



Representatives from the Parish joined father Padraig and myself and the Ordination to the priesthood of Frank Drescher in the pro Cathedral last Monday. On Saturday evening we were expecting Father Frank to preside at the vigil Mass and impart his blessing upon us. At the time of writing this piece we are expecting to at level three from Saturday and so Mass will be celebrated with just the Priest and Minister of the Word in attendance. As a Mass of thanksgiving offered by a newly ordained priest is usually a joyful event we felt that it would be better to postpone the Mass until a future date when more people can attend. Also some of our First Holy Communion Mass will now take place later on in the year. From Saturday 19th September Masses will be available on the parish webcam and radio. The Village Church will remain open for private prayer and devotion. Be sure to join us on our facebook page and share it around. Hopefully we can return to normal as soon as guidance allows and in the meantime stay safe and keep the payers going. **Fr. Damian**

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 21st September	St. Matthew, Apostle
Wednesday 23rd September	St. Pio (Padre Pio)
	St. Eunan (Raphoe)
Friday 25th September	St. Finbarr (Cork)
Saturday 26th September	Sts Cosmas & Damian

## Recently Married ... Congratulations

**Teresa Kelleher & Dermot McNamara**

## U.N. INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE : 21st Sept 2020

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. This year, it has been clearer than ever that we are not each other's enemies. Rather, our common enemy is a tireless virus that threatens our health, security and very way of life. COVID-19 has thrown our world into turmoil and forcibly reminded us that what happens in one part of the planet can impact people everywhere.

In March, UN Secretary-General António Guterres called on all warring parties to lay down their weapons and focus on the battle against this unprecedented global pandemic. While the message is intended for armed parties, solidarity and cooperation across borders, sectors and generations are also needed to win this new fight against the worst public health crisis of our time.

The 2020 theme for the International Day of Peace is "Shaping Peace Together." Celebrate the day by spreading compassion, kindness and hope in the face of the pandemic. Join us so that we can shape peace together.

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.

(Robert Louis Stevenson)



## Village Church

### Sunday 20th September

**6.30pm Vigil** Margaret Jones & Gill Meagher (An), Gretta Gallagher (2nd An) Kathleen Nolan (Rem), Paddy Kelly (MM)

**10.00am** Michael Fitzsimons (An) Kathleen Handley (An), Tadg O'Neill (An) Michael & John Lacey (B'day Rem)

**12noon** Margaret (Peg) Dooley (An), Patricia Gordon (19th An), Shane Rushe (MM) Denise (2nd An) & Frank Slattery (An) Niamh McDonnell (An), Brendan Forde (14th An), Donal O'Sullivan (2nd An), Kathleen Buckley (2nd An)

### Wednesday 23rd September

**10.00am** Patrick, Sara, Brendan & Frank Byrne (BR)

### Friday 25th September

**10.00am** Rita O'Neill (6th An), Albert Tyson (An)

### Sunday 27th September

**6.30pm Vigil** Brendan Sexton (13th An) Maura Heffernan (9th An), Paddy Looney (An)

**10.00am** David & Ellen Minogue (An), Edward Norton (An) & Maura Norton

**12noon** John Cullen (1st An) & Aidan and Mary Cullen, Seamus & Rita Cullen, Gerard Doyle (An), Jas Fagan (8th An), Nancy Hyde & Phyllis Keogh



**The Annual Crosscare collection will be taken up this weekend September 19th/20th.** As you will appreciate Cross-

care need our support now more than ever before to help those most in need in our communities at this time of crisis. There will be prepaid envelopes, credit card slips and a Crosscare logo printed on card for placement beside the boxes

## Foundational Leadership Programme for Young Adults - Be a leader - Make a difference in your world!

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*It will be based mainly in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay. It is uniquely placed to nurture and mission a new generation of faith leaders. Commitment will be one Saturday per month starting in October 2020 (and will comply with Covid 19 measures).*

