual North American travels this August, I visited the four corner counties of Ireland - Antrim, Donegal, Kerry and Wexford. I was blessed with sunshine most of the time which showed the island in all its glory. Among the landmarks I came upon were Mizen Head, Giant's Causeway, Our Lady's Island and beautiful Rosssnowlough and was taken aback by their beauty. This time of the

year marks new beginnings for different groups of people. Our young parishioners beginning Junior Infants, teenagers starting Secondary school and young adults commencing work or further education. In other years priests and parish pastoral workers would be on the move but there will be very few diocesan changes this year.

A few sentences about two saints whose feast days occur today but are not celebrated this year because today is a Sunday, both of whom I have a connection with. This week thirteen years ago I arrived to take up my appointment in Clondalkin. The months before I returned to Ireland I was working in a parish in Villa El Salvador in Lima, Peru. There was great devotion there to Saint Rose of Lima, she lived a life of selflessness and devotion from an early age. She refused to marry, and became a Dominican tertiary at the age of 20. Her asceticism and her intense spiritual experiences excited the criticism of her friends and family and the suspicion of the Church authorities. She cared for the sick, the poor, Indians, and slaves. She was the first person in the Americas to be canonized, and is a patron saint of South America.

The second saint is a little more local with a very very loose connection with Clondalkin. John Wall came from a Norfolk gentry family but was born in Lancashire in 1620. His parents were fervent Catholics and sent him, when he was thirteen, to Douai College in northern France; from there he went to the English College in Rome and was ordained priest at 25. He then joined the Franciscan Order at the friary at Douai. When he was 36 he was sent secretly to England to work as a priest in Worcestershire. For 22 years he ministered to Catholics, moving from place to place, often using an assumed name to avoid capture. In 1678 he was arrested at Rushock Court near Bromsgrove as part of the scare caused by the fictitious "Popish Plot". He was condemned to death at the

Worcester Spring Assizes in 1679 and was hanged, drawn and quartered on Red Hill at Worcester on 22 August 1679. In his speech at the gallows he said: "I will offer my life in satisfaction for my sins and for the Catholic cause. I beseech God... to turn our captivity into joy; that they who sow in tears may reap in joy". He was canonised by Pope Paul VI in 1970 as one of the Forty Martyrs.

When the Archbishop asked me to take up a position here in Clondalkin, one of the many reasons I gave an enthusiastic positive response was that Father John Wall was the Parish Priest. I had known John in my seminary days where he was the professor of sacred eloquence and we were members of the Council of Priests at the same time. Some of you know that Fr. John hasn't been too well recently and you might keep him in your prayers. We also keep in our prayers all those connected with our many schools as they prepare to reopen and welcome back their students.

Fr. Damian

## 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

**Submissions for Newsletter:**  
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**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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## A Word From Fr. Damian

### DO YOU REMEMBER BREXIT???

Last year even newshounds like myself were very exhausted by discussions on Brexit and switched channel or even turned off the radio or television when the B word came up. Do you think that Covid 19 is having the same effect? There is a sense of war fatigue at the moment trying to keep up with the changing situation with regards to various regulations and procedures. However there is a need to remind ourselves of our own back to worship protocols. If you are in one of the vulnerable categories then please stay at home and watch Mass via our own webcam or on RTE News Now channel. Please do bring a face covering to the church and wear it during Mass or at private prayer. It is important that we make room and keep social distance during Mass and that we do not delay entering or leaving the church. There has been a lot of discussion with regard to First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

The Archbishop has sent an email to help clarify the situation. Presence of parents at the celebration of the sacraments: I wish to repeat what I have already communicated regarding the right of both parents to attend the administration of the sacraments of their children. This is diocesan policy. There is absolutely no urgency to hurriedly conclude First Communion or Confirmation ceremonies within a short period. They can easily be spread-out over the coming months. I feel that it is contrary to the fundamental principle in which parents are the primary educators of their children and to exclude one parent from an important event in the faith life of their child would undermine this fundamental principle. Parents are not just spectators at First Communion and Confirmation. They are natural protagonists in fostering the faith life of their children. I am therefore asking that, in all ceremonies of First Communion and Confirmations, both parents should by right be enabled to participate.

We will follow his instruction and therefore our Sacramental ceremonies will take place during August, September and October.

