



MY ILLISTRIOUS PREDECESSOR

I heard the sad news early on Monday morning that Fr. Dave Lumsden my predecessor had died after a short illness. Some of you would have been aware that Fr. Dave was diagnosed with diabetes some years ago and following complications he has one of his legs amputated. This did not prevent him from active ministry and indeed the Sanctuary Area in Saint Monica's in Edenmore was adapted so that he could still preside at the Eucharist.

I first met Fr. Dave when he was stationed in Cabra and I was in the neighbouring parish of Holy Family Aughrim Street. It was many years later in fact this month thirteen years

ago when I replaced Fr. Dave here in Clondalkin. He had left remarkably simple yet clear instructions regarding the house codes and telephone numbers etc. I was told by many people that I was following in the footsteps of an immensely popular priest and that I would never feel his shoes. Fr. Dave told me to pay no attention to that type of talk and that I would plant my own footprints in the fullness of time.

I would like to focus on just two of Fr. Dave's many gifts he brought particularly to our Parish for the eight years he was here with us. He had a great rapport with people and along with his dog Freebie he was known by nearly everyone, church goer or not. He had the capacity to be with people in their moments of joy and happiness but particularly in moments of sorrow, especially at funerals. His presence at so many difficult and tragic situations eased the sadness for families.

We extend our prayers and sympathies to his brothers Gerard, John, Peter, Dominic and Paul; sisters-in-law Mary, Dolores, Colette and Paula; his nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, his Grace the Archbishop and the priests of the Dublin Diocese, extended family and his wide circle of friends in all of his parishes.

May he rest in peace.

Fr. 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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MASSES

Clondalkin Village

Sundays: (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm, Sunday 10.00am, 12 noon Weekdavs (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

Submissions for Newsletter: Parishnewsletter1@gmail.com

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 8th: Wednesday 9th: Thursday 10th: Saturday 12th Nativity of the BVM St. Ciaran, abbot St. Peter Claver, priest The Holy name of Mary St Ailbe, bishop

Foundational Leadership Programme for Young Adults



We need a new generation of Young Adult Leaders to continue the mission of Jesus Christ.

• Are you - prepared to get "off your couch" and make a difference with your life?

Be a leader - Make a difference in your world!

The Foundational Leadership Programme offers participants a unique opportunity to explore and develop Gospel transformational leadership Skills. These skills can be readily applied to the participants own context.

The programme is a mix of input from highly experienced experts, reflective practices, mentoring, journaling, spiritual accompaniment, workshops and social immersion. Participants are required to produce a learning log as part of an overall portfolio to serve as a

framework for integrative practice. This programme endeavours to provide participants with the knowledge

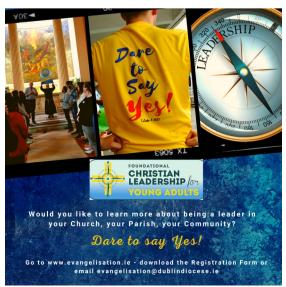
and skills necessary to be Gospel centred transformational leaders and change agents within their own parishes, communities.

FLP The Foundational Leadership Programme is run jointly between the Catholic and Church of Ireland Dioceses of Dublin. 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/

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Víllage Church

Sunday 6th Sept 6.3opm Vigil Gerald Corcoran (MM), Liberty Osorio (6oth BR)



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

Wednesday 9th Sept 10.00am Special Intention

Thursday 10th Sept 10.00am Kathleen Reeves (An)

Friday 11th September 10.00am Peadar Kinane (An)

Saturday 12th Sept 6.30pm Vigil James Murray (1st An)

Sunday 13th September 10.00am Mary and William Cashin (An) Patrick McCabe (An), Florrie Colman (An), Terence McDermott (2nd An), Evelyn Jones (20th An)

Recently Deceased

Fr David Lumsden Brian Kelly, Anne Sullivan

May They Rest in Peace



George, Una & Mary at the new bench outside the front of the church.

A huge thanks to the guys of the Clondalkin Mens Shed.

