



# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church*

**Clonburris**  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter Sunday 14th February 2021



**"...he went out and began to proclaim it freely,  
and to spread the word"** **Mark 1:40-45**

Before I share my short thoughts for today - Happy Valentines! Hope you are getting a bit of time to spend with those you love and tell them how much they mean to you. I know people say this is just a day created and promoted by card companies but isn't great to have a day where we are reminded to say those words and hear those words said to us - "I love you"! Sometimes we just need to be reminded and prompted to let those around us know that they are loved and appreciated. So on behalf of all the parish team here - *Never forget & never let us forget...You are loved, honoured, appreciated, accepted, valued, respected, always welcome and prayed for.*

This week we begin the season of Lent a time of preparing for Easter. We've actually added an extra page to this week's newsletter to give you a flavour of some of the initiatives and resources that are there to help us keep connected and supported in this most different of Lent.

In today's gospel we also find a few little pointers to aid our preparation. In the Gospel today we are told of the compassion, healing and joy that Jesus shares with us and wants for us. It is something that we cannot keep to ourselves and brings us out to others. The commitment and journey of faith starts with **ME** first of all but we need the support of others and we need to be a support for others. Jesus never intended the Christian life and the Good News, to be a solitary journey. On the contrary, as our experience of the last year has shown us, we are stronger when we are surrounded, connected with and supported by our community in faith. Where the world tells us to be independent and self-reliant, Jesus tells us to lean on each other - and to let others lean on us. That's probably why he sent his disciples to preach two by two. He knew they needed to balance each other out, with one helping the other in moments of weakness or tiredness. So as we prepare to make our commitments and sacrifices for Lent maybe it is a good time to look at your community, your parish, your community of faith - **are there ways you feel supported or ways that you can be a support to others in our community this Lent?** Have a great week!

*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

## My Lenten Commitment

Knowing that this is a journey that I do not  
walk alone,  
With your help this lent,

Lord Jesus,

I give you my hands to do your work  
I give you my feet to go your way.  
I give you my eyes to see as you do.  
I give you my tongue to speak your words.  
I give you my mind that you may think in me.  
I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.

Above all,

I give you my heart that you may love in me,  
your Father, and all humanity.  
I give you my whole self that you may grow  
in me,  
so that it is you, Lord Jesus,  
who live and work and pray in me.

*(Prayer from the Grail)*

## Masses

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

**All Behind Closed Doors**

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

**Behind Closed Doors**

**Clonburris**  
**Church Closed**

**Knockmitten**  
**11am Sun** behind closed doors

**Parish Office Hours**  
**Clondalkin:**


**Mon-Fri 9:30 - 12:30**

**Closed to the public but**  
**please contact through**  
**Phone & Email**

**Clonburris & Knockmitten:**  
**Contact through Village**

**Submissions for**  
**Newsletter:**  
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## Covid - 19 A very challenging time for many marriages

So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing.. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen, to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings even more challenges. You just can't cope, would be better apart, you wonder. **Retrouvaille** is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you!

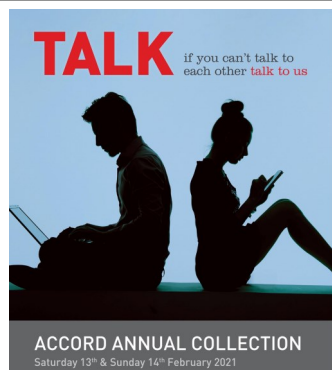
For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on **25th- 28th February 2021**

[www.retrouvaille.ie](http://www.retrouvaille.ie) Annette and Ed Mahon.

## Accord Annual Collection

The Accord Dublin's Annual Collection will take place on the weekend of 13th & 14th February. We realise that it will be much more difficult for parishes to support us this year – although the demand for services is greater than ever.

Parishioners can donate in the following ways:



- **Online** at [www.accorddublin.ie](http://www.accorddublin.ie) where you will find a **DONATE** button.
- **By post** to Accord Dublin, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3.
- **By bank transfer** to ACCORD Dublin Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG, Bank of Ireland, 88 Lower Camden Street, Dublin 2. IBAN: IE27 BOFI 9001 1357 0742 03; BIC:BOFIIE2D.

