

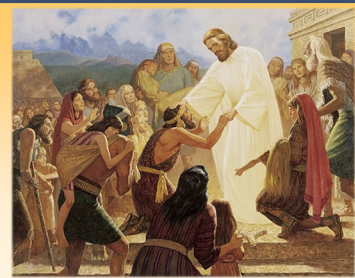


# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church*

**Clonburris**  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter Sunday 7th February 2021



We are twelve months into this pandemic and I still trying to make sense of this new reality. There is a lot going on for all of us. Between self-isolating, social distancing, letting go, home schooling, testing, working from home... (plus Fr. Damian's departure.) we are all ask to be people of faith, hope and trust. Not easy, I agree. But, we are in this together and we need to support and encourage each other.



The month of January felt extremely long for many people including myself and I am glad to move forward into February. From a liturgical church calendar point of view, it all goes very quickly. It feels like Christmas was celebrated two weeks ago and here we are already preparing for the next season of the church diary: Lent.

In less than two weeks we are beginning the season of lent. As we all know LENT gives us the opportunity to renew and to reconnect with God. A passage that often used during the season of lent: "Return to me with all your heart". But many of my friends and colleagues agree more than ever, this year lent should not be about given up something and hang out head in shame about our short comings – no, not this year! It is hard enough with a pandemic hanging over us. Rather, this Lent our focus should be on taking up something. Renew our hope and love we have for our faith. How do we live out that love? How are we people of hope? How do we live as people of God? Why not taking up something new for lent?

The parish has a number of options for you to choose from:

For example:

- a **book club** for lent – every Wednesday during lent we meet (*online on zoom*), reflect and be inspired by a different Guest speaker each week. (*book is: Return to me with all your heart, by Gerard Gallagher. Available in the shop or through veritas*)
- Or how about receiving a **daily reflection to your phone**? Every morning I'll send a short reflection on your phone to help you to pause, reflect and ponder.
- Or, are you very busy? What about doing **Something Different for Lent**? A DIY retreat where you set your own pace.

Keep an eye out in the next days there is a lot more to come.

Whatever it is, you are taking up this lent. May it bring you closer to God. May it bring you hope to face your day with all its challenges and opportunities. May it bring you courage to share the love for our faith with others and may it bring you joy.

**Christina Malone, Parish Pastoral Worker**

## 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**  
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## 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**

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**Newsletter:**  
**[Parishnewsletter1@gmail.com](mailto:Parishnewsletter1@gmail.com)**

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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## Words of Wisdom

**To see what is right and not to do it, is want of courage.** *Confucius*

**The world is charged with the grandeur of God**  
*Gerard Manley Hopkins*

**We are not human beings on a spiritual journey, we are spiritual beings on a human journey.** *Paul Coelho*

## World Day of the Sick 2021

Thursday 11th February is World Day of the Sick, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

People around the world take the time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick on this day. Faith organisations mark this day especially to provide the sick with medicines, food, and spiritual guidance.

Pope John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. The Pope himself had been diagnosed with Parkinson's a year before, in 1991, and it is considered that his own illness was the impetus for his designation of the day.



"The commandment of love that Jesus left to his disciples is also kept in our relationship with the sick. A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal so that no one will feel alone, excluded, or abandoned."

*Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 29th World Day of The Sick*

## Feast Days This Week - 7th to 13th February

Sunday 7th	St. Mel, Bishop of Ardagh & Clonmacnois
Monday 8th	St. Jerome Emiliana
Wednesday 10th	St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Thursday 11th	St. Scholastica, Virgin
	Our Lady of Lourdes
	St. Gobnait, Virgin

## Free Online Adult Catechism Course. Continues 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.

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 7th February**

**6.30pm Vigil** Denis Tuomey (MM), Brendan Foley (1st An), Georgina Kerr (MM) Kathleen Mucha (13th An), Bridie Gough (15th An), Benny Gough (B'day Rem)

**9.00am** John Lynch (An), Lily Quinn (An)

**10.00am** Michael Lanney (An) and Susan Lanney (B'day Rem) Monica Larnihan (An), Michael Lynch (An), Michael & Matthew Dwyer (An), Ronan O'Connor (Get Well), Theresa Green (MM)

**12noon** Francis Owens (RD), Chandra Jeymohan (RD) Christopher Kearns (MM), Tom Millea (An)

**Monday 8th February**

**10.00am** Christopher Kearns (MM)

**Tuesday 9th February**

**10.00am** Patrick Donoghue (An)

**Wednesday 10th February**

**10.00am** Patricia Whelan (An)

**Thursday 11th February**

**10.00am** Peg Kelly (An)

**Sunday 14th February**

**10.00am** Margaret Ledwidge (3rd An)

Bill & Kathleen Jolley (Rem), Patrick Riordan (An)

**12noon** Luke & Sheila Barry (An)



## Recently Deceased

**John Forbes, James Minogue, Nancy Geraghty, Andrzej Wolski, Carmel Boggans, Andrew O'Connor**

*May They Rest in Peace*

## Pope Francis adds Memorials of 6 Saints to the Roman Calendar

The Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments released two decrees, approved by Pope Francis, on Tuesday last.

