## Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church Clonburris # Knockmitten

Parish Newsletter Sunday 23rd May 2021





#### THE LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT

Throughout Scripture the Holy Spirit is seen as a creative and life-giving force. In the Old Testament the Spirit is "the divine breath " which guarantees the life of every human being and of everything that exists.

Nothing came into existence except through the power of God's creative Spirit. "God spoke and they were made". Life is found in the human person because "God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and he became a living being". As long as the Spirit is active in a person he or she lives. When God withdraws the Spirit, life comes to an end.

In the New Testament the Gospel of Luke reveals a particular interest in the Holy Spirit's role in the life of Jesus. Jesus is the creation of the Spirit, the unique bearer of the Spirit and the dispenser of the Spirit. Luke records the activity of the Spirit in Jesus' conception, birth and childhood. At his baptism the Spirit came down on him in the form of a dove and remained with him. In the power of the Spirit Jesus drove out demons, healed the sick and raised the dead to life. He prayed in the Spirit and was filled with joy in the Spirit. Because the Spirit was at work in Jesus his contemporaries could see that the Kingdom of God had come. In John's Gospel Jesus' last breath on the cross was seen as a breathing forth of the Spirit. On the day of his resurrection his Easter gift to his disciples was the Holy Spirit: He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit" bringing to mind the creation story. For Luke the empowering of the disciples with the Holy Spirit happened on Pentecost, fifty days after the resurrection. The same Spirit who hovered over the chaos to bring forth creation, hovered over the small group of believers and brought forth a new creation, the Church. Here Christ is continually present through the power of the Spirit. Endowed with that same power the mission of Jesus continues through us. Our task is to open our eyes and our hands to the whole of creation that groans and eagerly awaits transformation by the Spirit. We are invited to become co-creators with the Spirit by

#### Masses

Clondalkin Village Sundays: (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm, Sunday 9am (As gaeilge) 10.30am, 12 noon 50 People allowed at Mass

Weekdays (Mon - Sat) 10am ONLY 50 People allowed at Mass

Clonburris Sat 6.30pm, 11 am Sunday Knockmitten

Sunday 11am, Mon, Wed, Fri at 10 am 50 People allowed at Mass

Parish Office Hours Clondalkin:

Mon-Fri 9:30 - 12:30 Please contact through Phone & Email Clonburris & Knockmitten: Contact through Village

Submissions for Newsletter: Parishnewsletter1@gmail.com

caring for our common home and all in it because it is created, nourished and cherished by the life-giving, creative Spirit of God. And so we pray:

"Come and sow life in the waste of our being / Pray in us, form us as one in the Son /Open our hearts to yourself mighty Spirit / Bear us to life in the Three who are One ".

Sr. Anne

#### 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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#### **Church Re-opening: Things to keep in mind**

We are only permitted to admit 50 people for each Mass. Should more than 50 seek to attend, we will be obliged by the health regulation to refuse entry. As we welcome you back for Mass, we would ask our Parishioners to follow a few guidelines to make the reopening of our Church as safe as possible:

- Please practise strict social distancing at all times, on Church grounds and inside the Church.
- Please follow the signage regarding the entry to and exit from the Church.
- Please wear a face covering in the Church.
- Please use hand sanitiser on entering the Church.

Please read Archbishop Dermot Farrell's guidance on www.Dublin Diocese.ie

We thank you for your cooperation.

Fr. Padraig O'Sullivan

#### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 24th May Bl. Virgin Mary, Mother of

the Church

Tuesday 25th May St. Bede The Venerable,

Priest & Doctor of the Church

St. Gregory VII, Pope

St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

Wednesday 26th May St. Philip Neri, Priest

Thursday 27th May St. Augustine of Canterbury,

Bishop

Saturday 29th May St. Paul VI, Pope

Free Online Adult Catechism Course will resume on the 30th May - Joe is taking a break for exams! Keep him and all preparing for exams at this time in your prayers

Keep sending your prayer requests and petitions.



Our candle is always lit for you!

#### Saint Philip Neri

Feast Day 26th May

Here is a short prayer to St. Philip Neri that can help anyone weighed down by the anxieties of the world to see the io

by the anxieties of the world to see the joy of the Gospel in a new way.

