



# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church*

**Clonburris**  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 13th September 2020

24TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

## FORGIVENESS

In today's Gospel the focus is on forgiveness. Peter asks Jesus how many times we should forgive a person who has offended us. He suggested the perfect number seven but Jesus increased seven to seventy times seven. In other words, granting forgiveness is limitless....it must never end.

Forgiveness is an act of the will. It is not a feeling. If we pray for a person, we can be assured that we have forgiven that person.

To help accept an individual and open ourselves to him or her, picture that person with the Lord and say, "I forgive because you Lord forgive him/her. Bless him/her and heal me."

Forgiveness is healing. Christian love is always to say, "I forgive." In the prayer that Jesus taught us we pray for forgiveness for ourselves as we forgive others. Not to forgive is to turn away from the Lord who is Light and to remain in darkness.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells a parable about an unforgiving servant who refuses to forgive a fellow servant who owes him a small amount of money in comparison to the large amount that he himself owed to his employer. His debt was cancelled completely but he refused to do the same for his co-worker. The story does not have a happy ending. There are no winners in the end. Jesus concludes with a warning, "And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you forgive each other from your heart." In other words, the unforgiveable sin is to be unforgiving.

In the uncertain times in which we find ourselves to-day change is everywhere. Things we took for granted are no longer a certainty. We hear heart-breaking stories from families who were denied the opportunity to say goodbye to a loved one who was dying, to hold a hand and say, "I love you" or "I forgive you". To-day's Gospel is a reminder that **NOW** is the time for forgiveness. **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

Forgiveness is finding  
peace within your  
heart and opens the  
door to hope.

## 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, Wed & Fri 10.00am

### Parish Office Hours

Clondalkin: Mon-Fri

9:30 am - 12:30pm

Clonburris & Knockmitten:

Contact through Village

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## A word from Fr Damian - HAPPY GATHERINGS

Last week in my writing and broadcast I mentioned that we had our first parish wedding recently and that we are celebrating First Communion Masses every weekend until mid-October. This is a sign that the Parish is returning to some semblance of normality. Our Baptisms have returned to their pre Covid 19 time slot of 12.45 on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Another happy event coming up. The Ordination to the Priesthood of our former student Frank Drescher will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September in Saint Mary's Pro-Cathedral at 10.30. Due to the current restrictions it will not be possible for parishioners to attend the Ordination Mass but we can watch it via the webcam which is accessible via [www.procathedral.ie](http://www.procathedral.ie). Frank spent a year with us before he completed his studies in the Irish College, Rome and has spent the last year in Celbridge and Straffan Parish. Frank will offer Mass for us here on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September evening at 18.30. This Mass will be streamed via our own webcam. We wish Frank all the absolute best and many happy years as a Priest in his adopted diocese. Please keep Frank in your prayers.

**Fr. Damian**

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 14th	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday 15th:	Our Lady of Sorrows
Wednesday 16th:	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian
Thursday 17th:	St. Robert Bellarmine
Saturday 19th	St. Januarius



Coláiste Bríde, Clondalkin, has a position available with the Cleaning Crew to do light cleaning duties (morning/early afternoon). Please send in your cv and references to S. Mc Entegart, Coláiste Bríde, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 by post or by email to [smcedeputy@colaistebride.com](mailto:smcedeputy@colaistebride.com)

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### New Directions – Support for Families of Prisoners

New Directions offers a free, confidential information and support service for Families of People in Prison. It offers a listening ear and emotional support to help families with the challenges they face. New Directions was set up in 2018 by Sr Imelda Wickham, a former Prison Chaplain. Dealing with having a family member in prison brings with it all kinds of challenges for those left behind. The threat of COVID-19 and consequent suspension of family members' visits is a very big loss to all family members and their loved ones in prison, particularly children who may struggle to understand why they cannot now visit Mum or Dad. New Directions is acutely aware of how difficult a time this can be for families with a loved one in prison and help is available, through phone, Skype, Zoom, etc., to provide support to family members struggling with these new restrictions, which come on top of the existing challenges of having a family member in prison.

