

# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church*

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Parish Newsletter Sunday 31st January 2021



## GOODBYE, FAREWELL, AMEN

I was in the central house of the Society of Saint James the Apostle in Miraflores, a district of Lima in Peru when on the 2nd of July 2007 I received an email from Archbishop Diarmuid Martin appointing me to Clondalkin Parish from the 1st of September that year and would I accept the appointment. Without hesitation I accepted and was told to report to Fr. John Wall on the appointed date. I had known JW since seminary days and we worked together in the North Inner City and it has been my honour to have succeeded him eight years ago.

That Saturday evening the first person I met was Fr. Jim McCaffrey then living next door, he gave me the keys of Saint Cecilia's. Fr. Jim suggested that I come back later to watch the rugby union world cup. That was the beginning of great friendship and many a night I adjourned next door for spiritual conversations. I realised very quickly that I was stepping into the giant footsteps of an immensely popular priest Fr. Dave Lumsden who sadly went to his eternal reward in the last few months. He told me that soon I would walk in my own footsteps and leave my own footprints. I hope in the intervening years that I did.

It is difficult to express in few words my heartfelt gratitude to the parishioners of Clondalkin for their support in the past thirteen and a half years. I have spent more than half of my priestly ministry in Clondalkin and I have enjoyed my time here occasionally lending a hand in Tallaght University Hospital and at Cloverhill and Wheatfield. This variety of ministry has healed me grow in the appreciation that life is not always kind to everyone and that I am called to preach the Word of God and shine the Light of Christ in good times and in bad. My favourite part of ministry has been my involvement with our numerous schools from Boards of Management, Sacramental preparation, Sacramental Ceremonies, and graduations. As Catholic Schools week come to an end, I wish to thank all those involved in our schools.

Thank you to all who play a part in our Parish through their gift of time, treasure, or talent. My three secretaries, Fran, Anne and Julie, Deirdre our bookkeeper, Peter Siney, Frank Brown, and Christina Malone who worked along side me as Parish Pastoral Workers, The Parish Pastoral Council who I gather said some nice things about me below, the Parish Finance team and Safeguarding officers and all our various ministers. To the late Pdraig Doyle and Fran Byrne who did so much valuable work behind the scenes. Finally, to thank my brother priests Des, Shán and Pdraig, our deacon Don Devaney who have supported me particularly during this time of transition.

There is a great tradition of men and women from Clondalkin serving in the Defence Forces so it is somewhat appropriate that my next assignment will be as Chaplain to the Defence Forces based at Mc Kee Barracks Blackhorse Avenue.

Please keep me in your prayers and I shall keep you in mine.

Adios y Gracias!

**Fr. Damian**

## Masses

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

**All Behind Closed Doors**

**Weekdays (Mon – Sat)**  
**10am ONLY**

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## Parish Office Hours

**Clondalkin:**  
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As a parish, we have been truly blessed, down through the years, with our priests. Never has this been more so the case than with Father Damian.

Father Damian arrived here 13 ½ years ago and since that very first day has guided us spiritually through good times, bad times, happy times and sad times. He has always been there to lend an ear while never forcing his opinions on anyone. His sense of humour, openness, down to earth approach and consideration has always been evident in his ministry. He can be forgiven for his singing, as he knows himself, nobody is perfect.

There is a time for every season and just as with the seasons, change is inevitable. And so it is now time for change to take place in our parish. It is with great sadness that we say farewell to Father Damian. We will all miss his easy manner and friendly approach. Although we are losing a spiritual leader and a friend, we know that Father Damian is needed elsewhere to spread God's word. We wish him every happiness and success and pray for him as he goes forward in his new ministry.

On behalf of the Parish of Clondalkin and the Pastoral Council I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Father Damian for all the work he has done for our Parish over the years. May God continue to guide and bless you in your new ministry

*Jacqueline Connolly, Chairperson, Clondalkin Parish Pastoral Council*

## A HEALER OF LIFE

Engraved in the memory of the first Christians was an image of Jesus going about doing good, curing the sick and healing all possessed by the devil. The sick people Jesus met were the blind begging by the roadside, paralytics lying by healing pools or carried by friends, lepers condemned to ostracism, the sick on their beds, and those possessed by devils. In the villages Jesus visited, the people usually saw illness as God's punishment for wrongdoing and healing was a blessing from God. Parents, neighbours and individuals sought out Jesus or brought their sick to him begging him to cure them.

He was renowned as a healer and an exorcist. He did things differently. No one knew where his power came from. He didn't examine the sick or diagnose their illness but gave them something doctors could not offer: a new relationship with God, "Your sins are forgiven", a new dignity, "Take up your bed and walk", and a fresh start, "Sin no more". Neither did he look for payment but was moved by a compassionate love that was determined to establish a world that God wanted for all.

The only thing he asked for was faith and trust. "Do not fear, only believe" or "Your faith has made you well". Without faith his actions were frustrated, as happened in Nazareth. Due to lack of faith he could not work any miracles there.