O holy Saint 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, Saint Philip, transform our lives and bring us peace. Amen.

#### Village Church

Sunday 23rd May : Feast of Pentecost

6.30pm Vigil

Annie Denton, Patrick Denton & Philip Denton (An)

9.00am Kathleen Potts (MM)10.30am Emma Curran (An)12noon Bill McDonnell (11th An)

Margaret Gray (2nd An), Christopher Sargent (MM)

Monday 24th May

10.00am Special Intention

Tuesday 25th May

10.00am James & Kathleen Connolly (An)

Wednesday 26th May

10.00am Theresa Green (B'day Rem)

Thursday 27th May

10.00am Emily Burrow (B'day Rem)

Friday 28th May

10.00am Brendan, Lillian & Christopher Behan (An)

Saturday 29th May

10.00am Paddy & Theresa Green RIP (Wedding An)

Sunday 30th May: Trinity Sunday
6.30pm Vigil Brian Roberts (7th An)
10.30am Pat, Nance & Eilis Nolan (An)

Joseph Dunne (An)

Bring flowers of the fairest

Bring blossoms the rarest



# ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK 2021 THINKING ALLOWED Thursday 27th May

Thursday 27th May 7.30 - 9.00 pm

**FAITH INTO THE FUTURE** 

#### PRESENTED BY:

Archbishop Dermot Farrell Archbishop Michael Jackson Rev. Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie Rabbi Charles Middleburgh Sr. Liz Murphy Rev. Sahr J Yambasu

**CHAIRED BY:** 

Rev. Alan Boal

### ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK 2021

Thinking Allowed is an event where faith leaders respond to a topical question in the light of

> scripture. Join us online for discussion on this year's topic of personal dreams of faith into the future.

To Register free now at – 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



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

Thanks to those who have already sent in pics. 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 suggestions from -

http://www.clondalkinparish.com/?p=6248 You can send them to us through the office email or on the facebook page

#### Just remember ...

No matter how happy someone may seem, they have moments when they question if they can go on. No matter how confident someone may look, there are times when they feel unsure and insecure. And no matter how strong someone may appear, they have days when they feel like they're falling apart. Never think for a moment you're alone with your struggles. You're not a mess. You're human.

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CARES CARDS

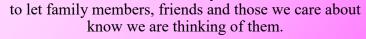
The winning cards will be distributed free in Clondalkin with a suggested donation in aid of the Clondalkin Cares Food Mark.

have to be original paintings, drawings, or o es of artwork and must be done on A4 paper.

#### 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



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 munity 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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

#### A thought for this Sunday for our **Polish Parishioners**

#### Thanks Chris

Technology can answer many of our questions and problems. But it will never answer all of them because it is a human creation. Only the Holy Spirit can answer all the questions. Only He can show us the way to get out of the most difficult situations. The Holy Spirit knows our hearts and knows what is the truth about this world. Some of us think it's impossible to live without technology anymore. But believe me, there is a life beyond technology, just look at the history and how mankind was doing back then. But is it possible to live without the Holy Spirit? Wouldn't it be the case that we are just present physically in this world and our souls are just dead? Come Holy Spirit!

Technologia może być odpowiedzią na wiele naszych pytań i problemów. Nigdy jednak nie odpowie na wszystkie z nich, ponieważ jest wytworem ludzkim. Tylko Duch Święty może nam dać odpowiedź na każde pytanie. Tylko On, może pokazać nam drogę, aby wyjść z najtrudniejszej sytuacji. Duch Święty zna nasze serca i wie jaka jest prawda o tym świecie. Niektórzy z nas myślą, że nie da się już żyć bez technologii. Uwierzcie mi, istnieje życie poza technologią, spójrzmy tylko na historię i jak ludzkość radziła sobie dawniej. Ale czy możliwe jest życie bez Ducha Świętego? Czy nie bylibyśmy obecni tylko ciałem w tym świecie, a nasze dusze nie byłyby martwe? Przyjdź Duchu Święty!