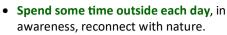
For the month of September, with the school/college year starting back, this year more than ever we are inviting all parent & grandparents to make this month of September one of 30 days of prayer for our Children & Grand



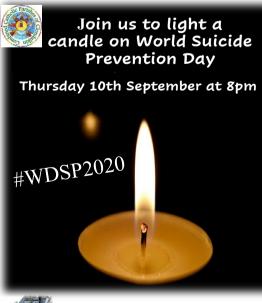
Children no matter what their age. You can download and print the short leaflet which gives a short suggested focus, reflection and scripture piece for each day. Just click this link or copy and paste it into your browser!

www.clondalkinparish.com/wordpress/wpcontent/uploads/2020/08/30-Days-of-Prayer-for -your-children-Grandchildren-2020.pdf

Suggested Practical Actions for Parishioners during The Season of Creation 2020 -1st September to 4th October



- Start to grow some of your own food; support local producers.
- Compost your garden and food waste.
- Avoid or reduce the use of chemicals in your home and garden.
- Use (vinegar, baking soda) and **buy eco- friendly cleaners**. See *www.ecoverdirect.com*
- Plant pollinator friendly plants in your window box or garden at home and in your parish grounds. www.biodiversityireland.ie
- Check out the Faith Community Pollinator plan and think about how you could implement this in your church grounds https://pollinators.ie/communities/faith-communities/
- Shop wisely. Buy Fairtrade and buy locally made products when possible.
- Avoid waste. Reduce, reuse, recycle, recover, treat.
- Learn how to read your energy bills and make your home more energy efficient.
- Explore the use of renewable energy in your home, business and school, parish buildings www.seai.ie
- Consider installing water butts in your gardens.
- Pray in and with nature
- Offer a welcome to newcomers where you live.
- Take the Laudato Si' Pledge www.CatholicClimateMovement.global/petition
- Discuss with / write to your local TD to express your concern on Ireland's record on addressing the climate crisis. Check out www.onefuture.ie for some ideas.
- Can we help to conserve and protect water in our area? Water is the source of life for all living things. Can we restore a local Holy Well? **Take a pilgrimage to a local Holy Well.** See www.lovingsisterearth.com





OUR COMMON HOME

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

Święty Paweł przypomina nam dzisiaj o przykazaniu Pana Jezusa: "Kochaj bliźniego jak siebie samego". Ale czy możemy powiedzieć, że kochamy



MATTHEW 18:20

Boga lub bliźniego całym sercem, kiedy jednocześnie

nienawidzimy siebie? Czy Bóg nie mieszka w naszym sercu? Czy możemy powiedzieć, że wierzymy w Boga, który jest

Miłością, ale nie wierzymy, że On nas kocha? Wiele pytań, jedna odpowiedź - prawdziwa Miłość. Kochać siebie to tak naprawdę znaczy: uwierzyć i zaakceptować, że jesteśmy godni miłości Boga i naszych bliźnich. Cała reszta to tylko bosko-ludzka historia miłosna naszej odpowiedzi na wieczną miłość Bożą.

Saint Paul reminds us today of the commandment of the Lord Jesus: "Love your neighbour as yourself".

But can we say that we love God or our neighbour with all our heart while we hate ourselves? Doesn't God live in our heart? Can we say that we believe in God who is Love, but we do not believe that He loves us?

Many questions, one answer - true Love. To love yourself is really: to believe and accept that we are worthy of the love of God and our neighbours. Everything else is just a divine human love story of our response to God's eternal love.

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Too many people die each year through suicide. Suicide is Preventable.

On **Thurs 10th Sept at 8pm** join us to light a candle and take **1 minute's silence**

- To show your support for suicide prevention
- To remember a lost loved one and the survivors of suicide.

As you light the candle take a moment to say -

"I light this candle and suddenly the world around me changes. I am reminded yet again that one small flame is all it takes to let the darkness know that it cannot win."



During the week also encourage you to tie a ribbon on your nearest (Tree of Hope" & send us names of those you would like remembered and they will be remembered at 12 noon Mass, Sunday 13th in Clondalkin Village Parish

A Clondalkin prayer for the Earth

God of the Universe,

We thank You for Your many great gifts we see each around us day. For the beauty of Corkagh and Collinstown parks and the lazy, meandering Carmac river. We thank you for the wildlife, creatures, trees and plants that they support and for the rest they provide. We thank you for clean water and fresh air, for food and shelter, animals and plants. The whou for the beautiful diversity that

Thank you for the beautiful diversity that is so evident in our town, village and estates and for the blessing of each other. Let us never take these precious gifts

for granted.

May we always be mindful of what we use. Forgive us for times we have wasted what You have given us, and we pray for those who suffer because of our waste, greed or indifference.

Let apathy never allow us to forget our role as stewards and caretakers of nature and may our touch be always marked with gentleness, care and with love, respecting all living things. We ask this in Your name, today & always. Amen



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