



Action and Contemplation

The most obvious manifestation of Christianity is that it is very much a religion of action.

The symbol of Christianity is the cross and it signifies going out and moving far and wide. Its horizontal bars embrace all people and its vertical bars point to both Action and contemplation are very close companions; they live together in one house on equal terms. Martha and Mary are sisters.

heaven and earth. Jesus himself was very busy. We note the breathless pace of the Gospel narrators particularly that of Mark where the words "immediately" and "at once" are used so often. Mary Magdalen ran from th tomb on Easter Sunday to tell the news of Jesus Resurrection. Peter and John ran to the tomb to see for themselves. What is very obvious in St Paul's missionary journeys is that he moves and moves far and wide. But there is a paradox - our faith also embraces stillness, contemplation, prayer and meditation. It is not a case of "either or" but both and it is done in its right sequence and priority.

Love of God in prayer comes first before love of neighbour in action. First we come to the Lord in quiet reflection then we go to the world in energetic action. How much time we spend in prayer depends on our state in life and our responsibilities towards others. Priests and religious are recommended to spend an hour a day in prayer and to attend daily Mass. Lay people have a different vocation but if we pray well the Holy Spirit will inspire us as to how much time we give to prayer and if we can give half an hour or an hour a day at different times the Lord will be pleased with that. Even though prayer is prioritised by people of faith most of our time is given to busy activity—moving out to the world be it the home, with family, in the workplace, with colleagues or in the community. Jesus himself took time for prayer. He came first to God his Father and then He went out to the world to his needy neighbours in busy activity.

Masses

Clondalkin Village Sundays: (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm, Sunday 9am (As gaeilge) 10am, 12 noon All Behind Closed Doors

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

Clonburris Church Closed

Knockmitten Sunday 11am

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: Parishnewsletter1@gmail.com

I have often spoken if the need to avoid extremes and one of the things that has gone astray in the contemporary world is the prudent balance between contemplation and action. You get some people who over emphasise meditation to the point of passivity and unproductive naval gazing. The n the other extreme which is much more common in today's world—frantic over activity. The balance between them is delicate and need to be in its right priority. Pray first and then act. God first and then the world and our needy neighbour. *Fr Padraig*

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

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Recently Deceased **Yvonne Dervan, Thomas** McLoughlin, James Doyle

May They Rest In Peace

Keep sending your prayer requests and petitions. This week please say a special prayer for: Michelle, Betty, Gerard, Karl, Joan, Gerard, Patricia, Roisin, Lorna, Patrick, Lucy, Bernie,

Kieran, Charlie, Jean, Suzanna, Caroline, Trish, Sheila, David, Shauna, Kathleen. Our candle is always lit !

Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty, not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some

Charles Dickens

Free Bereavement Counselling during Covid If you have lost loved ones through bereavement or are Frontline Workers, and would like to talk to someone in confidence, contact Eileen at 087 6380994 or covidbereavementcounselling@gmail.com Because of H&S restrictions, Sessions are online through Zoom. Mon.-Wed. 10am - 5pm

You can make a donation if you wish

Feast Days This Week

Tuesday 23rd March Wednesday 24th March

Thursday 25th March

St. Turibius, Bishop St. Oscar Romero St. Macartan, Bishop Annunciation of the Lord

Free phone number

1800 240159



CHECK-IN

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CONTACT OUR HELPLINE MONDAY-FRIDAY 9AM-5PM TO SPEAK TO A COMMUNITY RESPONDER -get accurate information about services in your area -assist with shopping & delivery

-here for a chat! v other assistance

LEGION OF MARY – YOUTH CONFERENCE

The Catholic Young Adult Conference via Zoom on March 27th from 5:30 - 7:30pm is a chance for young adults (18 - 40) wherever they are to come together online to build up their hope. The theme "Hope Springs *Eternal*" will be discussed in a great line up of short talks and testimonies mixed together with music and prayer. The Conference is free to attend just log in to Zoom: ID 847 1984 5205 Passcode: 771328. Whatever about an injection for Covid, come and get a

powerful injection of hope! Newcomers especially welcome.

