

# BACK TO SCHOOL

There are markers and events throughout the year that remind me of what month it is and a rhythm and routine that anchor the seasons. The month of August I associate with returning to my old parish in Texas, All Ireland hurling and football semi finals,

pilgrimage to Knock on the 15th August, Leaving Certificate results and, as a deathknell to the Summer holidays, the Rose of Tralee festival. The first week of September usually brings good weather and the newspapers are full of first day of school photos and there is a sense of a new beginning. This year all of my August landmarks were covered up or disappeared and Tuesday is the first of September with schools reopening in a manner none of us anticipated six months ago.

Most of our principals and deputy principals had very little time off during the summer as they prepared their schools for reopening. We are aware of the challenges facing schools as we had a similar experience when we reopened our churches for public Mass after months of lockdown. The major difference with schools is that the pupils are younger than an average church congregation and the pupils and staff are in school much longer than we are at Mass. As chairperson of three school boards, I have seen the excellent work that teachers have already done to make sure that the classroom

experience is as close to normal as possible. During these first few weeks the greatest gift that all connected with schools will need is that of patience.

During August we had three of our delayed First Communion Masses in the Village and Knockmitten and this will continue until the middle of October. Next Saturday we have the first wedding from the parish in six months. Please God this is a sign that we are returning to some form of normality.

Lord, bless all connected with our schools and keep them safe.

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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Clondalkin Village Sundays: (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm, Sunday 10.00am, 12 noon Weekdays (Mon – Sat) 10am

MASSES

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: Parishnewsletter1@gmail.com



Fr. Damían

## A Word From Fr. Damían

The work of the local conference of the Society of Saint Vincent De Paul continues despite the lockdown and current restrictions. Parishioners who are supporters of the Society have left envelopes in the Parish Office or in the collection boxes after Mass. I have passed these on to the local conference and they asked me to use this forum to acknowledge your generosity. Likewise over the past few weeks we have received donations to Trocaire, Concern and the Capuchin Day Centre which have also been forwarded. When making donations to the Vincent De Paul Society please mark this clearly on the envelope.

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 31st August Thursday 3rd September Friday 4th September Saturday 5th September

St. Aídan of Líndesfarne St. Gregory the Great St. Mac Níssí, Bíshop St. Teresa of Calcutta



Recently Deceased

JIM MCHALE, EAMONN O'NEILL **GEORGE ROGERS, PATRICK KELLY, SHANE RUSH** 

May They Rest in Peace

## **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.

# Víllage Church



Sunday 30th August 6.30pm Vigil Dan Sherry (2nd An) Jim Gregan (1st An) Evelyn Dwyer (Nee Hoctor) (BR& An)

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

Friday 4th September - First Friday of the Month Sunday 6th September

Patrick (PJ) Minogue (An) 10.00am Mae McInerney (4th An)

Happiness is when what you think, what you say and what you do are in harmony

## Mahatma Gandhí

## DID YOU KNOW ? .....

September 2020 is "Read A New Book" Month. When you open the pages of a new book, you find yourself swept up in a new world of characters and stories, or maybe just information. Read A New Book Month is your opportunity to pick up that novel you've been meaning to finish, that DIY manual you



bought to finish that project, or even a technical manual to help you understand a new piece of machinery. The definition of what constitutes a book has certainly changed over the years, covering everything from bark pages held together in a variety of styles, rolled pages of papyrus, and books more like those we're familiar with today. Read A Book Month encourages you to take in as many books as you can in your life, living many lives, learning new things, and opening your mind to new forms of philosophy. Read a new book! We find that a little unambitious though, instead you should try to read a new book every week, and maybe trade books with friends and family throughout the month! Make reading a habit throughout the year by establishing a book club with those same people, and getting together to read and discuss a different book each month! Don't let Read A New Book Month go by without discovering a new author!