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**Memory Walk Campaign - The Alzheimer Society of Ireland**  
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### Village Church



#### Sunday 13th Sept

**6.30pm Vigil** James Murray (1st An)

**10.00am** Mary and William Cashin (An), Patrick McCabe (An), Florrie Colman (An), Terence McDermott (2nd An) & Evelyn Jones (20th An)

**12noon** Kathleen & Thomas O'Neill (An), Eileen & Gerry Nolan (An), Michael Fitzgerald & Billy Nolan (An), **Special Mass for lost loved ones to suicide and survivors of Suicide**

**Monday 14th Sept 10am** Sheila Lee (An)

**Friday 18th Sept 10.00am** Hans Wills (An)

#### Sunday 13th Sept

**6.30pm Vigil** Margaret Jones & Gill Meagher (An), Greta Gallagher (2nd An), Kathleen Nolan (Rem)

**10.00am** Michael Fitzsimmons (An), Kathleen Handley (An), Michael & John Lacey (BR)

**12noon** Margaret (Peg) Dooley (An), Niamh McDonnell (An), Donal O'Sullivan (2nd An), Shane Rushe (MM)



*Recently Deceased*  
**Christopher (Christy) Doyle**  
*May he Rest in Peace*



Thanks to all those who took part in the remembrance event for World Suicide prevention day last Thursday and light a candle in their window and to those who tied a ribbon around the tree of hope at the side door of our church. The 12 noon mass today, Sunday 13th, will be celebrated in remembrance of those in our community either lost to or survivors of suicide. We will remember all those who names have been sent in.



## Community in Clondalkin Celebrate Local Story Writer

A short story written by Lile Ní Annracháin Frost, a resident of Clondalkin was shortlisted from almost 500 stories from around Ireland and was published in the Stories from the Waterside book during Heritage Week. Last Saturday FOTC (*Friends of the Camac*) and Thomas Carolan, Community Water Officer with LAWPRO (*the Local Authority Waters Programme*) gathered to present Lile with a copy of the new publication featuring her story.

Several members of FOTC (*a community group that works to protect and enhance the River Camac*) also entered stories to the competition. In recognition of the water-related stories inspired by this competition, and to coincide with Water Heritage Day (*the last Day of Heritage Week*) FOTC based their quarterly newsletter around these stories featuring excerpts from each of the stories.



Lile Ní Annracháin Frost with copies of 'Stories from the Waterside', which includes her story "Móinéar na hAbhann" & pictured with Tommy Keogh Chairman FOTC (*Friends of the Camac*) and Thomas Carolan, Community Water Officer, LAWPRO (*the Local Authority Waters Programme*)

## A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners.

**Thanks Chris**

Wybaczenie win nie jest łatwe, tym bardziej kiedy ktoś skrzywdził naszą ukochaną osobę, albo kompletnie zrujnował nasze życie. Spróbujmy sobie jednak wyobrazić, nie tylko wybaczenie takiej osobie ale także pokochanie jej całym naszym sercem. W taki sposób, by za jej szczęście i zbawienie oddać swoje życie albo ofiarować kogoś kogo bardzo kochamy. Potrafisz sobie to wyobrazić? Bóg zrobił to dla nas. Wykorzystajmy naszą boską wyobraźnię w naszym codziennym życiu i módlmy się za tych, którzy zawinili wobec nas. Oni też zasługują na miłosierdzie.



Forgiving faults is not easy, especially when someone has hurt our loved one or completely ruined our lives. But let's try to imagine not only forgiving such a person, but also loving them with all our heart. In such a way as to give our life for their happiness and salvation or to sacrifice someone whom we love very much. Can you imagine it? God did it for us. Let us use our divine imaginations in our daily lives and pray for those who have done wrong against us. They too deserve mercy.



Friends of the Camac Volunteers who participated in last Saturdays September Clean up day on the river . New volunteers are always welcome to join.

Our October Clean-up day will be held on Saturday 3rd October , Meeting at the Clondalkin Leisure Centre Car park at 10.00am

Some of the lovely First Communion masses in our parish over the last while- a quick 5 second photo after a socially distanced Mass! Fr. Damian remarked that it is the latest time he ever presided at a First Communion Masses.

Photographs above shows young ladies, Fr. Damian and Gerry Treacy which were kindly supplied by Elaine.



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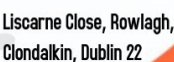
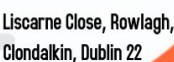
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