Clondalkin Village Parish Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church Clonburris L Knockmitten Parish Newsletter Sunday 9th May 2021



What challenging and needed words Jesus speaks to us today! Imagine how our world could be if we truly worked to love one another, to love all others. Love is powerful! Love does not mean that we have to like another or to always agree with one another. Love calls us to desire the best for the other person and to care deeply for them, despite the differences or difficulties we may experience with the individual. But somehow, the love that Jesus



speaks about in scripture, was completely omitted from the dictionary's list of possible meanings. I think that love is a commitment to consistently put another person's wellbeing and happiness before your own. It's the love a spouse has for another when he/she puts the other spouse's needs or desires before one's own. It's the love that overlooks another's faults and focuses on his/her endearing qualities. It's the love parents have for their children when they play with a child even though they are really too tired to move. It's the love shown when someone calls on a neighbour, checks in on a friend in need, let's someone know - "You're in my thoughts and prayers". It's the willingness to lay down one's life for another, to put your own worries, troubles, fears or concerns to one side so as to offer true support or to protect that person from pain. Don't get me wrong, love is the easiest word to say but the hardest to live. True love is hard. It is demanding. Sometimes it's even difficult to love – When our kids are whiny, or our partners are annoying. With acquaintances and strangers, it can be even more difficult – some people just seem get on your nerves or rub you up the wrong way! We know that all people are God's children. Unfortunately, it is often hard to see God in them – especially when they are rude, or don't think the way that we do. I assume, like me, that we would like to have others love us also, even though they may not like us or agree with us. Love requires virtues that ask a lot of us but brings out the best in all involved in the love relationship. It has the ability to supersede many challenges in life if we truly let it and give ourselves over to it.

The best answer I've ever heard, given by a youth at a confirmation retreat, to the question, "What do people need to survive?", was "Food, water, clothing, shelter... and love," – If the experience of this pandemic has taught us anything we all need to experience and know the loving touch. We all need to know, feel and truly accept that we are loved, loveable and capable of sharing that love with others. Not easy.

So the Gospel today is beautiful. I especially love the part when Jesus said, "It is not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." If you really think of it and what it means - He picked me! He picked you! – Warts and all, without hesitation or merit ... Wow!

How do we bear fruit that will remain? We choose to love, to be loved, to show love - God chose us to love - we need to quench our thirst for Him and take time to come to this overflowing well of unconditional love to drink - to fill up. Then go be a joy-filled witness to that love for others - even at those most difficult of times.

We'll still struggle in many ways but If we consistently make a choice to be loved and to love the other, we will be following in Jesus' footsteps. Every day we have a choice and if we choose the path of love every time, our path will be strewn with beauty, joy, and peace. What more could we hope for? Have a great week! Frank Brown, 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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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, Mon, Wed, Fri at 10 am all on Webcam

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

The Re opening of our Church

Welcome back to our congregation in Clondalkin to our first celebration of a public mass since Christmas. It was a long wait and for a while it looked like we were not going to celebrate Easter along with Ascension, Pentecost and Corpus Christi. Now we know that from Monday 10th May we can celebrate all these feasts and more.

The new pharmaceuticals along with the good news mentioned above can make it seem that at last the cavalry can be seen coming over the hill. That is time but we are not out of the woods yet. Congregations are limited to 50. We cannot get sit bunched together, we have to spread out and keep a gap between ourselves and others. The coronavirus that the virologists are dealing with now has mutated into a variant that is highly infectious. So we cannot celebrate fully yet, we have

to be careful like we were before. Please read Archbishop Dermot Farrell's guidance on www.Dublin Diocese.ie

God bless everyone. Take care. Fr Padraig O'Sullivan

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 follow the signage regarding the entry to and exit from the Church.

We thank you for your cooperation.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 10th May Wednesday 12th May

Thursday 13th May Friday 14th May Saturday 15th May St. Comgall, Abbot SS Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs St. Pancras, Martyr Our Lady of Fatima St. Matthias, Apostle St. Carthage, Bishop of Waterford & Lismore

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. Please keep in your prayers...



Jason, Mary, Karl, Vincent, Pauline, Ronan, Beverly, Frances, Gerry, Joan, Lorna, Ken, Dolores, Henry, Sinead, Jean, Robert, Cillian, Siobhan, Roisin, Paul, Kieran, Dot, Philippa, David, Sheila, Monica, Beth, Jim, Daire, Aaron, Angela, Stephen, Louise, Brenda, Sean, Ryan, Eddie

Our candle is always lit for you!



