



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter Sunday 15th November 2020

33rd Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

Today's Gospel is encouraging us "not to play it safe" or as the Master in the parable puts it:

You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?

The master gets angry because his slave did "nothing" with the money entrusted to him just buried it! He played it safe! And was not rewarded.

We can apply this parable to many examples in our lives – how we use our talents given by God – do we give our power away by doing nothing or playing it safe – do we take a risk now and again with the right intention of doing the best we can at that moment in time. Jesus wants us to think outside the box. Get and be creative!

Certainly during this pandemic we are all asked to think outside the box. Churches are closed for public worship. Lots of things moved online, webcam, parish radio. Have you adapted to this new way of "being" / "living" church?

The church was never meant to be a building – it was meant to be a message of love and hope seen by other through the way we live our life.

Of course gathering as believers for the Eucharist is important too however we cannot gather currently and therefore we need to be honest with each other:

How are "we" church during these times?

Are you playing it safe and thinking "ah sure there is no mass I cannot go and bother with"?

How are you living out your faith if we cannot gather?!

Think outside the box – what do you think Jesus wants you to do?! In light of today's Gospel, the answer is clear:

He wants us to take risks – don't play it safe by becoming a spectator – play an active role by living your faith at home. You might have heard about the words -Domestic church – that is every family (where there are two or three gathered in my name) where we share the love of Christ. The Greek word *ecclesiola* referred to "little church." Our Early Church Fathers understood that the home was fertile ground for discipleship, sanctification, and holiness. In Lumen Gentium one of the Documents from the 2nd Vatican council.

The family is, so to speak, the domestic church. In it, parents should, by their word and example, be the first preachers of the faith to their children; they should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each of them, fostering with special care vocation to a sacred state. The term "Domestic Church" refers to the family, the smallest body of gathered believers in Christ. So instead of playing it safe – what do you "do" as a follower of Christ?! **Christina Malone, PPW**

This advent there a different way of living the season of waiting:

Would you like to learn to make your own advent wreath?

Or perhaps a prayer service on a Saturday afternoon to light a candle with others?

Or would you like to join an **WhatsApp group** this advent to receive an impulse every day to prepare our way for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Or do you fancy becoming part of the **living online parish advent calendar** by telling the Scripture story one day at the time. If you like to be involved or if you like further details, please ring or text **Christina 085 71 62152**

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



MASSES

Clondalkin Village

Sundays:

(Vigil) Sat 6.30pm,

Sunday 10.00am, 12 noon

Weekdays

(Mon – Sat) 10am

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Parish Office Hours

**Clondalkin: Mon-Fri
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A Word from Fr Damian - Thank you for your generosity You may be aware that with the restrictions on people attending Mass Parish finances have been disrupted. Despite this parishioners have been very generous with donations to the upkeep of the parish either dropping in their planned giving envelopes or the special envelopes that Julie, our hard-working secretary left in the Church. These can be left in the Parish Office or in the safe in the Church. The collections normally taken up at Mass have suffered the most and I am asking you to consider putting what you normally give on Sunday into the envelopes especially marked for Priests and Share collections. These envelopes are clearly marked and are left throughout the Church. Some parishioners already drop in contributions for the collections but we can only allocate any funds received for the purpose they are intended for. The collections at Mass go to support priests in poorer parishes as well as the local priests and the Share fund supports many Diocesan offices and repairing other churches. I appreciate there are many demands on your income so once again thank you for your generosity. *Fr. Damian*

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 16th November	St. Margaret of Scotland St. Gertrude
Tuesday 17th November	St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Wednesday 18th Nov	Dedication of Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul
Saturday 21st November	Presentation of the BVM



Saint Gertrude (1256 to 1302)

Feast Day 16th November

Gertrude (the Great) was born on 6th January 1256, but nothing is known of her parents nor of the place of her birth. She was placed at the age of five in the care of the nuns of Helfta. Gertrude received a good liberal education at Helfta, being thoroughly grounded in grammar, logic and rhetoric and arithmetic, geometry, music and astronomy. She also learned to speak and write Latin and Greek fluently and translated parts of the Bible into German.

She tells us about her youthful passions: literature, music and song and the art of miniature painting. She had a strong and impulsive temperament. Some features of her temperament and faults stayed with her to the end of her life, so as to amaze certain people who wondered why the Lord had favoured her with such a special love.

Gertrude had many visions and mystical experiences which took place during the liturgy and the Divine Office. She lost interest in secular studies and devoted herself to Scripture, the liturgy and the Fathers of the Church. From being a grammarian, she became a theologian. She had a great devotion to the humanity of Jesus in his Passion and in the Blessed Eucharist. In this she was a forerunner of what later became devotion to the Sacred Heart.

Gertrude died after an illness in 1302. She was never formally canonized, but Pope Innocent XI added her name to the Roman Martyrology in 1677, and in 1738 at the request of the King of Poland and the Duke of Saxony, Pope Clement XII extended her feast to the Universal Church.