Víllage Church Sunday 21st March 6.30pm Vigil Mary Scott,



Darah Delaney (BR), Philippe Dwyer (10th An) May Vijverberg (nee Kearney)(MM), Ronan O'Connor (get well)

9.00am Matt Gilligan & Family

10.00am Tommy, Della & Belle Raftery (An), Paddy & Breda Callaghan (Rem), Peg & Brendan Nolan (Rem), Bobby& Theresa Williams (Rem), Eddy Lynch (MM) Elizabeth & Nicholas West & dec'd members 12noon of the West family, Mary & Patrick Hendley & dec'd members of the Hendley family, Ivan Murphy (4th An) Tuesday 23rd March Betty Millea (An) 7.30pm

Wednesday 24th March 10.00am Conn Scott (1st An)

Thursday 25th March

10.00am Mary Martin (MM)

Saturday 27th March

10.00am Anne & Larry Smyth (50th Wedding An) Sunday 28th March

6.30pm Vigil Chris Stapleton (An)

10.00am Mary & Jim Minogue (An) Mary O'Shea & her mother Mary Furlong (An) 12noon Dalton McElroy (33rd An), Liam Callaghan (B'day Rem) Frank & Patricia Farrell (An), Josephine Keane (MM)

Village Church : Mass Times During Lent

Mon to Friday: Saturday: Sunday:

10am, 7.30pm - 30 mins Adoration afterwards - 8pm, Mon to Fri 10.00am, 6.30pm (Vigil) 9am (as gaeilge) 10.00am, 12 noon

All through the parish Webcam

Free Online Adult Catechism Course.

Continues Sunday - Theme - The Life of Jesus Christ 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

Knock Youth Pilgrimage

Saturday, 24th April, 12noon -2pm, via Zoom. This will be a great interactive session for teenagers from across our Diocese to experience pilgrimage together through workshops, small group discussions, fun and prayer. To register for this youth group you will need to complete the online parental consent form with your parents by clicking **here:**

By means of all created things, the divine assails us penetrates us and moulds us. this palpable world ... is in truth a holy place. re Teilhard de Chardin

These exquisitely delicate flowers could grace any landscape. Easter Imagining in colour, like a magic carpet in a scene from Pocahontas, they impishly grace the waste ground beside Tesco Liffey Valley car park. They sunburst on me on a bitingly diceman day this week - Coltsfoot (per Botanic Gardens)

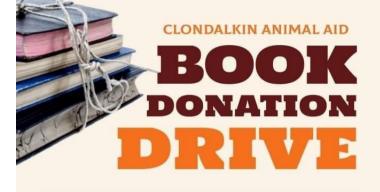


"And sunlight beams on clover, leaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too and clover. And skies are everywhere as blue as

VILLAGERS SENIOR GROUP

It is a year since we had our last meeting in Quinlans. We didn't think a year later we would still be living with Covid. We hope you are all keeping well and know a number of you have gotten your vaccine (part 1). Well, hopefully the rollout will improve and we can all get the vaccine in the coming weeks. A number of meetings have taken place regarding Orchard Lodge Seniors Centre with Kelland Homes and SDCC. It is hoped the legal end can be finalised shortly and property passed to SDCC for completion. We will keep you updated on progress Geraldíne Keep safe.

> Beauty is not in the face; beauty is a light in the heart. Khalil Gibran







Clondalkin Cares Food Bank is looking for donations for Easter treats. Easter eggs, cakes, chocolates; everything is welcome!



 Unopened undamaged packaging Best Before Date 4th of April or later Last drop-off date Tue 23rd of March Clondalkin Parish Office Mon-Wed 10-3.30 Neilstown Church Mon-Wed 10-3.30

Ronanstown Youth Service Tue 10-12 Quarryvale CYC Tue 10-12 Ouarryvale FRC Mon-Fri 10-12

https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-our-food-bank Please email manager@quarryvalefrc.ie or call 085 202 0300



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You can drop donations

the Parish Office in the Village and into Neilstown Church Mon - Wed 10am -3:30pm

Ronanstown Youth Service on a **Tuesdav** from 10am - 12 Noon

• The Presentation Sisters have a Collection Bin at their Front Door

where you can drop food donations into anytime. If you need support, know someone who needs support or can help in anyway please do not hesitate to email or call Karin Jonsson at manager@quarryvalefrc.ie or 085-202 0300

