

Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

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Parish Newsletter

Sunday 17th January 2021



The gospel for this week is quite simple in terms of what is happening, but its meaning is monumental. In it, we see John declare Jesus as the "Lamb of God" in front of two disciples that choose to follow Him, literally. When He notices, He invites them to his home. Andrew, one of these disciples, declares Jesus the Messiah to his brother, Simon, and brings him to Jesus as well. Jesus then accepts them and gives them a place among his disciples.

It's interesting to notice the role of questions and invitation. Jesus starts by asking the two disciples who are following Him what they are looking for. They in turn ask Him a question about where He's staying that evening. Questions do that. Questions start conversations and invite participation. Sometimes questions invite a response. Sometimes they prompt more questions. Either way, questions invite people to get involved. And that is what happens here. Jesus does not turn and preach a sermon, or tell them what they need, or give them some rules to live by. He asks them a question: what are you looking for?

In these uncertain and distressing times, it is interesting to think about what it would be like if we as members of the church were willing to ask each other and those around us what they're looking for. To ask this fundamental question that applies to all of us. But all too often, I think, we assume we know what people are looking for. Or, really, we assume they are looking for whatever we're looking for. Or, worse still, we presume to tell them what they are looking for. Jesus does not make that assumption. Instead, He asks, "What are you looking for?" Do we have the courage to ask this question and, even more importantly, do we have the humility and patience to wait for and really listen to their answer? We may be surprised. And then comes the invitation - John sees our vocation to be our answer to Jesus' words, "Come and see." When was the last time you received an invitation? What expectations did you have? Have you ever been surprised by what you saw? Invitations come in many shapes and sizes. Some come in the mail or in e-mail. Others come on calls or zoom calls, from a letter or a look to a simple act of unselfish love. Others come in ways unexpected. Some are personal, almost intimate. Others are general and impersonal. No matter their shape or size or means, invitations ask us the same question: why don't you come and see? A simple invitation can be life changing.

Why do we come? What do we seek? The early disciples of Jesus must have asked themselves those questions. We need to take time to ask ourselves the same questions, to create a space to ask others these questions and to listen and dialogue with their answers. Finally, Jesus' "Come and See" is an open invitation to faith, to relationship and to a personal transformative encounter with love. So we must extend this invite and with this the challenge - When we invite others to faith, when we invite them to belong, when we invite them to "Come and See" **our** Church, are we afraid of what they may see? Will they encounter Jesus there? **Have a great week. Keep safe, sane and well.**

Frank Brown, 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



Masses

Clondalkin Village

Sundays: (Vigil) Sat
6.30pm, Sunday 10am,
12 noon

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A Word from Fr. Damian

I was surprised when I read about a call from English heritage about when is the proper time to take down the crib

After an especially tough year, English Heritage is encouraging the public to do as their medieval ancestors did and leave up their festive adornments until Candlemas on 2 February. This opposes the theory that leaving decorations up beyond Twelfth Night is bad luck, which is a modern take on the tradition. Falling exactly 40 days after Christmas, Candlemas (or the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary) was observed as the official end of Christmas in medieval England. The date itself was a great feast day and is so-called because candles intended to be used in churches in the coming year would be blessed on that day. There were also candlelight processions in honour of the feast.

Evidence that decorations were kept up until the evening before Candlemas is well documented. To this day, Christmas cribs remain in place in many churches until Candlemas. With that in mind we will keep our crib in the village Church in situ till then. Please do drop in and see our lovely crib. *Fr. Damian*



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.

**The support line is open seven days a week,
8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024**

Feast Days This Week

Wednesday 20th January	St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr St. Sebastian, Martyr
Thursday 21st January	St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
Friday 22nd January	St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr

Home Clondalkin Remembrance Book of Remembrance

<https://clondalkincares.com/book-of-remembrance/>

Book of Remembrance

The Clondalkin Remembrance Book of Remembrance is for everyone who lives in Clondalkin and who has lost a loved one, or for anyone who lives further afield but has lost a loved one who lived in Clondalkin. This Book of Remembrance will stay with us throughout the Covid-19 pandemic and beyond.

In the Book of Remembrance you will include their name, month and year of birth, month and year of death, (from January 2019 onwards), and a few words about them, and you can add a photo. We would also ask you to please share, if you wish, some things which have helped you in dealing with your bereavement in these unusual, Covid-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.

As this is a local 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.

We will remember them, speak their names and tell their stories.

To add a loved one who has died to the Book of Remembrance, please click here.

[Submit a Remembrance](#)

The Clondalkin/D22 online Book of Remembrance

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 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.

Online Adult Catechism Course.

Are you interested in gaining a deeper understanding of our

Catholic Faith? An online course, presented by Joe Keegan, clerical student in the parish, will cover the catechism of the Church, dealing with a different topic each week. There will be some twenty topics in the course, such as *What is Grace? Why do we have liturgies? What does the Church teach about social morality? Is anything really happening when I pray? How can God be a trinity?* and others. No enrolment is required, just find the video which will be posted on the *Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin* facebook page every **Sunday at 12.30pm**. If you are not free on Sunday, you can always view the video on a later date by clicking on the video play list we will create for them.

