



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 8th November 2020

32nd Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

AN UNUSUAL OIL CRISIS

Weddings are always interesting and exciting occasions. Usually all the focus is on the bride more so than on the groom. A little less notice is given to the bridesmaids. All eyes are usually on the bride and the bridal dress.



In the Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids, Jesus chooses to focus on the bridesmaids to illustrate how important it is to prepare for his Second Coming. He warns that he will come like a thief in the night. We need to watch and be ready, *"Stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour."* There is no mention of the bride in this parable. It was the custom at the time for the bride to wait in her home for the bridegroom to come and bring her to his home. Friends of the bride and groom would meet the bridegroom on his way and accompany the happy couple to his house where the wedding feast was celebrated. Ten bridesmaids were chosen. All had lamps with oil in them to add to the festivities and light up the way.

But, as happens at many weddings, there is a hitch. The bridegroom is late. Usually in the present time, it is the bride who is late. All ten bridesmaids, weary with waiting, fall asleep. In the middle of the night a shout is heard, *"The bridegroom is here. Go out and meet him"*.

Another hitch occurs. Five bridesmaids discover they do not have enough oil to relight their lamps. Their companions refuse to give them some of their oil. To do so would cause an oil crisis for all ten of them. While they go to buy oil, the bride and groom arrive. The feast begins. The door is closed. The latecomers find themselves left outside. Lack of oil on their part, caused this crisis to happen.

The message of the Gospel is simple. Oil represents personal preparation through prayer, compassion and good deeds. Common sense cannot be bought. We know what we have to do. This is the oil in our lamps that allows us to meet the Bridegroom when He comes. The message is clear: keep an eye on the oil gauge.

Sr. Anne

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

All Behind Closed Doors

Clonburris

Church Closed

Knockmitten

Church Closed

Parish Office Hours

Clondalkin: Mon-Fri

9:30 am - 12:30pm

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A Word from the Finance Committee

Thanks to the sterling effort of Deirdre, our Accounts Assistant, our PayPal Account has been reactivated.

This can be used for all payments to the parish including first and second collections and is available on the Parish website www.clondalkinparish.com

The Parish Finance Committee appreciates your continued support and a reminder that planned giving envelopes may be left in the safe in the Church or dropped into the Parish Office. Please phone Julie in advance on (01) 4593520, office hours are 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Thanks to Julie, our very efficient Secretary, for the extra tasks she has taken on board.

Remember to keep sending in your thoughts on how you are staying positive in these times. Other people may benefit from what you find helpful, so I encourage you to keep sharing.
Fr. Damian



I find that by making a space in my day to drop into the Church to spend a few minutes in the Lord's presence, I can face whatever that day brings with a lighter heart. Also, being able to attend Mass via the Church webcam is another opportunity to be thankful - Anne Marie

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 10th November	<i>St. Leo the Great</i>
Wednesday 11th November	<i>St. Martin of Tours</i>
Thursday 12th November	<i>St. Josephat</i>
Saturday 14th November	<i>St. Laurence O'Toole</i>

NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH 2020

National Novel Writing Month, also known as NaNoWriMo is a month-long creative writing challenge that takes place every November. During the month participants from all over the world are challenged to write a 50,000 word first draft of a novel. There is no charge to take part in the challenge, although it is all run by a not for profit organisation and participants have the option to donate to the cause and purchase official NaNoWriMo merchandise, all profits from which are funnelled back into the program. Once participants have signed up they receive access to support and encouragement to help them hit their writing goals; this includes access to a range of articles and tools to assist in planning their novel, the option to join a local group of writers and meet up for in-person writing events, online forums and facebook groups. If you feel that there is a story inside you just waiting to be told and would like to get more involved, visit www.nanowrimo.org for more information or to sign up.



Recently Deceased

John Keating, James Buchannan

May They Rest in Peace



Village Church

Sunday 8th November

12noon Special Intention

Monday 9th November

10.00am Frank Byrne

Tuesday 10th November

10.00am Henrietta & Edward McManus

Wednesday 11th November

10.00am Brigid Dunne (An)

Thursday 12th November

10.00am Bill, Niamh McDonnell
& Rory McDonnell (An)

4.30pm Mass for those who died too soon

Friday 13th November

10.00am James Murray (B'day Rem)

Sunday 15th November

10.00am Liam, Babs & Gay Nolan (An)

12noon Thomas Delaney (An)

Nuala Bismilla (An), Aidan Dardis (5th An)

Snowdrops

The world may never notice,
If a snowdrop doesn't bloom,
Or even pause to wonder,
If the petals fall too soon,
But every life that ever forms,
or ever comes to be,
Touches the world in some small
way, for all eternity.

The one we loved and cared for,
Was swiftly here and gone.

But the love that was then planted

Is a light that still shines on.



