

### WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

Following on from the recent death of Father Dave Lumsden who served here from 1999 to 2007 we heard the very sad news of the death of our very popular former Parish Priest John Wall. I'm writing this piece on what would have been Father John's seventy eight birthday, he and I share birthdays five days apart and we celebrated the big days until John was too unwell to do so. Following his Ordination on 28th May 1967 John was sent to study speech and drama in the Central School of Speech and Drama in London. John often remarked that London in the late sixties was a great place to be for a twenty five year old. In a nod towards our present situation there was an outbreak of foot and mouth disease in England lead-

ing to travels restrictions between England and Ireland. Archbishop Mc Quaid recommended to Father John that he not come home for Christmas an indeed to spend the rest of the academic year in London, hoping it wouldn't be too much of an inconvenience or burden for him. Whilst the rest of his class were busy settling into their new appointments John was visiting theatres, museums and enjoying the sites of London.

On his return from London John was appointed lecturer in homiletics at Holy Cross College Clonliffe, the Diocesan Seminary. He was more than just a lecturer he learned from his time in London that a priest training to minister in the 1970s would have to be familiar with current views on many subjects and to present their beliefs to those of other faiths and none. He argued that the priest should have his bible and breviary in one hand and a newspaper in the other. John was a great communicator both orally and verbally, with a great memory, recalling phrases and quotes from many sources. He applied this in his various parishes particularly at funerals and weddings not to mention school Masses, Confirmations and First Holy Communion Masses. John was appointed to Ballyfermot in 1970 and for the eight years there he influenced many people by his kindness, gentleness but boundless energy. Fifty years later his work with the Peace Corp is still remembered and lots of people my own age from Ballyfermot have great regard for John.

Following his stints in Rialto and Seville Place John came to Clondalkin in the Jubilee Year 2000. He was replacing Father Martin 'Monty' Ryan a very popular priest. Within a short time John brought his own gifts and talents to the Parish particularly his fluency in the Irish Language which was very much appreciated by our two Gaelscoileanna.

There was a sense of mutual joy when the Archbishop appointed me to Clondalkin in September 2007. We had known each other at that point for many years and we soon established not just a working relationship but a deep friendship too. Even after he left for Enniskerry we kept in touch. In the last couple of years John's memory wasn't as good as it once was and familiar faces and names couldn't be recalled which caused him great frustration at times. Fr. John appreciated the support he received in Clondalkin particularly during his period in exile. His siblings, nieces and nephews were always very supportive to him and they like us, will miss him very much.

His death marks the end of an era here following the death of Fr. Jim last year and Fr. Dave recently, may they all rest in peace. Farewell JW. *Father Damian* 

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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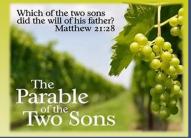
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### A HUGE Welcome to Joe Keegan

Seminarian with the Dublin Diocese who is joining us for a years pastoral experience. -"I grew up in Ballybrack; my family moved to Deansgrange where I attended Clonkeen Christian Brothers. I trained as a primary



school teacher in London and spent some time working in various schools. However, since I was a teenager I felt that God might be calling me to become a priest. Over the years this call became clearer and I eventually relented and sought out a vocations director. I spent a year with the Jesuits before applying for the diocese of Dublin. I studied philosophy in Maynooth and Theology in Rome. I look forward to serving in Clondalkin in any way that I can."

#### WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2020

The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. For 2020, Pope Francis has chosen the theme "Forced like Jesus Christ to flee", with a focus on the need for the pastoral care of internally displaced persons. This year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be marked today, Sunday 27th September.

### Message of Pope Francis for the 106th World Day of **Migrants and Refugees**

In his message the Holy Father says:

"Displaced people offer us this opportunity to meet the Lord, "even though our eyes find it hard to recognize him: his clothing in tatters, his feet dirty, his face disfigured, his body wounded, his tongue unable to speak our language" (Homily, 15 February 2019). We are called to respond to this pastoral challenge with the four verbs I indicated in my Message for this Day in 2018: welcome, protect, promote and integrate. To these words, I would now like to add another six pairs of verbs that deal with very practical actions and are linked

together in a relationship of cause and effect: You have to know in order to understand. It is necessary to be close in order to serve. In order to be reconciled, we need to listen. In order to grow, it is necessary to share. We need to be involved in order to promote. It is necessary to cooperate in order to build.



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

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/foundationalleadership-programme-sign-up-2020/

or Contact Christina Malone, Parish Pastoral Worker for the Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin 085 71 62 152

### LORD'S PRAYER WORDS

May you be wrapped up in God's love, Found deep in His everlasting wings, Carried and kept safe and cherished. May the healing power of Christ Breathe across your being now.



