

# GIVE ME HOPE O LORD THIS ADVENT

It is hard to believe that Advent has arrived already. Long time readers of my columns will be aware that I have tried, often unsuccessfully to highlight the importance of Advent as a separate and distinct liturgical season often trampled upon under the stampede towards Christmas. There are four elements to Advent, Hope, Peace, Joy and



Love. This week we will concentrate on **HOPE.** Christian hope is grounded in the character of God. It is a hope rooted in the love and faithfulness of God. Hope is not wishful thinking but a firm assurance that God can be relied upon.

Following on from the success of our Advent resources of prayer, reflection, and action in recent years this Advent we are providing some new activities. Please tune in to our Facebook page every morning at 09.00 from today until Christmas eve where you may hear and watch our Local Living Advent Calendar with contributions from families and individuals from Clondalkin. At 12.30 page we have 'Walking Advent with the Scriptures' where people from different Christian denominations all over Ireland lead us in a short reflection with our daily Scripture Calendar which you may download from our website, an initiative of the CCPC. This is in addition to our regular contributors. If you do not know how to access our Facebook page do ask your children or grandchildren, our page can be found at **@TheCCPCDublin** and there is no need to sign up to Facebook. If that has not wettened your appetite Christina Malone is hosting a Whatsapp reflection each day during Advent and is available by contacting her on 085 716 2152

The Archbishop emailed last week and amongst other items was a reminder to reach out to the poor. It will not be possible to have the annual collection for the Society of Saint Vincent De Paul in December so would you please be as kind to drop off your donation in an Envelope marked SVDP and leave in the parish Office or in the safe in the Church. In the past few years, we have linked in with the students from Coláiste Chilliain and are giving you an opportunity to contribute to our Annual Food Drive. Non-perishable foodstuffs may be dropped at the Village parish Office between 10.00 and 15.00 (3pm) Monday and Tuesday will be distributed throughout Clondalkin. I trust that the above will opportunities for us to bring hope to those in need this Advent.

## Fr. Damían

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 Weekdays (Mon – Sat) 10am All Behind Closed Doors Clonburris **Church Closed** Knockmitten **Church Closed Parish Office Hours** Clondalkin: Mon-Fri 9:30 am - 12:30pm Closed to the public but please contact through **Phone and Email** Clonburris & Knockmitten: Contact through Village Submissions for **Newsletter:** Parishnewsletter1@gmail.com

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 30th November Thursday 3rd December Friday 4th December

St. Francis Xavier St. John Damascene

St. Andrew, Apostle

## INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS DAY 2020 Saturday 5th December

International Volunteer Day (IVD) on 5 December was designated by the United Nations in 1985 as an international observance day to celebrate the power and potential of volunteerism.

It is an opportunity for volunteers, and volunteer organisations, to raise awareness of, and gain understanding for, the contribution they make to their communities. The act of volunteering is found in all cultures, languages, and religions. Each year, hundreds of millions of

people volunteer their time and skills to help make the world a better place. When they volunteer, they help to improve the lives of others. And when they volunteer, they also gain a greater sense of belonging to their communities. On 5 December, people around the world will celebrate IVD with rallies, parades, volunteer fairs, group clean ups, blood donations, conferences, exhibitions, fundraising, workshops and volunteer recognition events.



### Saint Francis Xavier Feast Day 3rd December

Born in 1506 in Navarre (Spain); died on 3<sup>rd</sup> December in 1552 off the coast of China. Francis Xavier met Ignatius of Loyola

while both were studying in Paris and became one of the first Jesuits. At Ignatius' request, Francis went to Goa (India) as a missionary and travelled extensively through southeast Asia to Japan, winning converts and organizing Christian communities. Francis Xavier was noted for the simplicity of his lifestyle and for his tireless missionary zeal.

Something Different for Advent 2020 MY ADVENT RECENT

ings this season, light your way

## An Advent Retreat for Busy

**people** - Advent is on the horizon and I know this is, and is going to be a busy and uncertain time for so many – so we are just encouraging you to make sure to make a little space to look after yourself. Here is a little gift for you to help you to take a bit of time this Advent - Share it with all the other Busy people you know – Take from it what you need. -You can download, print it from -

www.clondalkinparish.com/?page\_id=3747



'Working (socially distanced) with like-minded friends is such a pleasure.'

The Global Garden, Clondalkin

Thanks Maeve!

# Víllage Church





**6.30pm Vigil** Joe Fitzgibbon (7th An) Intention Johnny Heffernan (1st An), Patricia Heffernan (1st An), Gráinne Broderick (1st An) & Joe Broderick (B'day Rem), Marie Rawl (Rem)

**10.00am** Matthew Minogue (An), Joe & Nancy Murphy (An), Aidan Kelly (B'day Rem), Mike Byrne (10th An)

12noon Sadie O'Sullivan (B'day Rem), Mary Ann, John and Marie Kennedy (an), Jimmy Buchanan Monday 30th November

10.00am Vera Thelan (3rd An) & Tom Thelan Tuesday 1st December

**10.00am** Edward McManus (50th An) & wife Henrietta (An)

Wednesday 2nd December

10.00am Patricia Hayden (1st An)

