



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 21st February 2021

1st Sunday
of
Lent

The Church was founded on weakness not strength. If it was founded on strength things could only go down.

The head of the infant church was Peter. He was transformed to be the rock that Jesus meant him to be. In the four Gospels, Peter is anything but a rock - more like sand, the epitome of a man who means well but easily loses heart when put to the test. His weaknesses were good enough for Jesus though who made him the chief Apostle. On Holy Thursday night, as Jesus celebrated the first Mass, he made the heart breaking prediction that Peter the Rock would crumble into dust the following morning. Jesus had no illusions about any of his Apostles. They were weak, fallible human beings and they foreshadowed the weaknesses, scandals, hypocrisy and upheaval that would be an integral part of the Church he founded. Clerical scandals are not new, they were there from the very beginning as one of the newly ordained went off to betray him, another denied him and the rest scattered to the four corners in fear and confusion. Yet, within a few weeks, the man who was chosen to lead, Peter the Rock, had made his confession, been forgiven and he was so fired up with the Holy Spirit that he now had the power of healing a lame man. The Church was founded on weakness and the weaknesses of its original members were transformed into something so strong that they and the men and women who followed them turned the world upside down.



In less than fifty years, the Christian Church had established itself in Rome, the capital of the empire. Later there would be scandals and corruption as Jesus said there would be. But his Holy Spirit is always present in the Church and the periods of scandals were always followed by periods of renewal and reform. We live in an era where people are weary of scandal and upheaval. The image of church and hospital is useful here. A superficial look at a hospital is not very impressive. It seems to be a place of pain and suffering. But hospitals are also places of healing. They are places where pain and suffering are relieved, where there is happiness on learning good news, where there is care and lives are saved. The Church is a hospital for the spirit. Within it and among its members, human brokenness, weakness and scandal are a reality but it's also a place of joy and friendship, of renewal and conversion. It is a place of sacrament and prayer where God's love is then spread to others. The Acts of the Apostles tells us how the power and strength of the infant Church grew out of the faults, failings and weaknesses of Jesus' first companions. If we bring our weaknesses to God this Lent, we have hope and faith that He will give us His strength. God bless,

Fr. Pádraig

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. and for ourselves as we live with the consequences of this 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

All Behind Closed Doors

Weekdays (Mon – Sat)
10am ONLY

Behind Closed Doors

Clonburris
Church Closed

Knockmitten
Church Closed

Parish Office Hours

Clondalkin:
Mon-Fri 9:30 - 12:30
Closed to the public but
please contact through
Phone & Email

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Contact through Village

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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 marriageand 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 *Annette and Ed Mahon.*

Words of Wisdom

Be not afraid of growing slowly; be afraid only of standing still. Chinese proverb

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.
Mother Teresa

Here is a short prayer to St. Philip Neri that can help anyone weighed down by the anxieties of the world to see the joy of the Gospel in a new way.



O holy St. Philip Neri, patron saint of joy, you who trusted Scripture's promise that the Lord is always at hand and that we need not have anxiety about anything, in your compassion heal our worries and sorrows and lift the burdens from our hearts. We come to you as one whose heart swells with abundant love for God and all creation. Hear us, we pray, especially in this need (make your request here). Keep us safe through your loving intercession, and may the joy of the Holy Spirit which filled your heart, St. Philip, transform our lives and bring us peace. Amen.

A Walk on Watery Lane with Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony

Searing down Watery Lane, almost Dicemanlike, the Siberian Wind is marrow sapping, but hey, I'm inoculated in my oilskin suit. Savouring every delicately placed note by Beethoven (he just pulled it out of The Ether somewhere really, really special, the awesome delicacy is almost silent, celebratory of Nature's "Good Morning". On Nangor Rd, Siberian hushes me along almost Olympian. Scoping the emerging Wild Greenery, all of Beethoven's notes are nourished in a solitary Buttercup oscillating in the storm, in mesmeric time, miles ahead of its Season, nodding to the Sea of Bloom about to come. How does it do it? Perfectly attuning its petals to fully capture all the heat around it, it pulls in an Extra 3 degrees and so it blooms and contras like The Pastoral Symphony. Wow Man.