### Víllage Church

### Sunday 27th September



6.30pm Vigil Brendan Sexton (13th An) Maura Heffernan (9th An), Paddy Looney (An), John Blackburn (BR) and deceased members of the Blackburn Family. **10.00am** David & Ellen Minogue (An), Edward Norton (An) & Maura Norton (An) John Cullen (1st An) & Aiden and Mary 12noon Cullen, Seamus & Rita Cullen, Gerard Doyle (An), Jas Fagan (8th An), Nancy Hyde & Phyllis Keogh Tuesday 29th September 10.00am Special Intention Thursday 1st October 10.00am Leo McGann (An) Friday 2nd October 10.00am First Friday of the Month Saturday 3rd October **10.00am** Terry Kavanagh (2nd An) Sunday 4th October 6.30pm Vigil Seamus Egan (B'day Rem) Benny, Annie & Des Cummins **10.00am** James (Snr) & Bridget Norton (An) Pádraic Doyle (3rd An) & Agnes Doyle (43rd An)

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 28th September St. Wenceslaus, Martyr Ss Lawrence Ruiz & Companions Tuesday 29th September Ss Michael, Raphael & Gabriel, Archangels Thursday 1st October St. Thérèse of Lisieux Friday 2nd October The Guardian Angels **BI Columba Marmion** Saturday 3rd October **Recently Deceased** Fr John Wall

Our thoughts & prayers are with his family & friends

Quarryvale Family Resource Centre Summer 2020



Our buildings are be closed but we are still here!

Instead of meeting face-to-face we have several activities and groups on-line. Why not join us?

We also provide a range of support services via the phone and the internet.

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### DID YOU KNOW ... ? Tuesday 29th September 2020 is

World Heart Day. Heart Day is part of an international campaign to spread awareness about heart disease and stroke prevention. This is the perfect day to quit smoking, get exercising and start eating healthy – all in the name of keeping your ticker in good working order, and improving the health and well being of people the world over. The aim is to improve health globally by encouraging people to make lifestyle changes and promoting education internationally about ways to be good to your heart. This lesson is becoming increasingly relevant as reports of obesity, poor diet and physical inactivity in children and young people become more and more common. If you are opting to celebrate this

day, it is important to try and be more attentive to your own heart health. There are a number of different ways that you can do this. This includes following a healthy diet, quitting alcohol, stopping smoking, and getting involved in physical exercises. It is also important to have your cholesterol, blood pressure, and heart

checked on a regular basis. The World Heart Federation have found that heart disease and strokes are the world's leading cause of death, killing 17.1 million people every year - that's more than victims of cancer, HIV and AIDS and malaria. Heart Day was set up to drive home the message that heart problems can be prevented.

As our 3rd level students start back A Prayer for our children as they start back to School, college or University!

DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF EDU(ATION IN EVERY FORM. AS OUR (HILDREN PREPARE TO START A NEW YEAR MAY (ONFIDENCE BE THEIR FOUNDATION, MAY GRACE BE THEIR GUIDE AND MAY HOPE BE THEIR (OMPASS TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE. I PRAY THEY WOULD HAVE EYES TO SEE THE NEEDS OF THOSE AROUND THEM AND A HEART TO LOVE WELL. MAY THEY FACE EACH DAY WITH POSITIVITY KNOWING THAT NO MATTER WHAT (OMES THEIR WAY, THEY DO NOT HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE.

### NEW BOOK **Exploring Christus Vivit**

Edited by Gerard Gallagher "I'm very pleased to bring this new book on Exploring Christus Vivit to this stage. Thanks to my collaborators. Hope you can pick up a copy and continue the conversation. More details to follow on official launch and webinars with some of the contributors". #christusvivit . Available from www.veritas.ie

## Czasami obwiniamy Boga za nasze decyzje, za konsekwencje naszych działań, bo tak jest nam po prostu najwygodniej. Ale czy

A thought for this Sunday for our **Polish Parishioners** 

**Thanks Chris** 

nie mamy wolnej woli, i nie możemy podejmować decyzji, jakich tylko chcemy? Musimy wziąć odpowiedzialność za nasze decyzje i czyny, i zrozumieć, że każda decyzja bedzie miała swoje konsekwencje, albo w naszym życiu albo życiu innych. Ale nie bójmy się, bo Pan jest zawsze z nami i jego serce jest pełne miłosierdzia.

Sometimes we blame God for our decisions, for the consequences of our actions, because that is simply the easiest way for us. But don't we have free will, and can't we make whatever decisions we want? We must take responsibility for our decisions and actions, and understand that each of them will have consequences, either in our own lives or in the lives of others. But let us not be afraid, because the Lord is always with us and his heart is full of mercy.

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.



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Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.



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