#### Men's Rites of Passage, Kiltegan, 18th – 22nd August 2021

owadays, the question of what it means to be a man can be perplexing, and to be a man of faith in Ireland today can be very difficult. Most men have a longing for the support and guidance of other men in their journey towards masculinity, maturity, and a deeper experience with the divine. Living a shallow unexamined life is an empty experience.

Opening the door to this journey can start with the Men's Rites of Passage (MROP), a five-day deeply spiritual/ experience that builds on the classic patterns of male initiation through profound rituals and teachings. It is the kind of experience that



can help awaken men to the adventure and mystery of their own masculinity, their potential for leadership, and their life's purpose. Join with other men on this journey in Kiltegan, Co Wicklow, 18-22 August 2021. For more information, go to malejourney.ie/rites/mrop-2019 or phone 087-176 3729



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. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.

#### **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

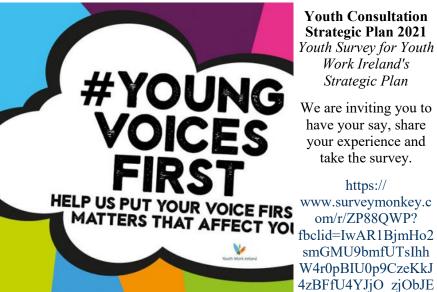
Give the ones you love wings to fly, roots to come back, and reasons to stay. HH The Dalai Lama



PRAY IN MAY WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH **DUBLIN** 

Join the Young Church Dublin for Pray in May. We will meet every Wednesday In May from **8-9pm** for

fellowship and to pray the rosary together as a community. It provides an opportunity to connect in with other young adults in a community of faith. For more information, please email: kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie



**Youth Consultation** Strategic Plan 2021 Youth Survey for Youth

Work Ireland's Strategic Plan

We are inviting you to have your say, share your experience and take the survey.

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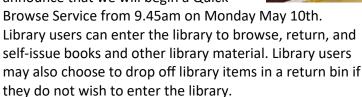
#### Clondalkin Handcraft and Horticultural Virtual Show 2021

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 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Judging will take place for the following week and winner will be announced on 4th July 2021.

Libraries will re-open from May 10th 2021 for a quick browse service. South Dublin Libraries are delighted to announce that we will begin a Quick



#### For more information see

https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/sport-and-recreation/ libraries/join-library-login/find-a-library/? fbclid=IwAR1BjmHo2smGMU9bmfUTsIhhW4r0pBIU0p9Cz eKkJ4zBFfU4YJjO zjObJE



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 socialinclusinunit@sdublincoco.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@sdublincoco.ie



The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference announced a new Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland leading to the holding of a National Synodal Assembly within the next five years. Our

Synodal Pathway webpage is live and offers an opportunity to for you to respond to the question: What would be your preferred option for engagement in a conversation process about the Synod? Give your input on

http://catholicbishops.ie/synod

SDCP is delighted to announce that our Young person's Well-being phone service is now live.

This service is aimed at supporting 18-24yr olds living in the South Dublin area.

Txt 2 Connect on **086-1803942** and we will call ASAP.





# Free phone number 1800 240159

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! -any other assistance

#### **OVERCOMING DIFFICULTIES IN PRAYER - Pope Francis**

Distraction is a common experience, not only in prayer but in all we do. "The human mind finds it difficult to dwell for long on a single thought; we all experience this constant whirlwind of images and illusions in perpetual motion, which accompany us even in our sleep." But if we give into this temptation, said the Pope, we are unable to do anything well. Aridity or "dryness" in prayer – when prayer seems to do no good, and inspires no joy or enthusiasm – is different from distraction in that it doesn't always arise from within us. Sometimes, said Pope Francis, God Himself allows us to experience this spiritual dryness, and at such times we must rely on "pure faith." In the face of this "succession of enthusiasm and discouragement" in prayer, Pope Francis called on Christians to persevere, to always keep walking. "All the saints have passed through this 'dark valley'," he said, and we should not be scandalised when we hear about their struggles with prayer, "the account of evenings of listless prayer, lived without taste". "At those times, the Pope continued, we must learn to remain constant in prayer". "Believers never stop praying!" he insisted.

