



Maranatha - Come Lord Jesus, Come

"On this third Sunday of Advent begin to reflect on what 'marvels' God has worked for you. It is meant to be joyful a time. We are closer on our journey towards the Christ light of Bethlehem. In church you will notice the priests wearing violet coloured vestments. This colour is the same as the candle on the Advent wreath. It is the colour of joy.



Saint John Paul II began a tradition early on in his papacy when he invited the children of Rome to assemble in St Peters Square on the third Sunday of Advent during this Angelus address. He asked them to bring their little statue of the baby Jesus that would be placed in their nativity set at home. He blessed the figurines of a spirit of prayer.

As Christians, we believe that we have all been 'anointed' for something great. This takes place during our Baptism and Confirmation. We are all on the path of rediscovery towards this encounter with Jesus. In the hustle and bustle of December days, each of us can commit to preparing the way of the Lord in our lives, to 'make his path straight' (Mt 3:3). Knowing how to see into the distance is all about trust. We are all on various roads in life; however, our paths connect in the story of Jesus. We can ask that question that was put to John, 'what must we do?'. John the Baptist was clear that everything he did was to help to prepare a way for Jesus. Each of us can prepare in small and great ways to meet Jesus. Our good news can be in how we serve other people; for example, the hungry and homeless at Christmas. It can be our intention to try to encourage conversation about the real Jesus, who came to save each one of us.

Some of us might have strayed from the path that can lead to an encounter with

those present and told them to assemble before the manger scene with their family in

Jesus. The courage to follow Jesus, his message and his promise has gotten lost in many other messages in society today. As Christians, we need to continue to trust and remind people who celebrate Christmas without Christ that as the popular saying goes, 'he is the reason for the season'. We can leave open the possibility that there are John the Baptists today who have the courage to remind people that 'among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming.' (Jn 1:26-27).

Trust in God is not about being silent. It is a story of faith and is news that is too good for any of us to keep secret. We have a joyful message. Do not keep it to yourself. Pass it on. Begin today to talk about why Jesus matters. Maranatha - Come Lord Jesus come."

(from the Book: Advent News. Too Good to Keep. Daily Reflection of Advent. Gerard Gallagher. Veritas 2020. Page 66-67.)

Christina Malone, Parish Pastoral Worker

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 - Fri 7.30am, 10.00am Sat 10.00am

Clonburris (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm Sunday 11.00am Knockmitten Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am Sunday 11.00am

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Submissions for **Newsletter:** Parishnewsletter1@gmail.com A word from Fr. Damian - We said farewell to our accounts assistant Deirdre who moved on the greater things during the week. Deirdre came to us three years ago and quickly immersed herself in to the job and was a friendly that answered calls that parishioners made regarding their contributions to the parish. During her time the Parish migrated most of our payments from paper based to electronic and she set up our PayPal account. We wish Deirdre all the very best in her new position. A gentle reminder that the Saint Vincent De Paul Society annual indoor collection will take place this weekend, replacing the Share collection. If you are unable to get to Mass please drop an envelope to the usual places marked V de P and we shall forward it to the local conference & remember to support our Food & Toy drives!!. Fr. Damian