Eddie



Village Church



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 (2nd An), Seán Jones (1st An)
10.00am Ronan O'Connor (Get Well), Eddy Lynch (RD)
12 noon Maisie & Tom Delaney (An)
Thomas Fallon (1st An), David Claydon (1st An), Katie & Pat O'Connell (Rem)

Monday 22nd February

10.00am Bill & Paddy Dennis (An)

Tuesday 23rd February

10.00am Mary & John O'Neill (An)

Wednesday 24th February

10.00am Michael McDermott

7.30pm Maureen Gumley (1st An)

Thursday 25th February

10.00am Chris Stapleton (B'day Rem)

Friday 26th February

10.00am Dick Seery (Special Intention)

Sunday 28th February

6.30pm Vigil Margaret Doyle (B'day Rem)

10.00am Bridie & Michael McDermott, Jim Minogue (MM), Theresa Cahill (7th An)
12noon Marian Doyle (3rd An), Paddy Hodgins (An) Dalton McElroy (33rd An)

Mass Times During Lent

Mon to Fri: 10am, 7.30pm - **30min Adoration afterwards - 8pm, mon to Fri.**

Saturday: 10.00am, 6.30pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 10.00am, 12 noon

All through the parish Webcam

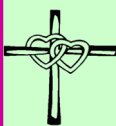
Free Bereavement Counselling during Covid

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



Recently Married - Congratulations!

Sarah Marie O'Donnell and Christopher Stokes

Free Online Adult Catechism Course.

Continues Sunday - Theme this week - Creation!

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>

Keep sending us your prayer intentions, prayers, etc.

This week please remember - Karl, Ronan, Sheila, Michelle, Ciaran, Brendan and Marie, Connie, Josephine & Mark and Joe and Patrick in your prayers - **Our candle is always lit!**



WHEN: FRIDAY 5TH MARCH, 6:30 - 8:30PM VIA ZOOM
WHAT TO EXPECT: GAMES, MUSIC, WORKSHOP, CHAT & PRAYER
EMAIL FOR INFO + SIGN UP: FAITHFEST@DUBLINDIOCESE.IE

Faithfest is back!! Join us for an evening of games, music, workshop, chats and prayer.
 Faithfest Online will take place
Friday 5 March from 6:30 – 8:30pm online.
 You can register online using this
 link: <https://forms.gle/DwKDsXCuTornHFYA8>.
 For more information email: faithfest@dublindiocese.ie

February is Rare Disease Month and the
28th of February is Rare Disease Day.

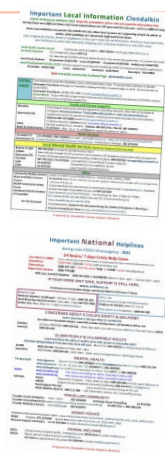
Rare Ireland supports over 600 families who have children with rare conditions, a situation which can be extremely lonely. If you are a parent or a fulltime carer of a child with a rare disease you can contact Rare Ireland's parent support group via their Facebook page. Watch this short video about Rare Ireland, where we also get to meet Saoirse and her family.

www.facebook.com/RareIreland/videos/419366162698417/

It's great to know that there are supports out there for you in this difficult time. Along with the Community groups in the area we have updated the **Important Local & National Support information** available at the moment - Share it around, print it out and keep it somewhere safe in case you need the info later.

You can download/print this by

clicking here



One of the deepest longings of the human soul is to be seen. *John O'Donohue*

Remember there are a variety of inputs on our Facebook page each day

<https://www.facebook.com/TheCCPCDublin/>

You don't even have to be a member of Facebook to view the videos, etc. - we always welcome your/new input

Keep Connected



A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners Thanks Chris



God did not promise us that our life would be easy and we would not have any problems or challenges. We wish it ourselves. God has promised us that He will give us His Spirit to guide us. And this Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan. We will be tempted, we will feel lonely in the desert of our lives, but let us remember that God is with us and one day it will all make sense.

Bóg nie obiecał nam, że nasze życie będzie łatwe i nie będziemy mieli żadnych problemów ani wyzwań. Tego sobie sami życzymy. Bóg obiecał nam, że da nam swojego Ducha, aby nas prowadził. I ten Duch wypędził Jezusa na pustynię, aby był kuszony przez szatana. Będziemy kuszeni, będziemy czuli się samotni na pustyni naszego życia, ale pamiętajmy, że Bóg jest z nami i pewnego dnia to wszystko nabierze sensu.