Thanks for your continued support



As we journey together with all of Nature through longer days, ably led in song by the diminutive wren (must be all lungs) in Nature's corridor between the Camac and the Grand Canal, we encounter a gorgeous white umbrella bloom facing south on a 45 degree sloping Bank. Its leaves are an

exquisitely delicate green fern. Both are oblivious to the Snow and Frost. "Praise for the morning, Praise for them springing fresh from The Word, sprung in completeness where His Feet Pass." As we nod deeper towards the Sun, a riot of colour is ready to break out here. That wonderful resource - The Botanic Gardens - identified it as Yarrow (Achillea Millefolium). They are researching further why it is blooming in Jan/Feb.

"The Miraculous Wonder of Nature"



## Village Church



### Sunday 14th February

**6.30pm Vigil** John Lynch (An)

**10.00am** Margaret Ledwidge (3rd An)  
Bill & Kathleen Jolley (Rem), Patrick Riordan (An)  
Ronan O'Connor (Get Well)

**12noon** Luke & Sheila Barry (An)  
Paschal Walsh (An), Paul Molloy (Special Intention)

### Monday 15th February

**10.00am** Jennifer Lawless (MM)

### Tuesday 16th February

**10.00am** James Egan

### Wednesday 17th February - Ash Wednesday

### Thursday 18th February

**10.00am** Nora McHugh (An), Tom McHugh (An)

### Friday 19th February

**10.00am** Brian & Stasia Ward (An)

### Saturday 20th February

**10.00am** Pat Sharkey (2nd An)

### Sunday 21st February

**6.30pm Vigil** Patrick & Kathleen Blackburn (An) and deceased members of the Blackburn family,  
Sean & Bonnie Stynes (Laurel Cottage) (An),  
(Lil) Elizabeth Shiels (1st An)

**12 noon** Maisie & Tom Delaney (An)

Thomas Fallon (1st An)



## Recently Deceased

**Andrew O'Connor, Phyllis Archbold,  
Magdalen McGonigle**

*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](mailto: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*

## Words of Wisdom

**The invariable mark of wisdom is to see the miraculous in the common.**

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

**Act as if what you do makes a difference.**

*It does. William James*

**He who is afraid of asking is ashamed of learning.** *Danish proverb*

## Free Online Adult Catechism Course. Continues Sunday! Wk 3 God as Trinity

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.

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>

## Feast Day of Saint Valentine 14th February

Throughout the centuries since Valentine received martyrdom there have been various basilicas, churches and monasteries built over the site of his grave. Therefore, over the years, many restorations and reconstructions took place at the site. In the early 1800's, such work was taking place and the remains of Valentine were discovered along with a small vessel tinged with his blood and some other artefacts. In 1835 an Irish Carmelite by the name of John Spratt was visiting Rome. Apparently his fame as a preacher had gone before him, no doubt brought by some Jesuits who had been in Dublin. The elite of Rome flocked to hear him and he received many tokens of esteem from the doyens of the Church. One such token came from Pope Gregory XVI (1831-1846) and were the remains of Saint Valentine.

On November 10, 1836, the Reliquary containing the remains arrived in Dublin and were brought in solemn procession to Whitefriar Street Church where they were received by Archbishop Murray of Dublin. With the death of Fr Spratt interest in the relics died away and they went into storage. During a major renovation in the church in the 1950s/60s they were returned to prominence with an altar and shrine being constructed to house them and enable them to be venerated. The statue was carved by Irene Broe and depicts the saint in the red vestments of a martyr and holding a crocus in his hand.

Today, the Shrine is visited throughout the year by couples who come to pray to Valentine and to ask him to watch over them in their lives together. The feast-day of the saint, February 14, is a very popular one.