Thursday 3rd December

10.00amElsie Naughton (B'day Rem)Friday 4thDecember- First Friday of the Month

Sunday 6th December6.30pm VigilPeg & Donal Lynch (An)Joseph Ledwig (3rd An), Wendy White (An)10.00amJames (Jnr) and Alice Norton (An)12n00nMinnie Murphy (1st An)

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 if you wish

> Recently Deceased PHYLLIS LYNCH, JOHN FLYNN May They Rest in Peace



On Thurs last, there was a **remembrance** event online organised by various groups and agencies throughout Clondalkin, ourselves included, which went live on a new website www.clondalkincares.com being developed for the Clondalkin

Community. If you missed it be sure to take a look and www.clondalkincares.com/clondalkinremembers26nov/

Then on Friday on the site a Clondalkin/D22 online **Book of Remembrance** was launched for all connected with our community who have lost a loved one during these most un-normal of times. You can register, put up a photo and details of your loved one, a short word about them and a few words of encouragement for others. This is a great tribute and memorial from our community. So encourage all to take a look and add to the book of remembrance because as a

community we acknowledge & share the loss, we feel the grief and we offer support & care.



The present moment is filled with joy and happiness. If you are attentive, you will see it.

#### **ENROLMENTS FOR OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES CLONBURRIS NATIONAL SCHOOL**

If you have a child whom you wish to begin school in September 2021 and you have not already enrolled him/her, please call into the school and fill in a form or download a form from the school

website www.clonburrisns.ie Closing date for applications is **31<sup>st</sup> January 2021**. I would appreciate if you would inform a friend or neighbour, who has a child who will be ready for school in September, and who will not have a copy of this newsletter, of

the necessity of enrolling early. It is important that a Birth Certificate be attached with the enrolment form. Enrolments will be processed and places allocated in February 2021. Please call the school on 01 4573636 for any further info.

Fiona Morley, Principal



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We are inviting you to join with us for Walking Advent with the Scriptures Journeying Together through Advent

### Each week **Download and Share**

The Daily Scripture Calendar -

With the scripture reference and a short thought, focus for each day

&

A short video input for each day from representatives of the different Christian Denominations from around Ireland

### Week 1 Contributors

- 29th Nov Frank Brown, Parish Pastoral Worker in the Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin Revd Cathy Hallissey, Rector, Powerscourt Col 30 Nov -
- 1st Dec Mark Acheson, COI, works at Abbey Presbyterian Church
- 2nd Dec Br Terence Harrington OFM Cap, Capuchin 3rd Dec - Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSB, Augustinian
- 4th Dec Fr Patrick McCafferty, Parish Priest of Corpus Christi Parish in West Belfast.
- 5th Dec Natalie Doherty Faith Development Officer with the Dublin Diocese working in the parishes of Kilnamanagh/Castleview

Download/print the Daily Scripture Calendar from and then join us for a short video input for each day at 12:30pm on our Facebook page from www.clondalkinparish.com/?page id=3747 representatives of the different Christian Denominations from around Ireland - @theCCPCDublin



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

Rozpoczynamy dzisiaj nowy rok liturgiczny, czas Adwentu. Idac za słowami św. Pawła, dziękujmy Bogu za wszystkich nauczycieli i



kaznodziejów oraz za wszystkich świadków Chrystusa, którzy prowadzili nas do Ducha Świętego w ciągu ostatnich 12 miesięcy. Przygotujmy się na nowy początek. Jezu, rozedrzyj niebiosa i zejdź na dół, i pozwól naszym grzesznym sercom przemienić się w Twojej Obecności.

We are beginning a new liturgical year, a time of Advent. Following St Paul's words, let's be thankful to God for all teachers and preachers, and all witnesses to Christ who led us to the Holy Spirit in the last 12 months. Let's

prepare ourselves for the new beginning. Jesus, tear the heavens open and come down, and let our sinful hearts melt at your Presence.



Food Donations can be brought to the school or left into Clondalkin Village Parish office or **Ronanstown Youth Service** Monday & Tuesday from 10am - 3pm

All food collected will be distributed to families and individuals in need in our local area

If you need Food Support please register on 01-855 0022 or 01-436 2895 and ask to pick up weekly either in Bawnogue or in Quarryvale.

#### Food and essential items list

All food is welcome, (baked beans, cereal, pasta, rice, tea etc.), and should be in date and in unbroken and undamaged packaging. Nothing should need refrigeration while unopened. We try to avoid anything with peanuts.



#### The food items we especially welcome include:

- Coffee, (instant)
- Cooking sauces, e.g. for pasta, curry etc. Crackers
- Juice in 1 litre cartons or sets of individual cartons. Marmalade: for some reason we often have jam, but never marmalade!
- Meat: tins/jars of *e.g. hot dogs, meatballs and pies.* Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables: *we often have peas and sometimes sweet corn, but other varieties are rare.*
- Treats! The focus is on essential food but everyone deserves a treat, *e.g.* biscuits, chocolates, crisps packets of concentrated jelly-cubes, ready-made custard etc.

#### Hygiene products

<u>General</u> Body lotion, Hand sanitizing gel, Hand soap, Loo rolls, Shampoo or shampoo/conditioner, Shower gel, Tooth brushes, Tooth paste











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