One inscribed the Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus into the Roman Calendar on **29 July**.

This means all liturgical books around the world will be updated with the prayers and texts proper to these three companions of Jesus.

In a separate decree, Pope Francis inscribed three Optional Memorials in the Roman Calendar for three Doctors of the Church.

- *Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church, on 27 February;*

- *Saint John De Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church, on 10 May;*

- *Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, on 17 September.*

*Thursday 11th February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes*

**Our lady of Lourdes Pray for us**

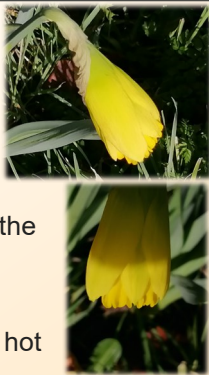


Whenever you do not understand what's happening in your life, just close your eyes, take a deep breath and say God, I know it is your plan; just help me through it"





Here comes the sun, Here comes the sun. It is 9am. From the East, the sun is lighting up a blackbird roosting beside our neighbour's chimney pot. Probably, basking in the heat and anyway singing with gusto - enchanting. What a kick off. As a sequel, Watery Lane cracked open. It's first daffodil bloom, steering south to the midday sun.



A myriad of small birds enhanced this gorgeous morning in song. Loads of calorie laden food in this nature hot spot. The miracles are all around you.

**Bird Song Identifier/Audio of Garden Bird Calls/ The RSPB**

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/bird-songs/what-bird-is-that/> *Eddie*

I invite you to join with me in prayer, to support the survivors of the Mother and Baby homes. To show our love and solidarity with them as they continue their journey through their pain and suffering, Thank you, *Dolores*

### Prayer in solidarity with the Victims of the Mother and Baby Homes

Compassionate God, you walk with us in the depth of our suffering. You know the anguish of the sorrowful, you are attentive to the prayers of the broken-hearted. Hear our cry to you and strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness.

We pray as one family of faith for those mothers and children, those innocents who have died because of injustice, neglect and apathy. Draw them to yourself; let your face shine upon them. May they be greeted with choirs of angels and experience your eternal peace and joy.

For all those who suffered and their families - may their names and stories never be forgotten, and the injustices committed never be excused. May this atrocity always compel us to build a community where such things could never happen. Be near to all those who have been touched by their plight: those who have been hurt, lost their loved ones or lost their sense of hope. Be for them a steady comfort and safe refuge.

Soften hearts, bring healing and justice. May hate be replaced with love, anger with peace, indifference with compassion, and darkness with your light. We ask this through the loving intercession of Jesus your son, Amen

**Lent**  
a time for renewal

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### A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners Thanks Chris

What can you do for the sake of the Gospel, to have a share in it's blessing? Would you

become a slave of everyone to win them to Christ? The Gospel is not just another touching story, but it is a living Word that changes our hearts and invites us to seek God. Finally, it shows us that we can love anyone, even in ways unimaginable to us as becoming "all things to all men" as St. Paul says in his letter today.

Co możesz zrobić dla Ewangelii, by mieć udział w jej błogosławieństwie? Czy stałbyś się niewolnikiem wszystkich, aby pozyskać ich dla Chrystusa? Ewangelia nie jest kolejną wzruszającą historią, ale jest żywym Słowem, które zmienia nasze serca i zachęca nas do poszukiwania Boga. Wreszcie pokazuje nam, że możemy kochać każdego, nawet w niewyobrażalny dla nas sposób, stając się „wszystkim dla wszystkich”, jak mówi św. Paweł dzisiaj w swoim liście.

He cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another



### 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@quarryvalefc.ie](mailto:manager@quarryvalefc.ie) or 085-202 0300



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

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



The richest people in the world are those who give more than they take. Giving fills your life with things money can't buy.





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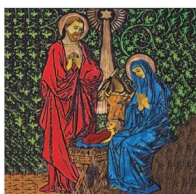


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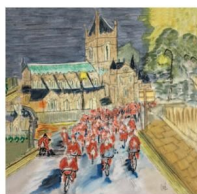
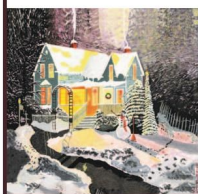
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