

Sunday of the Word of God -A Reflection of Pope Francis

"...At the conclusion of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, I proposed setting aside "a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people". Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world...

'Consequently, I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity.

'The various communities will find their own ways to mark this Sunday with a certain solemnity. It is important, however, that in the Eucharistic celebration the sacred text be enthroned, in order to focus the attention of the assembly on the normative value of God's word. On this Sunday, it would be particularly appropriate to highlight the proclamation of the word of the Lord and to emphasize in the homily the honour that it is due. Bishops could celebrate the Rite of Installation of Lectors or a similar commissioning of readers, in order to bring out the importance of the proclamation of God's word in the liturgy. In this regard, renewed efforts should be made to provide members of the faithful with the training needed to be genuine proclaimers of the word, as is already the practice in the case of acolytes or extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Pastors can also find ways of giving a Bible, or one of



Masses

Clondalkin Village Sundays: (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm, Sunday 10am, 12 noon All Behind Closed Doors

Weekdays (Mon – Sat) 10am ONLY Behind Closed Doors

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its books, to the entire assembly as a way of showing the importance of learning how to read, appreciate and pray daily with sacred Scripture, especially through the practice of lectio divina.'

The Apostolic Letter "Aperuit Illis" of Pope Francis



Gift yourself a bit of time to reflect on the scriptures either on your own or with family and friends Sr Anne leads *Lectio Divina* each Tuesday at 3:30pm on our Facebook page (@TheCCPCDublin - *If you miss it live you can always catch up on it later*!) and you can download and share a weekly "*Praying the Scriptures at Home*" resource from our website -www.clondalkinparish.com/?p=3519

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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The relationship between the Risen

Lord, the community of believers and

A Word from Fr. Damían

Thank you from the local Conference of Saint Vincent De Paul Society

The Parish Office received some cheques made out to the Saint Vincent De Paul Society which I handed over last week. The amount collected during the indoor collection held on 12^{th} and 13^{th} December, money dropped in subsequently and cheques made out directly to the Society amounted to over &8,000. The local Conference wishes to thank all who contributed. If you still wish to make a contribution to the Society or to Crosscare, Trocaire, Christmas Dues or drop in Family offering envelopes or Mass intentions, please drop them into the safe on the wall near the shop in the village Church.

Thank you for your continued generosity and please indicate on the front of the envelope what your donation is for. \mathcal{Fr} . $\mathcal{Dam(an)}$

Words of Wisdom

The worst sin towards our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them. George Bernard Shaw

Twenty years from now you will be more

disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So, throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.

Mark Twain

To touch the soul of another human being is to walk on holy ground.

Stephen Covey

Feast Days This Week

Monday 25th January Tuesday 26th January Wednesday 27th Jan Thursday 28th January Saturday 30th January Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops St. Angela Merici St. Thomas Aquinas St. Aidan, Bishop Bl. Margaret Ball and Bl. Francis Taylor, Martyrs

"Christian Meditation is an ancient prayer form. It was practiced in the deserts of Egypt in the 4th Century. The monks described meditation as a way of resting in God... of the presence of God in our lives."

Sruleen Parish Christian Meditation has gone onto Zoom, Meeting at 8pm every Wednesday Night. If you are interested in joining our zoom group, please contact me by email at charletonniall@gmail.com

All are welcome, no experience needed. Niall Charleton

While a storm rattles England today and snow in Wicklow, our first snowdrop has bowed it's head exquisitely, heralding and molding us in luminous transcendence ... what a GIFT!!. By means of all created things, without exception, the divine assails us, penetrates and moulds us. We imagined it as distant and inaccessible, when in fact we live steeped in it's burning layers. Eddie

Víllage Church



Recently Deceased Ellen "Nelly" Rogers Jennifer Lawless, Theresa Green, John Fitzgerald May They Rest in Peace

Free Bereavement Counselling during Covid 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

Community of faith – hope - love - Lent 2021 in the CCPC

Return to Me with All your heart Book club. Every Wed during lent (starting on Ash Wednesday 17th of February) at 7.30pm on zoom online.

It offers time for personal reflection and with a different guest speaker joining us every Wednesday it helps us to respond to the Word of God maybe in a new way. To register or for further information contact Christina Malone 085 7162152 or christina.malone@dublindiocese.ie.

Also building on the success we had with the Impulse for Advent we offer the same for the season of lent. Every morning during **lent** you will receive **an Impulse** (short reflection) **on your phone**. To register ring/text Christina 085 7162152





Blessed Margaret Ball & Blessed Francís Taylor

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Born Margaret Bermingham about 1515 in Skreen, Co Meath, she married Bartholomew

Ball, a prosperous Dublin merchant, where she came to live. Her eldest son, Walter, yielding to the pressure of the times, became a Protestant and an opponent of the Catholic faith. Margaret continued to provide 'safe houses' for bishops and priests passing through Dublin and would invite Walter to dine with them, hoping for his reconversion to Catholicism. But Walter was not for turning. When he was elected Mayor of Dublin, he had his own mother arrested and drawn through the streets, on a wooden hurdle, as she could no longer walk, to Dublin Castle. Here she remained imprisoned for the rest of her life. If she had renounced her faith she could have returned home, but she refused and died in prison aged 70 in 1584. The chapel-of-ease, called Blessed Margaret Ball Church, built in the 1980s on the Coolock Road at Santry in Larkhill parish, Dublin, was named in her honour.

Francis Taylor was born into a wealthy Catholic family in Swords about 1550. In 1595 he was elected Lord Mayor of Dublin. A convinced Catholic, he refused to accept the Acts of Supremacy (Monarch is the head of the Church) and Uniformity (The Book of Common Prayer is the only legal form of worship and all citizens must attend Church services according to that form). Francis was put in prison in 1614 during the reign of King James I and remained there until he died seven years later.



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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Jesus Christ, you seek us, you wish to offer us your friendship and lead us to a life that is ever more complete. Grant us the confidence to answer your call so that we may be transformed and become witnesses of your tenderness for the world. Amen

A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners Thanks Chris



"The world as we know is passing away" - says St Paul in his letter.

What does this mean for you? What if there was a prophet today walking around Dublin shouting that everything would be destroyed in 40 days. Would you listen to him? Would you change your life? Maybe God is shouting these words out in your heart today. My friends, it is time to repent and believe the Good News. The Kingdom of God is close at hand.

"Przemija postać tego świata" - mówi w swoim liście św. Paweł. Co to dla Ciebie oznacza? A gdyby był dzisiaj prorok chodzący po Dublinie i krzyczący, że wszystko zostanie zniszczone za 40 dni. Czy wysłuchałbyś go? Czy zmieniłbyś swoje życie? Może dzisiaj Bóg wykrzykuje te słowa w twoim sercu. Kochani, nadszedł czas, aby się nawrócić i uwierzyć w Ewangelie. Królestwo Boże jest już blisko.



Calling all Dads out there! Bluekies initiative are looking for your feedback to improve their service -"Including dads in the delivery of our service is very important to us, filling in our short anonymous survey will help us to do that."

Simply click on the link this link - Blueskies Survey for Dads - Please share to this to dads you know.



All in Clondalkin Men's Shed where truly sorry to learn of the passing of our friend in swimming and in the shed - John Fitzgerald. Our condolences to John's wife, family, and friends. May John rest in peace.

In these challenging times

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