Village Church

Sunday 15th November

6.30pm Vigil Sr. Teresa Shannon (1st An)
Margaret Doyle (27th An), Deirdre Corcoran (MM), Christina Brown (21st An), Marie Françoise Metrope (RD)

10.00am Liam, Babs & Gary Norton (An), Michael & Victor McDermott, Terry McDermott & Evelyn & William Jones (An), Vincent Kells (An), Joe Jo Dolard (An), Gay Byrne (An), Austin Gaffney (An)

12noon Thomas Delaney (An) Nuala Bismilla (An)
Aidan Dardis (5th An), Special birthday Mass for Monica, Brian Minnock (MM)

Monday 16th November

10.00am John O'Mahoney (B'day Rem)

Tuesday 17th November

10.00am Josephine Noone (1st An), John & Annie Conroy (Rem)

Thursday 19th November

10.00am Dolores Nolan (An)

7.30pm Mass for all our Deceased Parishioners

Saturday 21st November

10.00am Maurice Collins (An)

Sunday 22nd November

10.00am Joseph Traynor (An), Walter & Elizabeth Fortune (An), Fran Byrne (B'day Rem)

12noon Kate O'Neill (An)



RECENTLY DECEASED



**Gary Reilly, Sr Asumpta Lawlor,
Marie Françoise Metrope**
May they rest in peace

YCD Connected Group The Young Church Dublin have started a connected group for Young Adults (20's 30's) to gather online. We meet **every Wednesday**, from **8.00-9.00pm**. We will have time of catch up, reflection on Scripture, chat in small discussion groups and enjoy time in prayer together. It provides an opportunity to connect in with other young adults in a community of faith. If you would like to join us email: st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie



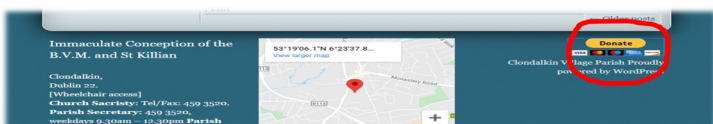
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Thank you



The word which God has written on the brow of every man is hope. *Victor Hugo*

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

Our Lord promised Saint Gertrude that 1000 souls would be released from Purgatory each time this prayer is said devoutly.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family.

Amen.



International Men's Day : 19th November

International Men's Day seeks to raise awareness about mental health issues in men, as well as other health and societal issues, by encouraging men to open up and communicate with others. The traditional ideas of what masculinity means in society is changing, and needs to change, if vulnerable men are to be protected from these harmful conditions. As stereotypes and discrimination start to break down in our culture there is an emerging need for boys and young men to identify with positive role models that embody the true qualities of masculinity. Those of kindness, generosity, inner strength, and natural, open communication. International Men's Day, and the month of November, is an excellent opportunity in our global culture to present the true face of masculinity to those who need to see it.

Remember that the day is not intended to compete against International Women's Day, but is for the purpose of highlighting men's experiences. It is important that we acknowledge the differences between men and women and cater to their particular needs. It's worth noting however that neither IMD or IWD are exclusive events. These events can be celebrated by men and women who wish to raise awareness and contribute to our collective wellbeing, as well as to educate more people about the issues.

See www.internationalmensday.com for more information



For all our loved ones who died too soon - Thanks to all who took part in and organised our service on Thursday last.



Clondalkin Mens Shed enjoying their weekly 'Socially distanced walk' along the Camac river in Corkagh Park. And congrats as their bug hotel finds a new home in the city - a 5 star bug hotel !

A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners Thanks Chris

W tym Światowym Dniu Ubogich zachęcam was do podjęcia ryzyka jak pan z dzisiejszej przypowieści Jezusa i do podzielenia się czymś ważnym z osobami, które tego potrzebują. Ale nie tylko czymś czego mamy w nadmiarze. Dajmy im coś bardzo cennego dla nas jak nasz czas lub miłość i pozwólmy im być częścią naszego szczęścia. Odpowiedzmy na zaproszenie Papieża Franciszka wzięte z Księgi z Syracha: „Wyciągnij swą rękę do biednego”, aby nasze błogosławieństwo było pełne, a słowo Boże się wypełniło.



On this World Day of the Poor, I encourage you to take risks like the master in today's parable of Jesus and share something important with those who need it. But not only what you have in excess. Let us give them something very precious to us, like our time or love, so they can be a part of our happiness. Let us respond to the invitation of Pope Francis taken from the Book of Sirach: 'Stretch out your hand to the poor', so our blessing can be complete and the word of God fulfilled.

At the moment many are struggling to afford enough food for themselves and their families. Covid-19 has made life extra difficult because of job losses, payments being made every two weeks instead of every week, more people eating at home and for many other reasons. Meanwhile bills stay the same and must still be paid.

There is help here in our community. With the support of St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank there is food available once a week for pick-up for those who need it. You register by **phoning 01-436 2895 or 01-855 0022** and you can choose to pick up your food either in Bawnogue or in Quarryvale.



If you need some food support once, for a few weeks or for a longer time, please don't wait to make the call.



Free Covid Bereavement Counselling

If you have lost loved ones through bereavement during the Covid period, and would like to talk to someone in confidence, contact Eileen at

covidbereavementcounselling@gmail.com

Because of H&S restrictions Sessions are online through Zoom
Mon.-Wed. 10 -5pm

You can make a donation as you wish

Resilient faith: Advent spirituality for a time of pandemic.

New Online Advent Scripture course - *Advent spirituality* and the course offers six presentations (two from each speaker) and a joint webinar on **10 December**. The presentations will be available on Vimeo from **23 November** onwards.

- **Praying the Psalms in Advent: Honest prayers when life is hard** - **Jessie Rogers** (two Vimeo presentations)
- **Reading Mark in Advent: Wakefulness in Winter as We Attend to the Gift.** - **Sean Goan** (two Vimeo presentations)
- **Learning from Paul: Holding on to the word of life (Phil 2:16)** - **Kieran J. O'Mahony** (two Vimeo presentations)

The charge for the course is €20 per household.

Register **NOW** at <https://www.tarsus.ie/TarsusScriptureSchool/>

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Today I am wise, so I am changing myself. *Rumi*



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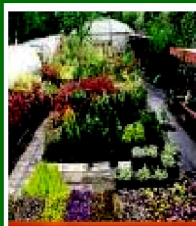
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