



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 2nd May 2021



Like many others over the past fourteen months I had to adapt on how to work as a Parish Pastoral Worker. I had to find new ways to reach out the parishioners, to be creative, to stay connected, to continue building the community of followers and to share the message of the Risen Lord. One thing I learnt was I do not have to reinvent the wheel. Sometimes is of value to share someone else's wisdom. That's what I decided to do for the front page of the newsletter. Not because I have nothing to say, to share or to offer – rather than I could have not said it any better. There is a huge amount of resources available online.

Here is a great homepage I recommend to you: www.tarsus.ie by Fr. Kieran J. O'Mahony. Kieran is an Augustinian friar and biblical scholar. On his homepage he offers Biblical Resources as a service to the wider faith community. Here are some parts of this weekend's reflections:

"Like all the speeches in this Gospel, this is a meditation on the presence of the Risen Lord to believers, written after the resurrection and thus not really a report of Jesus' actual words. Nevertheless, it is a meditation on images Jesus did himself use, such as the parable of the vineyard, with echoes of other passages from the Old Testament. This passage indeed sounds a bit like a parable but is really a symbolic allegory, wherein each element can be "decoded" for meaning. This reflection is found in the Farewell Discourse of the Fourth Gospel and is best understood within that special context.

Pointers for prayer

1. In a relationship connectedness is important. Relationships cannot be taken for granted and need time and care to be life-giving. What does your experience tell you of the truth of this in your relationships with God, with your friends, with your family, with communities or groups to which you belong?
2. "Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit". In what ways do you see that you have been 'pruned' by the experiences of life, or by the word of God, to be a more fruitful person? Perhaps you have also experienced the need for "pruning" in significant relationships in your life.
3. The parable also reminds us that we are not the source of our own life. It is a gift from God, from our parents, and from all who have nourished us. Give thanks for those who have been a source of life for you.
4. God is glorified by our being fruitful. When has human fruitfulness reminded you of God at work in our world?"

Christina Malone, Parish Pastoral Worker

Corona Virus Prayer

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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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 3rd May	SS Philip & James, Apostles
Tuesday 4th May	St. Conleth (Kildare), Bishop
Wednesday 5th May	Bl. Edmund Ignatius Rice, Religious
Thursday 6th May	St. Dominic Savio
Saturday 8th May	Bl. John Sullivan, Priest



COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.

THE SUPPORT LINE IS OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, 8AM - 8PM, BY CALLING 0818 222 024

Free Online Adult Catechism Course.

Continues Sunday - Theme: *The Last Four Things*

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>)

Keep sending your prayer requests and petitions. Please keep in your prayers...

Josh, Amanda, Lorna, Tara, Joan, Stephen, Martin, Sydney, Arthur, Regan, Karl, Pat, Fusion, Kate, Jennifer, Sean, James, Helen, Brendan, Marie, Shona, Sheila, Conor, Vincent, Monica, Faith, Jean, Leah, Peter, Dean, Michele, Maureen, Sinead, Una, Jim, Ken, Angela.

Our candle is always lit for you!



TARSUS SCRIPTURE SCHOOL: PENTECOST 2021

3 pre-recorded presentations:
1 Meditation Webinar;

(Our Pentecost Module is free but registration is essential)

The pre-recorded content of this module will be online from **Friday 7th May**

- "Babel to Jerusalem and beyond: Acts 2:1-11" (Jessie Rogers)
- "There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13" (Kieran O'Mahony)
- "Breathing new life: John 20:19-23" (Sean Goan)

To explore and register go to -
www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie/



Village Church

Sunday 2nd May

6.30pm Vigil Miryanne, Paddy & John Joe Guidan (An)

10.00am Ann McCabe (An), Brendan Gardiner (MM), Mary Fallon (RD) mother of Fr Vincent Sruleen Parish

12noon Joe Farrell (8th An), Romy (An)

Monday 3rd May

10.00am William Caney (5th An)

Tuesday 4th May

10.00am Bridie Murray (Newlands) (1st An)

Wednesday 5th May

10.00am Dermott McGann (10th An)

Friday 7th May First Friday of the Month
Altar List of the Dead

Sunday 9th May

6.30pm Vigil Lilian, Christopher, Brendan Behan (An)
John Talbot (3rd An)



Recently Deceased

Bernadette Cowin, Thomas Corrigan

May They Rest In Peace

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

A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.