It's NOT Too Late!

Lent Book club - "Return to Me with All your Heart" by Gerard Gallagher - Join others for personal reflection and be inspired by different guest speakers every week. Wednesdays 7.30pm – 8.45pm on zoom.

For further details contact

Christina.malone@dublindiocese.ie or 0857162152

The Food Bank in Quarryvale

Are you experiencing food poverty?

Do you struggle to buy enough food?

Food poverty is a reality for many households. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic many people have lost income, and many are also experiencing higher bills than normal. **The Food Bank in Quarryvale** is a community-initiative supporting people in the Clondalkin, Lucan and Palmerstown areas who are struggling financially. A couple of times a month we give out food support to anyone who needs it.

If you need us, please do not hesitate to contact us:

Please email or call Karin Jonsson on
manager@quarryvalefrc.ie 085-202 0300

Food and essential items list

All food is welcome, (baked beans, cereal, pasta, rice, tea etc.), and should be in date and in unbroken and undamaged packaging. Nothing should need refrigeration while unopened. We try to avoid anything with peanuts.



The food items we especially welcome include:

- Coffee, (instant)
- Cooking sauces, e.g. for pasta, curry etc.
- Crackers
- Juice in 1 litre cartons or sets of individual cartons.
- Marmalade: for some reason we often have jam, but never marmalade!
- Meat: tins/jars of e.g. hot dogs, meatballs and pies.
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables: we often have peas and sometimes sweet corn, but other varieties are rare.
- Treats! The focus is on essential food but everyone deserves a treat, e.g. biscuits, chocolates, crisps, packets of concentrated jelly-cubes, ready-made custard etc.

Hygiene products

General

Body lotion, Hand sanitizing gel, Hand soap, Loo rolls, Shampoo or shampoo/conditioner, Shower gel, Tooth brushes, Tooth paste

For men

Deodorant, Razors

For women

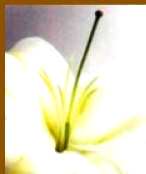
Deodorant, Razors, Sanitary towels, Tampons



You can drop donations in to the Parish Office in the Village and into Neilstown Church
Mon - Wed
10am - 3:30pm

The Presentation Sisters have a Collection Bin at their Front Door where you can drop food donations into Anytime.

If you can help in anyway please email or call Karin Jonsson at manager@quarryvalefrc.ie or 085-202 0300



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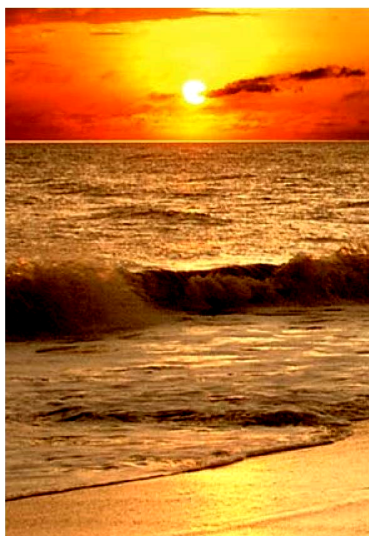


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Requiescat in Pace

A light is gone from our household.
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home,
That never can be filled.
Lonely is the home without you,
Life to us is not the same.
All the world would be like heaven,
If we could have you back again.
The happy hours we once enjoyed,
How sweet their memory still,
But death has left a vacant place,
This world can never fill.
How dearly we loved you,
And prayed you might live,
But Jesus just beckoned,
And we had to give.
God gave us strength to bear it,
And courage to fight the blow,
What it has meant to lose you,
God alone will ever know.
May the God of love and mercy,
Care our loved one who is gone,
And bless with consolation,
Those left to carry on.

In Loving Memory of James Moore



Who Sadly died
on 15th December 2045
Aged 39

Sadly missed by her loving husband
and family xxxxxxxx xxx

Rest in Peace



Picture

Vincent Byrne

31st May 1946 - 15th March 2020
Aged 73 Years

forever in our hearts
Rest in Peace

Picture

**In Loving Memory
of**

Mary Byrne

31st May 1946 - 15th March 2020
Aged 73 Years

May the Light always Shine
Rest in Peace