#### MARIAN PRAYER OF SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Give us a heart as beautiful, pure, and spotless as yours. A heart like yours, so full of love and humility. May we be able to receive Jesus as the Bread of Life, to love Him as you loved Him, to serve Him under the mistreated face of the poor. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SEPTEMBER PRAYER

We thank you Lord, for all that was good during the summer, for the love of our family and friends, and for the sunshine and warm days. As we begin a new school year we ask for your help and pray your blessing on everybody in this school. Show us how to work together for the good of all. May we share our talents and abilities to the full and grow in knowledge, wisdom and happiness. Give us the grace to become more like Jesus in the ways we think and behave. During this school year let us become builders of your ways and instruments of your peace. We ask this school year blessing through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

("Prayers for Different Occasions" Oblates of Mary Immaculate)

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

## Grandparents Pílgrímage Knock Shríne 2020



The 2020 pilgrimage is on **Sunday** 13<sup>th</sup> **September** at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock **taking place virtually at 3pm** at Knock Basilica. This year due to COVID-19

restrictions, capacity will be very limited in the Basilica. This annual pilgrimage is a special day for grandparents and for all of us to acknowledge the great contribution that grandparents make to Church, to family, and to

society in teaching and passing on the faith. Many Catholics can testify to the profound influence of a Grandparent and the development and nurturing of their

own faith. The seeds your Grandparents plant in childhood may not seem to bloom for some time, but they go deep into the soil.

This is the only purpose of The Catholic Grandparents Association, to help and support Grandparents in their great task. Grandparents were never as important as they are today at this critical time to the church, the family and society

We invite Grandparents and their families everywhere to join in praying for, and with, each other **so that Grandparents everywhere can be honoured and thanked**.

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.

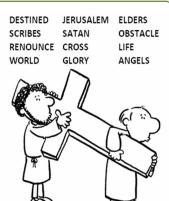
https://www.cypsc.ie/south-dublin/resources.303.html



Believe in God like you believe in the sunrise. Not because you can see it, but because you can see all it touches

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

Aby myśleć na sposób Boży, musimy przyjmować każde wyzwanie, które napotkamy na swojej drodze, i ufać, że Bóg zawsze wyciągnie coś dobrego, nawet z sytuacji trudnych emocjonalnie. Spójrz na swoje życie. Ile trudnych doświadczeń napotkałeś na przestrzeni lat? Ale czy myślisz, że bez nich podjąłbyś decyzje, które podjąłeś, spotkał ludzi, których spotkałeś, lub byłbyś w tym właśnie okresie swojego życia i czytałbyś dzisiaj ten biuletyn? Bóg prowadził cię przez wzloty i upadki twojego życia, aż do tej chwili. Czy nie warto zaufać Jego sposobowi myślenia?

To think God's way, we must accept whatever challenges we encounter and trust that God will always get something good, even from emotionally difficult situations. Take a look at your life. How many difficult experiences have you had over the years? But do you think that without them you would have made the decisions you made, met people you met, or would be in this very time of your life and would be reading this newsletter today? God has guided you through the ups and downs of your life until now. Isn't it worth trusting his way of thinking?

#### This Foodbank is being operated by Clondalkin Helping Homeless and those in Need and the St Vincent De Paul. This FoodBank will service the local Bawnogue and wider Clondalkin Area.

If you or anyone you know, needs to avail of this foodbank, they will need to ring the **FoodBank Helpline on 087 7618586** with their name and address. They will then be assessed by their local SVP Conference to be approved for this facility.

The FoodBank will be on every Tuesday 11am - 1pm in the Bawnogue Youth and Community Centre.

You must ring the FoodBank Helpline to ensure your name is on the list. Strictly one bag per name on list and only given to person named on list.

Unfortunately, we cannot help anyone who has not been approved. We also ask that people bring their own bags to bring food

away in.



# The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village

We are taking registrations now for our autumn online theology courses. The courses are up to degree level and are heavily subsidised by the Irish Domincans. They could be just the thing as the nights draw in and we look to an uncertain

winter. For more information, see <u>https://prioryinstitute.com/</u>

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