St. Francis of Assisi

SHEKINAH ONLINE COURSE 2021-2022

Level 7 Diploma in Spirituality –
Applied Youth Ministry and Facilitation.

Online course accredited by St. Patrick's college, Maynooth.

The course runs from September to April. Delivered online, students view lecturers and live e-tutorial sessions, access readings, ask questions, engage in discussions and complete assignments online. The course is designed with flexibility in mind, enabling the student to balance study with work and family commitments. The practical element will comprise the on-line planning and delivery of four youth retreats/parish reflective youth experiences. The skills are transferable to other situations. Training for this is included in the course.

Who is this course for? Anyone interested in the spiritual and human development of young people, including parents, teachers, school chaplains and youth workers in parish ministry. **please see** www.shekinah.ie



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 Glendalough 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.

Register now on – www.bibleweek.ie

We will bare much fruits when we connect to the true vine, the creator
Lailah Gifty Akita - "Think Great, be Great"



Create a May Altar in your home and share your pictures with us

We are in the month of May, the traditional month of Our Lady and we are asking and encouraging you to make a May Altar in your home and send us your pictures - we'd love to see them. You can get a few suggestion from -

<http://www.clondalkinparish.com/?p=6248>

Here's few from parishioners last year to give you some ideas! You can send them to us through the office email or on the facebook page

Looking forward to seeing them.



FAITHFEST – POWERED BY THE SPIRIT

Calling all teenagers! Join us for an evening of games, music, workshop, chats and prayer. Faithfest will take place 21 May from 6:30 – 8:30 online. You can register NOW online using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/ZRLPXhUvSP>

For more information email: faithfest@dublindiocese.ie



Sunday 2nd May 2021



World Laughter Day is an annual event celebrated worldwide to raise awareness about laughter and its many healing benefits, as well as about thousands of community groups around the world who regularly practice comedy that promote wellness and overall well-being. One of the main benefits associated with laughter is that you're generally going to feel better! If you laugh a lot, you're going to be more of a positive person, and this can impact your life in so many different ways. Laughter can also boost T-cells. These are specialized cells in your immune system, which are simply waiting to be activated. When you laugh, T-cells are brought to life, and they can help you to fight off sickness. So, next time you feel like you have a cold coming on, why not add some giggling and chuckling to your prevention strategy?

A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners Thanks Chris

Sometimes it is difficult for us to accept that people can change. In today's readings, we see Saul coming to Jerusalem to meet the apostles. But people fear him and find it hard to believe that he was so suddenly transformed and is now a true disciple of Christ. Let us not get fooled by our human limitations. We can read in the Gospel that we are branches and that we can bear good fruit only when we are part of the vine, which is Jesus. Let us not close our hearts to people who want to change their lives, but let us seek the fruits of this transformation in them, they will be a sign of their true conversion.

Czasami trudno jest nam zaakceptować, że ludzie mogą się zmieniać. W dzisiejszych czytaniach widzimy postać Saula, który przybywa do Jerozolimy na spotkanie z apostołami. Ludzie jednak boją się jego i trudno jest im uwierzyć, że tak nagle przemienił się i teraz jest prawdziwym uczniem Chrystusa. Nie dajmy się zwieść naszym ludzkim ograniczeniom. W Ewangelii możemy przeczytać, że jesteśmy łatoroślami i możemy przynosić dobre owoce tylko wtedy, gdy jesteśmy częścią krzewu winnego, którym jest Jezus. Nie zamykajmy naszych serc na ludzi, którzy chcą zmienić swoje życie, ale szukajmy owoców tej przemiany w nich, będą one znakiem ich prawdziwego nawrócenia



Clondalkin Cares Community Care Card design Competition

...it's just good to take a moment to let someone know 'I'm thinking of you'.

We're inviting you to take part in our art competition to design "Care Cards" from our community to let family members, friends and those we care about know we are thinking of them.

We are looking for four designs! Design a card that says...

1. "Thinking of you"
2. "Thank You"
3. "Congratulations" & 4. "Missing You"

This competition is open to 3 age ranges – 5 – 11 year olds, 12 - 17 year olds and 18 years + - So encourage everyone to get involved.