Jesus' exorcisms caused more amazement than his healings. He was recognised by the demons as "the Holy One of God". They feared his power over them, "Have you come to destroy us." Jesus confronted them with the force of his word "Be quiet. Come out of him". On another occasion they cried out, "What have we to do with you, Son of God. Have you come to torment us before the time?" They knew their torment had yet to begin. Jesus performed only a handful of healings and exorcisms in his lifetime but he instructed his disciples to do as he did and carry on his mission, "Whenever you enter a town, cure the sick who are there and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you'". As followers of Jesus, we must continue bringing signs of God's mercy and compassion into our world. Like him, we too, must be healers of life. *Sr. Anne*

### Words of Wisdom

The goodness of God knows how to use our own disordered wishes and actions, often lovingly turning them to our advantage, while always preserving the beauty of His order.

*St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a harder battle. *Plato*

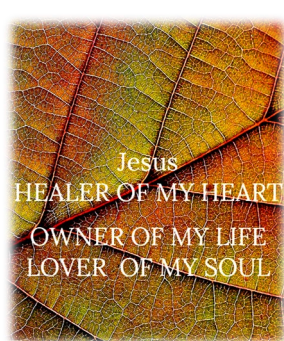
We have more possibilities available in each moment than we realise. *Thich Nhat Hanh*

### Free Online Adult Catechism Course. Starts today!

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.

Starting today Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January with the topic *Is God just an idea created by humans?*

No enrolment is required, just access the video which will be posted on the *Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin* facebook page every **Sunday at 12.30pm** (<https://www.facebook.com/TheCCPCDublin>) If you are not free on Sunday, you can always view the video back at a later date by clicking on the video play list we will create for them. Check our website for the handouts and updates each week - <http://www.clondalkinparish.com/?p=5714>



### Village Church

#### Sunday 31st January

**6.30pm Vigil** Michael & Maura Dagg (An), Ronan O'Connor (Get Well), Tom & Ann McGough (Rem), George Brown (Rem)

**9am** Intinn speisialta. Daoine atá unn

**10.00am** Patrick Koza (6th Month An and 21st B'day) Masie Ford (An), Robert & Kathleen Hegarty (An)

**12noon** Carole Doyle (20th An), George Brown (Rem) Fr Jack Walsh (Rem)

#### Monday 1st February

**10.00am** Gerry, Fran, Daniel, Jim & Lily Doran (An)

#### Tuesday 2nd February

**10.00am** Michael & Matthew Dwyer (An)

#### Wednesday 3rd February

**10.00am** Michael Kennedy (2nd An)

#### Thursday 4th February

**10.00am** Con & Mary Higgins (An)

#### Friday 5th February

**10.00am** Sr. Mary Holohan (7th An)

Pat O'Doherty (90th Birthday), Sarah O'Doherty, John O'Doherty, Bill O'Doherty

#### Saturday 6th February

**10.00am** Special Intention

#### Sunday 7th February

**6.30pm Vigil** Brendan Foley (1st An), Kathleen Mucha (13th An)

**9.00am** John Lynch (An)

**10.00am** Michael Lanney (An) and Susan Lanney (B'day Rem) Monica Lernihan (An), Michael Lynch (An)



### Recently Deceased

*Michael McGovern, Carmel Boggans,  
Dora O'Callaghan, Gerard Bagnall  
Sean Heraty, John Crotty, Nancy Geraghty*

*May They Rest in Peace*

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## Monday Club

Hello all members of the Monday Club and readers of the newsletter. I hope you are all keeping well and safe since I was in contact last. I hope you all had a Christmas like no other. It was very strange one indeed, but the best Christmas of all is to be safe and well and all our families too, and thank God we were able to get Mass to celebrate this very special season.

Here we are in lockdown again. I hope you are all coping with it. It is ok as we can enjoy the opportunity to enjoy the fireside and good TV programmes, read good books, enjoy music. Thank God for the webcam - we can get Mass each morning, also on TV on channel 521 at 10.30am.

There is hope with the prospect of us all getting this vaccine. This is a welcome move in the right direction, and hopefully we will all get it as soon as possible.

Sad news came during the week with the announcement by Fr Damian that he is on the move after more than thirteen years ministering in Clondalkin Parish. He is a wonderful priest who puts so much effort into anything he does. He has shown great empathy with everyone no matter what the circumstances and especially during these difficult times. He showed a great interest in everything going on in the parish and was very supportive. He gave great support to the Monday Club too. He always made a point of mentioning it during the 10am Monday morning Mass encouraging people to come in.

Thank you Fr Damian for all your hard work, your kindness and support over the years. You will be missed. We wish you well in your next appointment.

There are a few birthdays coming up in early February. If I can remember rightly there is Phyllis and Bernadette on or around the same day. I am sorry we cannot celebrate together this year, but hopefully and please God we will do so next year. You are wished all the best of health and happiness in the year ahead, also anybody else who may be celebrating too.