For more information, online registration and payment – use this link

<https://www.evangelisation.ie/2020/08/11/foundational-leadership-programme-sign-up-2020/>

or Contact Christina Malone, Parish Pastoral Worker for the Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin

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## Monday Club 15th September 2020



Hello everybody in the Monday Club and readers of the newsletter. I hope you are all well and enjoying the Indian Summer. Great to have a bit of warm weather back again. I hope you all have kept well during the lockdown and did not find the time passing and that nobody felt too lonely especially those living alone. It gave an opportunity to reflect on past times and the things and opportunities we took so much for granted. It also gave us or some at least, time to do things like decluttering, reading good books, or some other activity we did not have time to do.

As for me, my intentions were great, but I did not do all I intended to do. None of it is too important. Keeping well and staying positive is more important than the material things we normally put more emphasis on.

Normally in the Monday Club, we would be starting off a new year of activities, the first being the Coffee Morning for the Hospice. We cannot open for a while yet, and since the Hospice will be at a great loss this year of much needed funds, I was wondering if those who wish to contribute can do so by leaving a donation in the sacristy and I can collect them and forward on the Hospice via the bank as we usually did. If you do that, please put the amount in an envelope for my attention. I will let you know then what was sent to the Hospice.

A few weeks ago I went to Knock. It was a very changed place with having to queue at the Basilica for Mass. Both the Blessed Sacrament Church, and the Apparition Church were closed, and limited access to the Parish church. The day I was there only a few were allowed in for fifteen minutes of private prayer. The Rosary was usually said at 2.30pm before the 3pm Mass in the Basilica but was not recited, and of course there was no Blessing of the Sick. Anyway, I prayed for you all while I was there and enrolled the parish in Masses for the year. Our parish pilgrimage should have been on Saturday 5th September, but again due to the current situation this was not possible. Please God, next year we will hopefully get there.

Frank Drescher, who spent time in our parish before going to Rome to study for the priesthood was ordained a priest on Monday 14th September.

Congratulations Fr Frank. We wish you all God's Blessings as you begin your priestly life in Blanchardstown.

I hope we can all meet up soon again, and please pray that this invisible and unwelcome enemy will vanish and let us get back to a new normal with a greater appreciation of life.

I miss you all and take good care and stay safe.

*Kathleen R*

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



Możemy pracować w 'winnicy Pana' już przed długie lata i czuć pokusę, by ocenić wynagrodzenia, na które naszym zdaniem zasługujemy, a nie takie, na które się zgodziliśmy albo którego faktycznie potrzebujemy. Czasami logika Boga wydaje się nam być zbyt hojna, trudna do zrozumienia, ponieważ my nie potrafimy być tak hojni jak On. Ale słowa Jezusa, że "ostatni będą pierwszymi, a pierwsi ostatnimi", nie są takie naiwne, jak mogłoby nam się wydawać. Celem naszej pracy dla Boga nie powinna być nagroda, ale ten, dla którego pracujemy. Bo prawdziwym sensem Bożej pracy powinny być słowa świętego Pawła, który mówi w swoim liście, że "Dla mnie bowiem żyć - to Chrystus, a umrzeć - to zysk".

We may have been working in the 'vineyard of the Lord' for many years, and we may be tempted to expect the wages we think we deserve, not the wages we have agreed on or actually need. Sometimes the logic of God seems too generous to us, difficult to understand because we cannot be as generous as He is. But Jesus' words that "the last will be first and the first will be last" are not as naive as we might think. The objective of our work for God should not be a reward, but the one for whom we are working. Because the true meaning of God's work should be the words of Saint Paul, who says in his letter that "For me to live - is Christ, and to die - is to gain".

**A 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 Dominicans. They could be just the thing as the nights draw in and we look to an uncertain winter. For more information, see <https://prioryinstitute.com/>

**Frances O'Loughlin, Marketing Manager, The Priory Institute, 086 8510769 [www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com)**



Last weekend we continued to celebrate the First Holy Communions. Congrats to all the girls who celebrated their special occasion!





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