*Sometimes
love is for
a moment.
Sometimes
love is for
a lifetime.
Sometimes
a moment is
a lifetime.*

A Prayer Service remembering those precious children who have died during or after birth and all our beloved friends, family members or loved ones who were taken too soon either through tragedy, accident or illness will be held in

Clondalkin Village Parish Church

On **Thurs 12th November** At

4:30pm

The short service will be broadcast LIVE on the parish webcam
http://www.clondalkinparish.com/?page_id=1461
and the Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/TheCCPSDublin>

If you would like your loved one to be remembered at this service please email their name to
Office@Clondalkinparish.com

"See I will not forget you... I have carved you on the palm of my hand" (Isaiah 49:15)

Just a reminder - on **Thursday 12th November @ 4.30pm** we will have a short Remembrance Service "For all our loved ones who died too soon" remembering those precious children who have died during or after birth and all our beloved friends, family members or loved ones who were taken too soon either through tragedy, accident or illness. Because of restrictions, it will be broadcast LIVE on the parish webcam http://www.clondalkinparish.com/?page_id=1461 and the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/TheCCPSDublin>

We are also asking all to join us for **1 minute silence at 4.30pm** that day and read the "Snow Drop" reflection, maybe say a prayer in solidarity with those remembered at the service and in remembrance of their own loved ones.

Monday Club : 8th November 2020

Hello all Monday Club friends and readers of the Newsletter. I hope you are all keeping well. Here we are in another lockdown. Last time it was at beginning of Spring/Summer when the weather was fairly good, the days were getting brighter, everything was beginning to come to life in the garden. Birds were singing and nature's life was awakening from the wintertime slumber. There was an air of hope and life which made the lockdown more bearable. It was a big shock to the system to have our movements curtailed in such an abrupt and sudden way. During this time, we noticed things we had not noticed before such as birds singing. The air had a feeling of silence with the lack of the usual sound of traffic and planes in the sky. It really brought us back to enjoy the simpler things of life.

A lot of people seized the opportunity to declutter and gardening.

In this lockdown, most of this work is done and life will be different. We can take the time to sit by the fireside with a nice blazing fire, a good book, a craft you love doing, or some good television programmes to watch. After Christmas, the days will begin to lengthen again, and hopefully everything will begin to slowly get back to the new normal, please God.

Last week in normal times, we would have had our annual Halloween party when the young people of Localise would have been with us. This year was different; with no club they could not be with us. However, they did not forget us. Last week, they left goodie bags with Fr Damian to arrange to have them distributed to the Monday Club. I gave the names of those who came to the club to Fr Damian who delivered as many as he could. I am sorry I do not have addresses or phone numbers of everybody.

Thank you Debbie, and all the young ladies and gentlemen of Localise who made every effort to be in contact with us, made up the goodie bags and brought them to the church for distribution. Thank you all. Our community is so lucky to have such kind thoughtful young people and are an example to us all. Thanks to Fr Damian for taking them in, and who took on the job of delivery most to them personally and getting the rest of them delivered. I am sorry if everyone did not get one. There were only so many.

Thanks a million to all involved. It is much appreciated. We wish you all success for the year ahead, and hopefully we will be back in the club again for next year.

I miss you all and I hope and pray we can get together soon again. All we can do at present is to mind each other, pray for each other and stay safe and well.

Thanks to Frs Damian, Padraigh and team in the church for their commitment and dedication in providing us with Masses and Rosaries. It must be difficult speaking to an empty church, but remember you are talking out to a church full of people who are invisible to you, but we can see and hear you.

God Bless all until next time.

Kathleen R



Some photos today of Clondalkin Mens Shed first weekly walk during Covid 19, in Corkagh Park, and along the banks of the Camac river in Clondalkin Park. Wearing masks and maintaining Social Distancing.

Photos courtesy of Tommy Keogh

A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners Thanks Chris

November is the month in which we remember our deceased family members and friends. Following the example of St. Paul, I would like to encourage you to look up to heaven and not lose hope. Because we believe that Jesus Christ died and rose again. And those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise from their tombs and will rejoice with the Lord God forever. As for us, we should keep awake and build our true friendship with God.

Listopad jest miesiącem, w którym wspominamy naszych zmarłych z rodziny a także zmarłych przyjaciół. Idąc za przykładem św. Pawła, chciałbym was zachęcić, abyście spojrzeli w niebo i nie tracili nadziei. Ponieważ wierzymy, że Jezus Chrystus umarł i zmartwychwstał. A ci, którzy umarli w Chrystusie, pierwsi powstaną z grobów i będą się radowali z Panem Bogiem na wieki. A jeśli chodzi o nas, to powinniśmy czuwać i budować prawdziwą przyjaźń z Bogiem.

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.

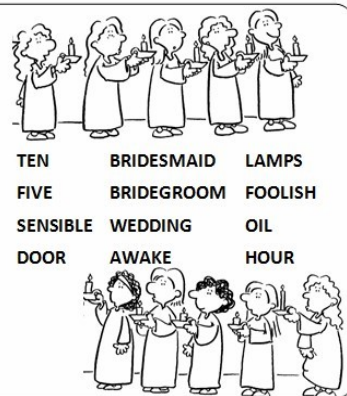
You must ring the FoodBank Helpline to ensure your name is on the list. Strictly one bag per name on list and only given to person named on list.

Unfortunately, we cannot help anyone who has not been approved.

We also ask that people bring their own bags to bring food away in.



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TEN BRIDESMAID LAMPS
FIVE BRIDEGROOM FOOLISH
SENSIBLE WEDDING OIL
DOOR AWAKE HOUR

Every day, think as you wake up, today I am fortunate to be alive; I have a precious human life, I am not going to waste it.

HH The Dalai Lama

Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening.

Mahatma Gandhi



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With the Covid causing many problems
 with funerals and family meetings
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