The best 4 entries for each card will be made into community care cards that will be made available in our community free of charge with a suggested donation in aid of the Clondalkin Cares community Foodbank.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-our-food-bank>

Enter as many times as you like!!

- Closing date is **Friday 28th May 2021**
- Entries, which have to be original drawings, paintings or other forms of artwork done on **A4 size paper should be emailed** - Along with your name, age, the card the design is for and contact details (of parent or guardian if you are under 18) – in picture (Jpg, Jpeg) format to

Susan at cysinfo@crosscare.ie with "Clondalkin Cares Community Card design Competition" in the Subject line

Spread the word and encourage everyone to take part!!



Great news!
The Blue Skies Initiative are hosting another screening of '**Resilience; The Biology of Stress & the Science of Hope**'.

When:
Wednesday, May 19th
Venue:
Zoom
Time:
2:30-4:30 pm.



To Register: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/151076508905>
'Resilience' is an award-winning documentary that delves into the science of Adverse Childhood Experiences. The film explores how stressful experiences in childhood can have lifelong effects on health and behaviour and at times alter brain development. It looks at the science of how addressing stress and promoting resilience in individuals using cutting edge brain science, can stop cycles of adversity and disease and positively impact health and wellbeing.

The film will be followed by a facilitated discussion.
This event is free and places are limited.



A Facebook group has been set up for parents/carers of children with additional needs and children who are struggling at this time.

A cohort of parents and professionals have come on board to offer on-line resources free of charge.

There are resources from occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, play therapists, psychotherapists, and there is Lego Brix, cookery ideas, parenting courses and children's entertainment.

To join please follow this link:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/716700345514778/?ref=share>



Pope Francis urges Catholics to pray in May for end to Covid-19 pandemic

Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic. The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world.

The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization announced the news recently and it takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5).

Prayer initiative - "The initiative will involve all the Shrines of the world in a special way, so that they might encourage the faithful, families, and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic,"

Pope Francis will opened the Marian month of prayer on 1 May with a Rosary broadcast across Vatican Media's platforms. Each day will see Vatican News broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 6 PM Rome time from the various Shines taking part in the initiative. The Pope will also close the initiative on 31 May with another specially-broadcast Rosary.



The Clondalkin Equine Club - Our club would really appreciate your support:

Like many organistations Covid -19 has had a massive impact on our clubs ability to fundraise. We are a club for 10 to 18 year olds based in Clondalkin Dublin 22.

We work to promote and support good animal welfare practice and engage with marginalised young people and people in the greater Dublin 22 area. We also organise themed information events, working on the issue of horses at a local/national level and horses as a therapeutic and education support. We receive **no** ongoing core funding to support our activities -

You can help by donating to our GoFundMe page - <https://gofund.me/33d26e11> **Thank You!**

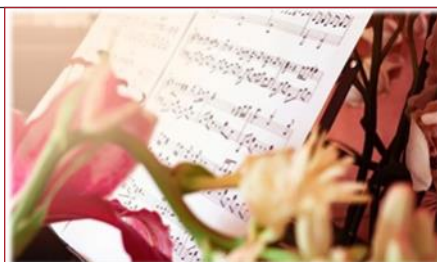


A priest whose first language wasn't English used say 'I am the wine' in reading the gospel today. We smiled and tried to tell him the difference between 'vine' and 'wine'. It's an interesting difference because the vine becomes wine and in turn becomes the blood of eternal life in the Eucharist.

He uses the image of wine for the new covenant and for the New Testament. The water of the Old Testament was changed into the wine of the new. The cup of wine 'he took and shared' was his blood, his life's energy given for us. The wine, so beautiful in meaning, came from the simple grape on a vine. The ordinary and the extraordinary, the human and the divine, are intimately linked in Jesus himself and in the way he speaks for us. The Incarnation leads to the resurrection, all linked to the body. Everything human is a way to God for us. Love mingles earth and heaven, for all love is of God. Our moods and feelings, desires and joys, sorrows and griefs, hurts and shame, all lead us to God. We mingle water and wine at Mass so that we know 'we share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity'.

As vine and branches draw life from each other, we draw life from the body of Christ in the Eucharist so we can share his love among others and so bear much fruit.