(Taken from Whitefriar Street Church, Dublin website)



## Arrangements for the Distribution of Ashes Ash Wednesday 17th Feb 2021

Because of Covid we are unable to distribute ashes in the usual way or even leave blessed ashes in the church for people to take themselves so

On **Tuesday & Wednesday (16th & 17th)** small sachets of ashes will be available for collection from the church which you can take home and distribute ashes within your own family or close bubble on Ash Wednesday.

We have made a short little prayer ritual available that you may wish to do at home when distributing the ashes and you can download, share and print this from the LENT section of our parish website or by clicking this link

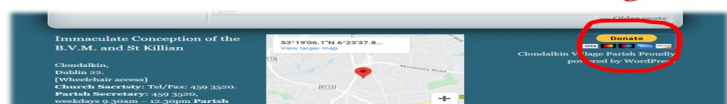
[Ash Wed - As short prayer service for home](#)

In these challenging times  
**Please** continue to donate to  
the upkeep of Your Parish



You can donate through **PayPal** by clicking the "Donate" button on the bottom of our website - [www.clondalkinparish.com](http://www.clondalkinparish.com)

Thank you



## A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners

Thanks Chris



Have you ever felt like 'a leper'? Unaccepted by somebody, ignored by a group of people? Or have you treated somebody like he would be 'unclean'? In

God's eyes we are all the same. His beloved sons and daughters, who deserve to be loved and respected. His heart is always open for us, and ours should be open for every human being crossing our path.

Czy kiedykolwiek czułeś się jak 'trędowaty'? Nieakceptowany przez kogoś, ignorowany przez grupę ludzi? A może ty sam traktowałeś kogoś, jakby był „nieczysty”? W oczach Boga wszyscy jesteśmy tacy sami. Jego ukochani synowie i córki, którzy zasługują na miłość i szacunek. Jego serce jest zawsze otwarte dla nas, i nasze powinno być otwarte na każdego człowieka, który staje na naszej drodze.



## Food Poverty in our 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 & it's growing. Thanks for the support so far and PLEASE keep it coming - We still do not have enough to meet the need. If you missed the little video of the tremendous work happening getting ready for last Thursday's food distribution to those in our area who need a bit of help during this time check it out here -

<https://fb.watch/3AXVIu8T4m/>

If you would like a bit of support/know someone who could do with some support don't hesitate to call. If you can help in anyway or would like to donate please contact the Food Bank in Quarryvale, please email or call Karin Jonsson at [manager@quarryvalefric.ie](mailto:manager@quarryvalefric.ie) or **085-202 0300**

Please Share so those who need it can  
avail of the support!

To all who have donated food, monies, etc.  
Thanks & please keep them coming!

- The Sisters in the Presentation convent who have placed a bin for food donations to be dropped into outside their front door
- Neilstown parish who have a box in their church you can drop food donations there during the week
- Food Donations can be also brought to Clondalkin Village Parish office Monday & Tuesday from 10am - 3pm



Why not put a box for collection in your own home and ask families and neighbours to contribute - then call us or Karin and we'll arrange to collect it - Every little helps!



Kind words can be short and easy to speak  
but their echoes are truly endless.

# Lent Resources 2021

We have put a number of resources up on our Parish website to use/share for Lent -

<http://www.clondalkinparish.com/?p=3907> Take, share & use what you need

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There are also number of other resources from Parishes Working Together available from-

<https://www.evangelisation.ie/2021/02/09/parishes-working-together-for-mission-lent-2021-resources-to-be-shared/>

## But here's a flavour of a few of them

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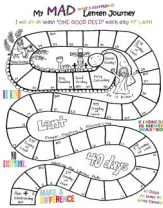
– A little gift from us to you - Gift yourself a bit of time for yourself this Lent. This is a DIY retreat booklet of prayers, suggestions and activities that you can do at your own pace, in your own time. Do it by yourself or why not share it with friends/family and check in with each other once a week to support each other and see how you are getting on.