Thank you Frs Padraig and Damian, Shán, Deacon Don, Sean and Gerry and readers, Frank, Christina and Julie.

Thank God for keeping you all safe and well I wish you all a safe lockdown. Think of what you can do during this time doing things you did not have time to do, and best of all please pray that we will be safe and well and especially for those who do not have time to pray. I miss you all and hopefully we will be all together again.

Until the next time take care and be safe.

*Kathleen R*

## Feast Days This Week

Sunday 31st January	St. John Bosco, Founder of the Salesians
Monday 1st February	St. Brigid, Secondary Patron of Ireland
Tuesday 2nd February	Presentation of the Lord
Wednesday 3rd Feb	St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr
Friday 5th February	St. Ansgar, Bishop
Saturday 6th February	St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
	Ss Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

Here comes the sun. Here comes the sun. It's all right. It's only me, your neighbourhood pigeon, facing the 12.30 pm midday sun, south facing, over the Camac at SDCC offices, in Clondakin's Heartland. Awesome. Concurrently, on Nangor Rd, at the Pylon, near Lidl, Nature's silent magic and mystery, a stunning first yellow wild flower in full bloom, in -1C temp. *Eddie*



## A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners

*Thanks Chris*



In times of pandemic restrictions and the various problems we face in this world, St. Paul says to us today in his letter, "*I would like to see you free from all worry*". We might ask ourselves, is it even possible? And the answer to that question is yes, it is possible. As we give our undivided attention to the Lord, we will hear His voice that will speak powerfully to our hearts and free us from fear and worry.

W czasach pandemicznych ograniczeń i różnych problemów z jakimi mamy do czynienia na tym świecie, św. Paweł mówi do nas dzisiaj w swoim liście: „Chciałbym, abyście byli wolni od wszelkich zmartwień”. Moglibyśmy zadać sobie pytanie, czy to jest w ogóle możliwe?

I odpowiedź na to pytanie brzmi: tak, jest to możliwe. Gdy będziemy trwali przy Panu, usłyszymy Jego głos, który przemówi z mocą do naszych serc, i uwolni nas od strachu i zmartwień.



## Food Poverty in our area is becoming an increasing issue and WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Food Bank in Quarryvale is a service for households in the Clondalkin, Lucan and Palmerstown areas where food

poverty is a reality. We started in March 2020 as a response to the large number of people experiencing increased hardships due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We currently support around 350 people and based on our experience so far we estimate that by the end of March this will have increased to over 450.

**We are looking for partners** who can work with us and support us, and **identifying suppliers** where we can buy food and other items we need at a reasonable cost is of course essential.

The Food Bank in Quarryvale operates twice a month and due to lack of space we are looking for a delivery a couple of days before each Food Bank as we cannot store things for any longer time.

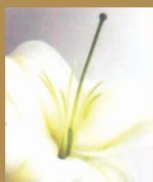
In addition, if you would like to **explore choosing us as a charity partner** we would of course love to hear from you. This could involve a food drive, (e.g. providing a place where your staff and clients can put food donations); making up actual food bags; donating an amount of money we can use for general purchases or for a particular purpose, (e.g. fruit and veg, feminine hygiene articles, treats like biscuits or Easter eggs etc.).

To contact the Food Bank in Quarryvale, please email or call Karin Jonsson at [manager@quarryvalefrc.ie](mailto:manager@quarryvalefrc.ie) or 085-202 0300.

*The Food Bank in Quarryvale is community network including Blue Skies, Clondalkin Youth Services, Collinstown Park SCP, Neart le Cheili, Quarryvale Balgaddy SCP, Quarryvale Family Resource Centre, Quarryvale Youth and Community Centre, Ronanstown Youth Services, South Dublin County Children and Young People's Services Committee, The Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin, and Tusla.*

*"Act today in such a way that you need not blush tomorrow." Don Bosco*





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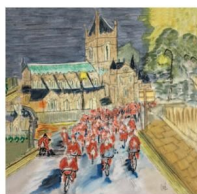
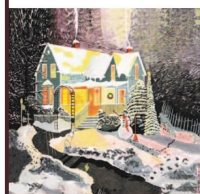
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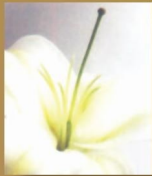
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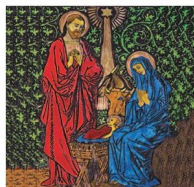
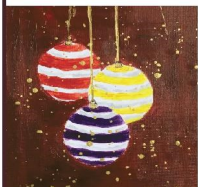


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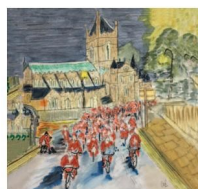
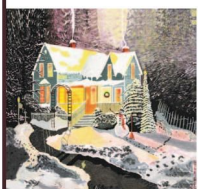
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