Beginning on Sunday **31st January** with the topic ***Is God just an idea created by humans?***

Village Church

Sunday 17th January

6.30pm Vigil Mary Keane (An)
Noelle O'Brien (4th An), Harry Grimes (14th An)
Frank Keane (Snr) & Frank Keane (Jnr) B'day Rem
10.00am Elsie Naughton (4th An),
Vincent & Bobbie Norton (An)
12noon Gay and Nora Keogh (An)
Kathleen Buckley (B'day Rem)

Monday 18th January

10.00am Annie Conroy & John Conroy (An)

Tuesday 19th January

10.00am Brian & Stasia Ward (R.I.P.)

Wednesday 20th January

10.00am Ciarán Carr (9th An)

Thursday 21st January

10.00am Rose Plunkett (8th An)

Saturday 23rd January

10.00am Ite Ward (An)

Sunday 24th January

6.30pm Vigil Ciarán Carr (9th An),
Patrick Cahill (21st An)



Recently Deceased

**Theresa Green, Christopher Kearns
Denis Twomey, Father Fintan Crotty**

May They Rest in Peace

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT LINE

Many people have experienced the death of someone they love during the COVID-19 pandemic. It may have been a COVID-related death or a death from other causes. In the face of such loss, the Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line, in partnership with the HSE, has been launched to provide connection, comfort and support

**THIS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT LINE IS A NATIONAL
FREEPHONE SERVICE - 1800 80 70 77 - AVAILABLE FROM
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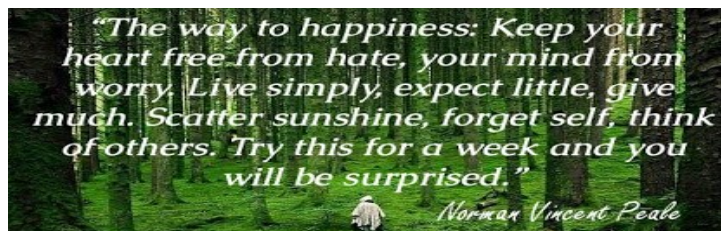
A Christmas Legend (Pope Francis 2019)

A charming legend relates that at the birth of Jesus, the Shepherds hurried to the stable with different gifts. Each brought what he had; some brought the fruits of their labour, others some precious item. But as they were all presenting their gifts, there was one Shepherd who had nothing to give. He was extremely poor; he had no gift to present. As the others were competing to offer their gifts, he stood apart, embarrassed. At a certain point, Saint Joseph and Our Lady found it hard to receive all those gifts, especially Mary, who had to hold the baby. Seeing that Shepherd with empty hands, she asked him to draw near. And as she put the baby Jesus in his arms, that Shepherd, in accepting Him became aware of having received what he did not deserve - holding in his arms the greatest gift of all time. He looked at his hands, those hands that seemed to him always empty; they had become the cradle of God. He felt himself loved and, overcoming his embarrassment, began to show Jesus to the others, for he could not keep for himself the GIFT of GIFTS. Dear brother, dear sister, if your hands seem empty, if you think your heart is poor in love ... the grace of God has appeared to shine forth in your life.

Eddie

When we all first had to work from home in March 2020 when a lot of people had to home school too. Its was hard on everyone so we decided to compile simple resources to try ease that stress. Or at least help parents with a few new ideas of how simple things can continue your child's development and connection to them. Now that we are back in full lock down the Blueskies Initiative are sharing them again. This one is for babies and toddlers and you can find the full set of resources in the link below.

<https://blueskiesinitiative.ie/coronavirus/resources/>



The Mother & Baby Home Commission final report was published Tuesday 12th.

Our thoughts and prayers are with survivors when finally your real life stories and experiences are being heard. We cannot begin to comprehend the trauma it reignites for you.

A webpage with information specifically for former residents of Mother and Baby Homes is set up at:

<https://t.co/1Csk3S1RRI>

The report is based on a sample made up of 14 mother-and-baby homes and four county homes nationwide, over a 76 year period.

Society of Survivors Listening service will continue to be available- you can ring or text @ 085 806 9921, Leave a message to book a call back or 085 806 9925 or 085 806 9926

Additional mental health supports provided by the HSE are also available to former residents

<https://t.co/rIIZLVD4mu>

A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners

Thanks Chris

"What are you looking for?" Jesus asks us today.

Why are you reading this? Why do you come to church every Sunday?

What are you really looking for?

Happiness? Love? Faith?

God calls us like He called Samuel in the first reading, so that we can "come and see" how beautiful the life He prepared for us is. Answer this question in your heart and follow Him.

"Czego szukacie?" pyta nas dzisiaj Jezus.

Dlaczego to czytasz? Dlaczego przychodzisz do kościoła w każdą niedzielę? Czego tak naprawdę szukasz?

Szczęścia? Miłości? Wiary?

Bóg wzywa nas tak, jak wzywał Samuela w pierwszym czytaniu, abyśmy mogli „przyjść i zobaczyć”, jak piękne jest życie, które dla nas przygotował. Odpowiedz sobie na to pytanie w swoim sercu i pójdź za Nim.



To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary.

To one without faith, no explanation is possible.

St. Thomas Aquinas



Staying safe doesn't mean we can't get together.

Quarryvale FRC has several online activities where we can

meet and have a chat and a laugh.

Contact Deborah on familysupport@quarryvalefrc.ie or 087-375 0009 to find out more and to join in the fun!



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