You can download, print and share the retreat booklet by [clicking here](#)



**MY LENTEN RETREAT**  
A collection of short prayers, reflections and exercises for **BODY PEOPLE** based on the Gospel each Sunday to help aid you on your journey through Lent to Easter

Frank Brown, one of our Parish Pastoral Workers, is offering a weekly check-in gathering for those who are following the retreat and wish to share their thoughts, reflections with others each Thursday of Lent starting 18th Feb through zoom with an intro to the retreat. There are two options - one at 10:30am and on 7:30pm – If you are interested contact [frank.brown@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:frank.brown@dublindiocese.ie), let him know which time suits you and he'll send you a link to join in.



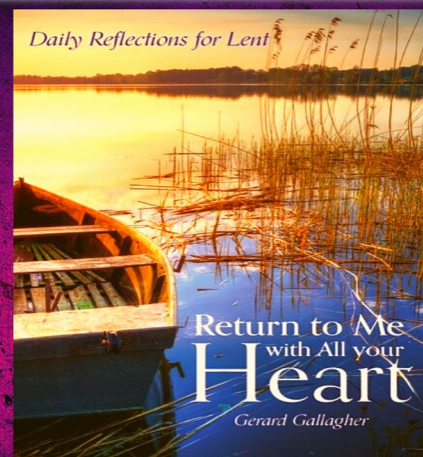
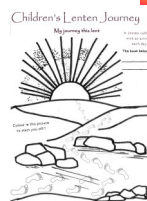
### Children's MAD (MAKE A DIFFERENCE) Lenten Journey Planner

Can you do one act of Kindness each day for Lent? – Download one of the planners and give it a go!

### Or The Children's Lenten Calendar

### Or What about trying the Lenten Jelly Bean Challenge?

Or as a family can you download the **40 days of Joy**, print it out, put it on your fridge and tick off each of the 40 joyful activities as you do them?



To register and more for details contact Christina Malone email [christina.malone@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:christina.malone@dublindiocese.ie) or Call 0857162152

### JOIN US FOR OUR LENTEN BOOK CLUB

Wednesdays during lent 7.30pm – 8.45pm online

Join others for personal reflection and be inspired by weekly guest speakers.

### Calling all Photographers!

Will you try the **Lenten photo-a-day Challenge**? Whatever your plans this season, from Ash Wednesday, will you join this Lenten photo-a-day challenge and share with the community how you perceive, understand or celebrate each word of the day? Just share your photo on social media. No explanation needed. After all, a picture is worth a thousand words. Share on social media & tag us on your photos with

#LentPhoto  
[Click here for more details](#)



### LENT On LINE



For 40 days families from the Archdiocese of Dublin share their thoughts on "What lent means to me/us" Starting on Ash Wednesday, 17th of February. It can be viewed on <https://www.evangelisation.ie>,

### For Knitting Enthusiasts

Here's a fun Lenten focused Project for you to try on your own or get a few friends involved – a **Knitting pattern for the Last Supper** Send us photos of how you're getting on!!

There's loads more activities for all interests, ages and availabilities from - **Pray as you Go app**, **Meditation**, **Faithfest**, **Godly Play**, **Lectio Divina**, and many more... so share, check them out, keep connected and let's journey this Lent together!!



- Burial or Cremation Service
- Floral Service
- Monumental Service
- Horse Drawn Hearse

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# Bambi's

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## MONTENESSORI

MON-FRI, 11.45am - 2.45pm

### 3 and 4 year olds

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## Remembering

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Bookmarks

Mass Booklets

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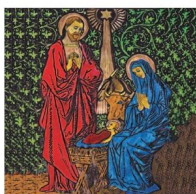


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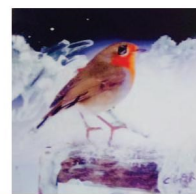
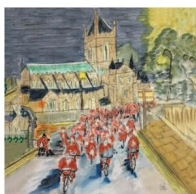
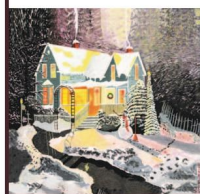
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**Contact**  
**Derek Cummins**  
**087 2489124 or This Office**



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