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK Monday 14th December St. John of the Cross	Víllage Church Sunday 13th December	
Friday 18th December St. Sonn of the closs	6.30pm Vigil May Adams (21st An) & Tom Adams,	
	Bridie & Paddy O'Brien, Peggy & Maria Ging, Maura	
CHRISTMAS MASSES IN THE VILLAGE CHURCH Christmas Eve:	Spollen (8th An), Mary Ashe (9th An) 10.00am Eugene Garrigan (3rd An), Laura Fowler (Get well), Nicola Doyle (Get well), John, Lucy & Olive Corcoran (An), Kathleen McCormack (An),	
5.30pm, 7.30pm, 9.30pm	Archbishop Fulton Sheen (Rem), Fr Patrick Payton	
Christmas Day:	(Rem) 12noon Eilis Hynes, Eileen Hynes & Aon Shield	
8.00am (Gaeilge) , 10.00am, 12 noon, 2.00pm	(An), Lisa Sexton (25th An) Sadie Cahill (10th An), Padraig Faughnan (5th An) Marian Corless (An)	
You will be aware that the maximum number of	Wednesday 16th December	
people allowed in the Church during Mass is fifty.	10.00am Chris Stapleton (Rem)	
You may listen to Mass on Parish radio, watch via Webcam or Facebook or stay in your car and listen via	Thursday 17th December 10.00am John Scully (An)	
speaker from Church or webcam - Communion will be	Sunday 20th December	
brought to your in your car in the carpark. Fr. Damian	6.30pm Vigil Elizabeth & Nicola West & dec'd	
RECENTLY DECEASED EUGENE McQUAID,MARY GREENE, MICHAEL O'SHEA May They Rest in Peace	members of the West family (Rem), Patrick & Mary Hendley, Danny & Kathleen O'Neill (Rem) Gretta Gallagher, Kathleen Nolan, Patrick Kelly, James & Kathleen Gallagher (Rem) 10.00am James (Snr) & Bridget Norton	
COVID-19 Support Line for Older People ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.	Jack & Katie Fitzgerald (Rem) Patrick & Mary Cosgrove (Rem), Moya Riordan (An) Geraldine Lernihan, Mary Kirwan & all dec'd members of the Lernihan & Kirwan families 12noon Eilis Hynes, Aileen Hynes and Aon Shield (An), George McDonnell (An) Paddy Delaney (5th An), Liam Callaghan & dec'd members of the Callaghan family	
The support line is open seven days a week,	Free Covid Bereavement Counselling	
Happiness is not something ready made. It comes from your own actions. <i>The Dalai Lama</i>	If you have lost loved ones through bereavement during the Covid period and would like to talk to someone in confidence, contact Eileen at	
Listen not merely to what is said but to the tone of voice in which it is said.	covidbereavementcounselling@gmail.com Because of H&S restrictions, Sessions are online through	
Chínese proverb	Zoom MonWed. 10 -5pm You can make a donation if you wish	
Home Clandalkin Ramembers Book of Ramembrance https://clondalkincares.com/book-of-r	emembrance/ The Clondalkin/D22 online Book of Remembrance	
The Clondalkin Remembranes Book of Remembrane is for everyone who laws in Clondalkin and who has lost a lowed one, and for anyone who laws further afield but has lost a lowed one who lawed in Clondalkin. This Book of Remembranes will stay with as throughout the Cod-19 pandemic and beyond. In the Book of Remembranes you will include their name, month and year of birth, month and year of death, (from Jonuary 2019 onwards), and a few words about them, and you can add a photo. We would also ask you to places share, if you wish, some things which have helped you in dealing with your bereavement in these unusual Cod-19 pandemic times. Your experience could help someone else through their difficult time. Before you add the family member, friend or colleague that you have lost, please ensure that their nearest family – if you are not that yourself – has given their permission.	has been launched on the website www.clondalkincares.com 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	
As this is a lacad website for Clondalkin we will only include names of those who have links to Clondalkin/Dublin 22; either you live here, or the person who died did.	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.

Submit a Remembrance



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 18 Denominations from around Ireland

	Week 3 Contributors
13th Dec	Revd Suzanne Cousins - Rector, Benburb, Co.
	Tyrone
14th Dec	Fr Richard Sheehy - Moderator, Glasnevin
	grouping of Parishes
15th Dec	Mr Scott Evans, Col Chaplain, UCD
16th Dec	Nick Park - Exec Director of Evangelical Alliance
	Ireland
17th Dec	Gerard Gallagher - Pastoral Co-Ordinator in the
	Archdiocese of Dublin
18th Dec	Cherry Poynton- chairperson of the Dublin
	Council of Churches

19th Dec Dirk van der Flier - Chairman, Scripture Union in Ireland

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



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A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners Thanks Chris

If you are reading this it means that you were sent by God to fulfil the words of prophet Isaiah. You are a voice that



Too ambitious? Too scary? No, just don't let the Holy Spirit who dwells in you be suppressed. 'God has called you and he will not fail you.'

Jeśli to czytasz, to znaczy, że zostałeś posłany przez Boga, aby wypełnić słowa proroka Izajasza. Masz być głosem, który woła na pustyni. Przyszedłeś jako świadek Chrystusa, aby zaświadczyć o światłości, aby ludzie mogli przez ciebie uwierzyć. Nazbyt ambitne? Przerażające? Nie, po prostu nie pozwól, aby Duch Święty, który w tobie mieszka, był tłumiony i uciszany. "Wierny jest ten, który was powołuje i On tego dokona."



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