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 24th August	St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Tuesday 25th August	St. Louis of France St. Joseph Calasanz
Thursday 27th August	St. Monica
Friday 28th August	St. Augustine
Saturday 29th August	The Passion of St. John the Baptist



### Recently Deceased

**MARY STACK, GEORGE ROGERS,  
EAMON O'NEILL, JIM MCHALE**  
*May they Rest in Peace*

**St. Joseph Calasanz (1557-1648)**  
*Feast Day - 25th August*

Joseph of Calasanz was a Spanish priest, born in Aragon (Spain) in 1557 who went to Rome at the end of the sixteenth century and started schools for homeless children. He also started a congregation to service these schools which is today spread over the whole world. A lawyer, theologian, and presbyter who gave away much of his family fortune and devoted himself to providing free education for poor children in Rome. Founded the Clerks Regular of the Christian Schools (Piarists) and suffered many trials in later life at the hands of jealous colleagues and Church authorities. Joseph shared and defended his friend's Galileo's heliocentric view of the cosmos. Joseph himself was removed from his post as superior general. Eighty years after his death his name was cleared. Noted especially for his patience in the midst of suffering.

He died in Rome on 25th August in 1648.



### Village Church



#### Sunday 23rd August

**6.30pm Vigil** Mary Brown (RD)  
**10.00am** Peter McCabe (An)  
Elizabeth Lombard (1st An)  
Vincent Lernihan (Special Intention)  
May Craven (15th An)

#### Monday 24th August

**10.00am** Elizabeth Lombard

#### Tuesday 25th August

**10.00am** Jose and Tom Hewitt (Rem)

#### Wednesday 25th August

**10.00am** Jose and Herbert Wilde (Rem)

#### Sunday 30th August

**12noon** Michael & Aileen Hynes (An)  
Kathleen O'Neill (B'day Rem)  
Owen Doherty (An)  
Mary & Joseph Connolly (An)

### 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.**





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 [parishnewsletter1@gmail.com](mailto:parishnewsletter1@gmail.com) or leave your name and number with the **Parish Office** at [office@clondalkinparish.com](mailto:office@clondalkinparish.com)

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### DID YOU KNOW .... ?

#### Monday 24th August is Vesuvius Day

The Mount of Vesuvius is most widely known for its eruption in 79 A.D. It was this very eruption that killed over a thousand souls, and destroyed the cities of Pompeii, Herculaneum and a number of other, smaller settlements. Mount Vesuvius has erupted many times since, being regarded as one of the most dangerous volcanoes in the world due to the large population living nearby. Being only 9 km from Naples, it is that very area being one of the most highly populated volcanic areas on the planet, being home to over 3,000,000 people. The tendency towards explosive, or Plinian eruptions also factors into that title.

The large cone at the top, or summit, was formed by the collapse of an earlier mountain structure, originally much higher than the summit is now. This, along with Mount Vesuvius' active status as a volcano, makes it a dangerous, if beautiful, site to be around. So there you have it: an insight into Vesuvius Day. It may seem strange to celebrate a date whereby so many lives were lost. However, we should see it as a day to pay honour to those who lost their lives on this date. We can also use it to educate ourselves about volcanoes and the research that has been done into them over the years.

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>



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

Jezus pyta Ciebie dzisiaj: „Za kogo mnie uważasz?”. Jest to bardzo osobiste pytanie i musisz znaleźć na nie odpowiedź w swoim sercu. Nie ma znaczenia, co inni ludzie myślą lub mówią o Jezusie, nie ma także znaczenia, co Ty o nim wiesz.



„Chrześcijaństwo nigdy nie bazuje na wiedzy o Jezusie, zawsze bazuje na naszym poznaniu Jezusa”. Prawdziwym pytaniem dzisiaj nie jest to, czy Jezus jest Zbawicielem świata, ale czy jest On Twoim Zbawicielem i czy wierzysz w to z całego serca.

Jesus is asking you today, 'Who do you say I am?' This is a very personal question and you need to find the answer to it in your heart. And it doesn't matter what other people think or say about Jesus, and it doesn't matter what you know about Him. 'Christianity never consists in knowing about Jesus, it always consists in knowing Jesus.' The real question today is not whether Jesus is the Savior of the world, but whether Jesus is your Savior and whether you believe it with all your heart.

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PETER  
CHRIST  
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CHURCH  
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KEYS

Hi, just want to say "hello" to all our members of the Villagers Senior Group. We usually meet every Tuesday in Quinlan's Lounge but due to the pandemic we have not been able to meet or have day trips, quizzes, bingo or speakers. We are all spread out in different parts of the village and would not have seen friends for months. We keep in touch on WhatsApp Chat each day for anyone who wants to share funny stories or birthday celebrations etc.

We look forward to better days ahead.

Geraldine



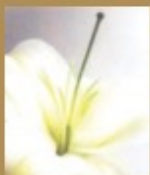
*I am only one; but still I am one.*

*I cannot do everything, but still I can do something.*

*I will not refuse to do something I can do.*



Helen Keller



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