



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 18th April 2021



The Captain of the Ship

In the Spring of 1995 I was undertaking a degree course in Nurse Education in Belfast under the direction of a course director from Holywood, Co. Down, named Norma Grindle. Norma was a tough minded Anglican who set and got high standards from her students. She arrived into the classroom one morning with a little statuette of a man from the ancient Greek classical era and asked "Who is this"? I had never seen this man before and knew nothing of ancient Greece but in an example of how powerful intuitive knowledge is, I blurted out "That is Socrates". "You are correct" Norma replied and she proceeded to give a lecture on the Socratic teaching method and how good and effective it was.

I won't forget that day for as long as I live because it was a day my life changed. The incident with the statuette of Socrates pulled my interest away from things nursing, anatomy, physiology, medicine and surgery to things theological and philosophical. I remember saying to myself "I need to know more about these Greek guys Socrates, Plato and Aristotle". I went on to finish my course and returned to Beaumont Hospital as a qualified Nurse Teacher in 1996. I later moved to Drogheda and spent 5 years there.

In my 6th year I was already set on a course for something different. My interest in theology and philosophy had now reached such a point that I was seeing a Vocations Director. He initially advised me to test myself with a monastic order which I did. The outcome was that I did not feel suited to the structured life of the monastery so I opted instead for the Diocesan priesthood. I was interviewed in 2001 and accepted to begin my studies for the priesthood

in Dublin. After 5 years of study, I was ordained in 2006 and assigned as a curate to Skerries, Co. Dublin. I spent 1 year there and then was assigned to Balbriggan for 5 years. I came to Clondalkin in 2012 and after 8 years here working under the energetic leadership of Fr. Damian Farnon, I now find myself captain of the ship as Fr. Damian is now an Army Chaplain. I am 2 months in this new situation and after some initial trepidation, I like where I am. What is my vision you may ask? Answer: it's the same as my Archbishop; to help him and all who work on parish teams to revitalize the practice of the faith in the Diocese. Not that Clondalkin needs much revitalising; it already is a very vibrant parish and it revitalises me rather than me revitalising it.

How am I going to go about my work in my new role as captain of the ship?

The answer in a word: PRAY.

Fr. Padraig O'Sullivan

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
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Clondalkin Handcraft and Horticultural Virtual Show 2021

Cllr Timmons (Chairperson) says *"Sadly we can't meet in person so the only safe option is to have the Show online for 2021. We have had to cut some categories out but there is still loads for people to enter. I look forward and am hopeful that the Show will return to Newlands Home and Garden Centre and Áras Chrónáin in 2022. This Show is an opportunity to showcase all the wonderful skills we have in South Dublin"*



Cllr Francis Timmons
Independent Dublin Mid West
Entry forms will be available online on our Facebook, Instagram pages and by emailing us on

clondalkinshow@gmail.com We are

accepting entries after our launch date and up until **26th June 2021**. Judging will take place for the following week and winner will be announced on 4th July 2021.

(Photo from 2019 Launch in Áras Chrónáin)

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 21st April	St. Anselm, Bishop
Friday 23rd April	St. George, Martyr St. Adalbert of Prague, Bishop & Martyr
Saturday 24th April	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr



DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK – ONLINE ADULT & FAMILY PILGRIMAGE – SAVE THE DATE! The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Saturday April 24th** with a programme of online workshops from Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road via webcam commencing at 12pm. More details to follow soon. From 2.30pm, we will switch to the Knock Shrine webcam for the rosary, the Pilgrimage Mass at 3pm and opportunity for quiet time in the Apparition Chapel.



Start your day with these simple yet powerful prayers:

Forgive me Lord, Guide me Lord,
Protect me Lord, Bless me Lord,
Thank you Lord. *Amen*

The best portion of a good man's life - his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love.



William Wordsworth

Village Church



Sunday 18th April

6.30pm Vigil Phyllis Fitzpatrick (12th An)
David, Marie, Tony & Michael O'Brien (An)
Doris Costello (1st An), Breda Whelan (1st An)
10.00am Veronica Dunne (RD), Marie Murray (RD),
Thanksgiving Mass from family of Theresa Green (R.I.P.),
William Beesley (An), James Doyle (MM),
Marie Ryan (2nd An)
12noon Tommy Keegan (An & B'day Rem)
Kathleen O'Neill (An), Thomas McLoughlin (MM)
Liam Callaghan (10th An) & Kathleen Shannon (An) and
dec'd members of the Shannon family,
Donal Moffat (B'day Rem)

Monday 19th April

10.00am Terence Kinane (An)

Tuesday 20th April

10.00am Suzanne & Mark Heffernan (23rd An)

Wednesday 21st April

10.00am Mary Kinane (B'day Rem)

Thursday 22nd April

10.00am Dennis Byrne (Rem R.I.P.)

Sunday 25th April

10.00am Rose Plunkett (B'day Rem)

12noon Pamela Delaney (An)

Johnny & Rosaleen Delaney, Jane Courage (B'day Rem)

Keep sending your prayer requests and petitions.