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

Víllage Church

Sunday 9th May



Douglas Frederick Luck (1st An)

12noon Jason Turner (1st An), Carol Nolan (8th An) Willy Kennedy (An), Noel Hoare (1st An), George Reilly (An)



Recently Deceased Christopher Boylan May He 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



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

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

WORDS OF WISDOM All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle. St. Francis of Assisi

You don't need to be accepted by others. You need to accept yourself. Thich Nhat Hanh

The ultimate lesson all of us have to learn is unconditional love, which includes not only others but ourselves as well. Elisabeth Kübler-Ross

In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things - with great love. St. Teresa of Calcutta



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

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

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!!

A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners Thanks Chris

It was not you, who chose Him, but you were chosen by Him. Jesus calls you His friend and invites you to have a deeper relationship with



Him so that you can get to know Him better. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives you one commandment, to love yourself and others as He loves you. Receive this Good News in your heart and bear fruit that will last.

To nie ty Go wybrałeś, lecz zostałeś wybrany przez Niego. Jezus nazywa ciebie swoim przyjacielem i zaprasza cię do głębszej relacji z Nim, abyś mógł go lepiej poznać. W dzisiejszej Ewangelii Jezus daje ci jedno przykazanie, abyś kochał siebie i innych, tak jak On ciebie pokochał. Przyjmij tę Dobrą Nowinę do swojego serca i wydaj owoc, który będzie trwały.

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

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

Nowadays, 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.

The support line is open seven days a week, **8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024**.



CLONDALKIN



Some of the Clondalkin's Men Shed out for their regular, socially distanced Tuesday walk in Corkagh Park. Well done to Fintan and Tommy on their fabulous showing on last week's Late, Late Show! Are you giving autographs? Tommy showed that he may not have had much party practice recently but he can still carry a tune https://twitter.com/PTEL atol.a



https://twitter.com/RTELateLateShow/status/1388237859493134341? s=08 Thanks to Tommy Keogh for the photo



MAY WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH DUBLIN

PRAY IN

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

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

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 **26th 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. <u>South Dublin Libraries</u> are delighted to announce that we will begin a Quick



Browse Service from 9.45am on Monday May 10th. Library users can enter the library to browse, return, and self-issue books and other library material. Library users may also choose to drop off library items in a return bin if they do not wish to enter the library.

For more information see

https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/sport-and-recreation/ libraries/join-library-login/find-a-library/? fbclid=IwAR1BjmHo2smGMU9bmfUTsIhhW4r0pBIU0p9Cz eKkJ4zBFfU4YJj0_zjObJE



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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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



BETTER SPEECH AND HEARING MONTH - May 2021

The Better Speech and Hearing Month was founded in 1927 by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. The aim of Better Speech and Hearing Month is to raise awareness around both speech and hearing problems while encouraging people to take a look at their own speech and hearing and to make a change in there is a problem. For over nine decades, this month has been held, making people think about their hearing and speech. The awareness month also looks to encourage parents to identify any potential speech and language problems in their children, particularly where such problems may affect a child's self-esteem or learning. If any of the signs or symptoms of hearing loss are present, then a person should visit an audiologist for a hearing test. In many cases, hearing problems are treatable.



If you see someone wearing a mask with this logo on it, it means that the wearer is hearing impaired and in some cases wear a hearing aid. As most read lips it can de difficult for them in these Covid times. Just be aware

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

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

"What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up? The question not only concerns the environment in isolation; the issue cannot be approached piecemeal."

Laudato Si' Week

#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/



Free course open to anyone

just register here

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

um=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utmcontent=attendeeshare&utm-source=wa&utmterm=listing

Global Garden Clondalkin

Wonderful colourful Calendulas, Hucheras and Heathers. From propagator to bath planters. Nature is the gift, we're its carers and stewards. It's amazing what you can with a few old baths!!

Maeve



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.





YOUR WASTE? Let's all take responsibility. #StopIllegalDumping

YOUR VILLAGE.

Rialtas na hÉireann Government of Ireland

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)

Where is he? Boy, what a sound, somewhere in the bushes beside Aras Chrónán. No, he is higher up, there he is on his spire-like perch, in all his Majesty, touching all his orchestral notes. What a great joy to hear and see his full concert on May 1st at 1.41 pm. Just jump our your front door and listen during the breeding season, Nature at its zenith.

"Hail to thee blithe spirit, Bird thou never wert, That from Heaven or near it, Pourest thy full art, In profuse strains of unpremeditated art." *Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792—1822)*



Meanwhile, two days before on 29th April at 1.48 pm, at Riversdale Bridge in total silence, this incredible blossom is unveiling, like the snowdrop in January, but by the thousands. It supports 600 species of insect as a bloom and then setting its fruit it continues to feed our natural friends until Winter. The Whitethorn (Maybush), like many plants and trees, has an ex-

tended bloom time depending on its orientation to the Sun. North facing is a few weeks later than south facing and all points in between.



"Here comes the Sun, Here comes the Sun." *George Harrison (Album: Abbey Road, 1969)* Enjoy! *Eddie*



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