Thanks Chris Jesus speaks to us today that "anyone who hates his life in this

A thought for this Sunday

for our Polish Parishioners

world will keep it for eternal



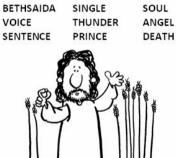
life." We may wonder what he meant because I'm sure many of us don't like our present life for a variety of reasons. But the Lord Jesus is not talking about the challenges that make our life difficult and make us dislike our lives. Jesus invites us to raise the bar in our life expectation so that no challenges or difficulties overshadow what is most important in every Christian life. Make every effort to get to know Jesus and meet Him and bring His love to others. When we focus on Him, our lives and the challenges we face will matter less.

Jezus mówi do nas dzisiaj, że "każdy, kto nie przecenia swojego życia na tym świecie, zachowa je na życie wieczne". Możemy się zastanawiać, co miał na myśli, ponieważ jestem pewien, że wielu z nas nie ceni własnego obecnego życia z różnych powodów. Ale Pan Jezus nie mówi o wyzwaniach, które utrudniają nam życie i sprawiają, że nie lubimy swojego życia. Jezus zachęca nas, abyśmy podnieśli poprzeczkę naszym oczekiwaniom życiowym, aby żadne wyzwania ani trudności

nie przyćmiły tego, co najważniejsze w każdym życiu Chrześcijanina. Dokładajmy wszelkich starań, aby poznać Jezusa i spotkać Go oraz nieść Jego miłość innym. Kiedy się skupimy na Nim, nasze życie i wyzwania, przed którymi stoimy, będą miały mniejsze znaczenie.

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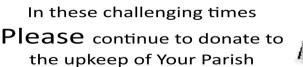
FESTIVAL

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Aware - Support & Self Care Groups

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their

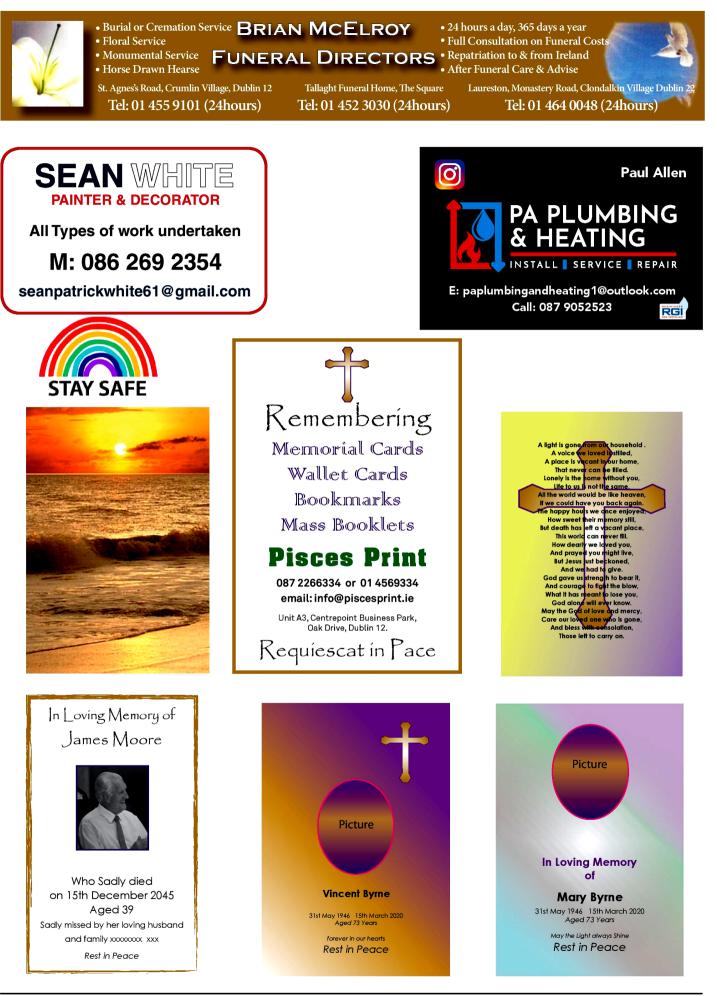
experience. For more information about the groups https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/ and all of our services on www.aware.ie





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