Maybe the mispronunciation was not completely in error! - **Fr Donal Neary, SJ**



Pope Francis' ecological encyclical set to music - to listen to Three beautiful pieces of music based on Laudato Si' text by a Boston Composer for Earth Day -

Click here
Laudato Si to Music



Fabulous work being done in the Garden by members of Clondalkin Mens Shed – taking advantage of the good weather. Well done lads, the garden's looking wonderful!



Clondalkin Handcraft and Horticultural Virtual Show 2021

Independent Dublin Mid West

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, this year's show will be hosted online. Entry forms will be available online on the Facebook, Instagram pages or by emailing clondalkinshow@gmail.com

Entry will require 2 photographs of the item, 1 photograph of the item on a plain white background and 1 of the entrant holding the item. Both photographs must be clear. The photograph of the item needs to be up close, so the judges can see the item clearly or they will not be able to judge the item.

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

Age & Opportunity
Bealtaine Festival
Celebrating the arts and creativity as we age

1st - 31st MAY

To celebrate **Bealtaine Festival 2021** the Social Inclusion Unit invites you to let Bealtaine be part of your life. Use your imagination to submit an entry to show how creative you are. Include any of the following: crafts, poetry, painting, music, baking, sports and writing.

Please note photos/ videos of entries will be accepted by **email only** to socialinclusionunit@sdblincoco.ie

Closing date of competition is **Friday 21st May 2021**.

Please find attached competition poster, application form and privacy statement for your information.

For further information please contact Social Inclusion Unit, Community Services Department, South Dublin County Council
Tel: 01 414 9270 or email socialinclusionunit@sdblincoco.ie



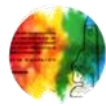
Woosh, Woosh, Woosh, in apparition mode, reflecting on The Camac at Mayfield Bridge, in superlative grace, perfect symmetry like a glider except powered internally by those ultralight aerofoils made of Keratin. Those flight feathers are hooked into one another in a continuous vane. Who would have thought that the little Egret, who normally stands like "The Metal Man", motionless for hours could beautify us all with his/her miraculous airshow. He/She flew in low level flight from Mayfield Bridge to Woodford Walk bridge and banked left in pure grace. Oh!! The sheer beauty of it on Tuesday 20th April. On Saturday 24th April at 12.20 pm, there he/she is, ghostlike among the daisy dandelion enchanted way, Dicemanlike. The river is very low, so the fish have gone to the deeper pools further down the Camac. So he/she is feeding with the net cast wider. *"The sheer grace filled wonder of it all"* **Eddie**



Kenneth Mtetwa, is our brilliant, Chairman, of **The Clondalkin Global Garden**. He works tirelessly as a volunteer within this community.

We value and appreciate his efforts on all levels. Many thanks from those that work closely with you, Selma Correia Duczynska Gyorfi Boros Eva Roland Boros Manita Karki Shaid Ullah Luke Bukha Sean Lavin & many others...

Maeve Murphy



Clondalkin Cares

Food Bank

Don't think that you are alone through this...

We are seeing numbers increasing which means the word is getting out there. So please keep sharing the details so those who need it can get support. With your help and support we are currently supporting over 90 households in our locality.

A huge thanks to the Red Cross this week who came with a lot of baby and hygiene products and to all who are giving their continued support through our drop off points. Please keep your donations and support coming. Just to remind you that we can't take fresh food or clothes (second hand) because we don't have storage facilities.

To register for food, or for any other information,

please email manager@quarryvalefrc.ie or call **085 202 0300** during normal office hours.

To donate please use our **Go Fund Me** page: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-our-food-bank>

We welcome any other place that would like to volunteer to act as a drop off point for donations - Just contact us and let us know!

Currently you can drop food 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, please do not hesitate to email or call

Meaningful May 2021

Lets make May a month of Kindness!!

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Make a list of what matters most to you and why	2 Do something kind for someone you really care about	3 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do	4 Take a step towards an important goal, however small	5 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together	6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful	7 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why
8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today	9 Notice the beauty in nature, even if you're stuck indoors	10 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today	11 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times	12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you	13 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder	14 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture
15 Do something to contribute to your local community	16 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger	17 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better	18 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful	19 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about	20 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful	21 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable
22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about	23 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost	24 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of	25 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today	26 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why	27 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful	28 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others
29 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight	30 Today do something to care for the natural world	31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future				

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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MAD (make a Difference) May! #MADMAY



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