Sydney, Karl, Josephine, Shania, Gerry,
Anne, Robert, Jean, Louis, Wayne, Kathleen,
Justine, Sean, Jade, Roisin, Pauline, Rebecca,
Shauna, David, Monica, Sheila, Maureen,
Flynn, Jodie, Joan, Paula, Ryan, Frank,
Seamus, Patrick, Kay, Peggy

Our candle is always lit for you!

Free Online Adult Catechism Course. Continues Sunday - Theme: The Church

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>)



Here I am at the corner of Watery Lane and Woodford Walk, the ditch slopes down to the river field and is covered by briars and trees in early leaf. I looked down through the briars and here is a carpet of shiny heart shaped green leaves and some yellow blooms. Imagine, right there for a curious open eye. Around the corner on Nangor Road, the buttercup is about to explode in another carpet of yellow flowers. So two yellow blooms tapping Nature's bounty in totally different ways. Awe inspiring.

"And All Creation is shouting for Joy"

Eddie

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.

ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK 2021

Ecumenical Bible Week 2021 is an exciting and successful venture which is now in its eight year and will run from **Pentecost Sunday (23rd May) to Trinity Sunday (30th May) 2021**. Ecumenical Bible Week (EBW) is led by the Archdiocese of Dublin and the United Dioceses of Dublin and Gledalough in collaboration with many other Christian traditions ranging from the Evangelical Alliance to Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and support from the National Bible Society and Scripture Union. The overall theme this year is "Unlocking Faith Today: Responding to New Realities". This year EBW will have an opening and closing prayer event organised by Holy Trinity Rathmines on Monday 24th and St Finian's Lutheran Church on Sunday 30th respectively.



To Register visit – www.bibleweek.ie

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

EARTH DAY 2021 - Thursday 22nd April

April 22nd Earth Day is usually celebrated with outdoor performances, where individuals or groups perform acts of service to Earth. Typical ways of observing Earth Day include planting trees, picking up roadside trash, conducting various programs for recycling and conservation, and using recyclable containers for snacks and lunches. Some people are encouraged to sign petitions to governments, calling for stronger or immediate action to stop global warming and to reverse environmental destruction. Television stations frequently air programs dealing with environmental issues. Earth Day, founded by Senator Gaylord Nelson, was first organized in 1970 to promote ecology and respect for life on the planet as well as to encourage awareness of the growing problems of air, water, and soil pollution.



A HUGE thank you to all who have supported (and continue to support) the **Clondalkin Cares Food Bank**

You can now donate & Support through
<https://gofund.me/65e9cb0f>

You can drop donations into

- The Parish Office in the Village and into Neilstown Church **Mon - Wed 10am - 3:30pm**
- Ronanstown Youth Service on a **Tuesday 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@quarryvalefric.ie or 085-202 0300

A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners

Thanks Chris



Imagine you are there in front of the tomb on this Sunday morning. You are looking at these women and His disciples. You slowly begin to realise that Jesus did what He said. He is risen from the dead. Everything you ever read or heard about Him was true. And you start to believe not only that He is risen, but everything else you know about Him. Commandments? What seemed to be just a list of incomprehensible rules took on a new meaning. A loving Father who gives instructions to his children on how to live because he is Love himself and wants our good.

Wyobraź sobie, że jesteś tam, przed grobem, w ten niedzielny poranek. Patrzysz na te kobiety i Jego uczniów. Powoli zaczynasz zdawać sobie sprawę z tego, że Jezus zrobił to, co zapowiedział. Powstał z martwych. Wszystko, co o Nim kiedyś przeczytałeś lub usłyszałeś, było prawdą. I zaczynasz wierzyć nie tylko, że zmartwychwstał, ale także we wszystko inne co o Nim wiesz. Przykazania? Coś, co wydawało się być tylko listą niezrozumiałych reguł, nabrało nowego znaczenia. Kochający Ojciec dający wskazówki swoim dzieciom, jak mają żyć, dlatego, że sam jest Miłością i pragnie naszego dobra.



Pope Francis Speaks about St. Teresa of Avila

On Tuesday 13th April 2021, Pope Francis marked the 50th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Teresa of Ávila as a Doctor of the Church, and stresses her importance even today, especially in highlighting the role of women in the Church and in society.

Fifty years ago, on 27 September 1970, Pope St Paul VI conferred the title of Doctor of the Church on St. Teresa of Ávila. Saint Teresa was born in 1515 and died in 1582. Pope Francis wrote in his message that even now, nearly half a millennium since her death, "the flame that Jesus lit in Teresa continues to shine in this world, always in need of courageous witnesses, capable of breaking down any wall, whether physical, existential or cultural."

He also cited her intelligence and tenacity, which she joined to "a sensitivity to beauty and a spiritual motherhood toward all those who approached her work."

The Pope added that she was an example of the "extraordinary role that women have played throughout history in the Church and in society."



I just love this section of our Global Clon Dalkin Garden the work is



shared with Selma Correia, Duczynska Gyorfí Boros, Eva Pádraig Roland Boros, Kenneth & Shaíd give great help when they're asked. We're thankful for garden friends from community & The Towers We have a welcoming attitude within our caring stewardship. This development has taken us many years to create. God bless social inclusion. *Maeve Murphy*



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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