MA IN THEOLOGY AND WORLD RELIGIONS - DCU have an exciting new opportunity: to study Theology and World Religions at the postgraduate level. They have expanded the MA programme to include a strong comparative and interreligious component: it is an MA in Theology and World Religions. The programme will go ahead in the coming academic year, even if aspects of the programme will be carried out virtually, from the comfort of your own home! DCU is at the leading edge of online education, and we're committed to the study of theology, even in these unprecedented times. They are offering six partial scholarships at €3,600 (Half fees) each for part-time applicants. Recipients would be responsible for paying €3,600 in fees over two years (so €1800 per year). Please email joseph.rivera@dcu.ie with any queries Applicants for the scholarships must apply for the MA in Theology and World Religions programme on PAC (PAC Code DC693 Full-time and DC694 Part-time) here:

https://dcuie.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Apply/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fApply%2f





#### Clondalkin Cares Food Bank

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

A huge, huge thank you to all who are giving their continued support through our drop off points - Your generosity is really making a difference. The need is increasing which means the word is getting out there and more of those who need it are availing of the support. So please keep sharing the details so those who need it can get support. With you're help and support we are currently supporting over 95 households in our locality.

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.

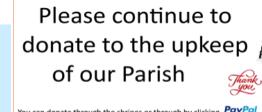
To donate please use our Go Fund Me page: https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-our-food-bank

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.

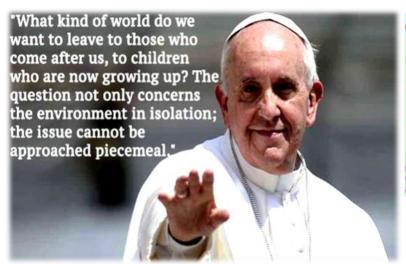
If you need support, know someone who needs support, please do not hesitate to email or call

May God's blessings rest
upon you today.
May His peace
be with you
and His joy fill your heart.



You can donate through the shrines or through by clicking PayPal the "Donate" button on the bottom of our website - www.clondalkinparish.com







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https:// www.eventbrite.ie/ e/gardening-foreveryone-tickets-152967284265? utmmedi-

um=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-source=wa&utm-term=listing



#### #LaudatoSiWeek 2021 is coming!

With the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and +150 catholic organizations this global event is to reflect, pray and act for our ecological conversion!

Register, it's free: https://laudatosiweek.org/



Marian Pilgrimages have released their pilgrimage schedule for 2021 & 2022 to Lourdes, Medjugorje,
Fatima, Italy and the Holy Land. For more information or to register your interest please visit <a href="https://www.marian.ie">www.marian.ie</a> or ring Marian Pilgrimages on (01) 878 8159.

The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth,
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth.

Dorothy Frances Gurney



We may not have moved mountains but volunteers have collected plenty of litter off our streets. We have highlighted many litter black spots and illegal dumping sites.

Other areas like ESB's sub station at Newlands Cross have been inaccessible to volunteers.







Through elected Cllrs representations; south Dublin county council follow ups and work by ESB cleaning crew this area is now clear. Team work. Thanks to all our volunteers Perhaps together we can move mountains! *Clondalkin Tidy Towns* 

"Our insistence that each human being is an image of God should not make us overlook the fact that each creature has its own purpose. None is superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God's love, His boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God."

(Pope Francis Laudato Si - Paragraph 84)

The Camac is high and fast at Riversdale Bridge after a deluge of rain last night. So the two male Mallard ducks hopped up on the bank and agreed to share a space. The mating season is over and the males are preparing for moulting in June. The Hawthorn will also morph into fruit. It is the 16th of May at 12.22pm. Enjoy the rest, lads. Rest, that wonderful natural healer and accommodator of growth, infuses all things. Turning around the May bushes, the river field opens up the adorable spectacle of new life, a gorgeous foal, soaking up the Sun

"Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet Earth to you,
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you" Iona Community

(Return to me with all your heart—-Gerard Gallagher).

with the daisies, Maybush and Mare in attendance.

Eddie.





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