

## "WISDOM FROM THE GULAG"

The most well-known Russian dissident during the Soviet era was Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. A talented writer, he was imprisoned in the infamous Gulag and later exiled to Britain after he won the Nobel Prize for Literature. He was a serious embarrassment to the Communist authorities and his books were a significant factor in the fall of Marxism. The following is Solzhenitsyn's reflection on the wisdom of gratitude and the futility of envy.

"You have the right to arrange your own life under the blue sky and the hot sun, to get a drink of water, to stretch, to travel wherever you like. What about the main thing in life, all its riddles? If you want, I'll spell it out for you right now. Do not pursue what is illusionary - property and position; all that is gained at the expense of your nerves, decade after decade, and is confiscated in one fell night. Live with a steady superiority over life ... don't be afraid of misfortune and do not yearn after happiness; it is, after all, the same: the bitter doesn't last forever and the sweet never fills the cup to overflowing. It is enough if you don't freeze in the cold and if thirst and hunger don't claw at your insides. If your back isn't broken, if your feet can walk, if both arms can bend, if both eyes can see, if both ears hear, then whom should you envy? And why? Our envy of others devours us most of all. Rub your eyes and purify your heart and prize above all else in the world those who love you and who wish you well. Do not hurt them or scold them

and never part from any of them in anger; after all, you simply do not know,

it might be your last act ...."

Fr Padraig

# 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) 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

#### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

St. Henry the Good.

Holy Roman Emperor

Doctor of the Church

St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

St. Bonaventure, Bishop and

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Tuesday 13th July

Wednesday 14th July Thursday 15th July

Friday 16th July

#### Keep sending your prayer requests and petitions. Please remember in your prayers this week

Pauline, Ronan, Frank, Kevin, Jason, Joan, Karl, Rob,
Eddie, Sheila, William, Kieran, Damian, Jonathan, Peter,
Gabriel, Pat, Brian, Ken, Dave, Shaun, Robert, Toby, Michele,
Justin, Roger, Ryan, Sydney, Thomas, Emma, Karen, Kitty,
Roisin, Walter, Hope, Claire, Gretta, Kathleen, Maisie, Kay,
Mary, Nora, Maureen, Matthew, Rachel, Richard, Barbara,
Vincent, Tom, Stephen, Michael, Sinead, Patricia.

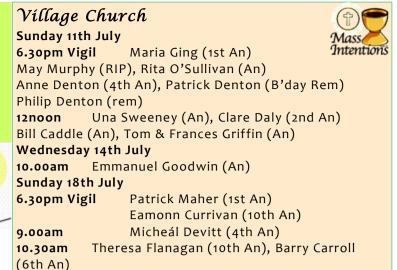
Our candle is always lit for you!



The post-operative recovery of Pope Francis continues following last Sunday's planned intestinal surgery. The Director of the Holy See Press Office, Matteo Bruni, gave the update in Wednesday's statement on the Pope's health. In the



statement, Bruni notes that "the post-operative progress of His Holiness Pope Francis continues to be regular and satisfactory. The Holy Father has continued to eat regularly, and infusion therapy has been suspended." The Director of the Press Office continues, "the final histological examination has confirmed a severe diverticular stenosis with signs of sclerosing diverticulitis." In conclusion, the statement notes that "Pope Francis is touched by the many messages and the affection received in these days and expresses his gratitude for the closeness and prayer".



12noon Tom & Maire Delaney (An), Ann Morris (8th An)2.00pm Mass for the African Community



#### Open every Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Closed Christmas Day only

Free Online Adult Catechism Course presented by Deacon Joe Keegan, Clondalkin Village parish. Topic for Sunday 11th July is *"The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick"* No enrolment required just access the video which will be posted on *Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin* Facebook page on Sunday at 12.30pm. (https://www.facebook.com/TheCCPCDublin)

In response to Pope Francis' announcement of the Year of St. Joseph, *Vox Hiberniae*, have put together a "A Celtic Journey with St. Joseph" to contemplate his life in collaboration with the Avila Carmelite Centre. https://youtu.be/Y498Int5ZmY





#### Come to **PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AND MINISTRY** An Adult Faith Development Programme

**KNOW YOUR FAITH** 

Applications are now open for the next intake of participants for *Pathways*. This programme is run by the Archdiocese of Dublin. It will begin in DCU St. Patrick's Campus, (MDCCE), Drumcondra Rd. Dublin, 9. on **Thursday 30th. September 2021 (7.00p.m. – 9.30 p.m.). Places are limited so early application is advised.** 

Pathways is a two-year, one night a week, course for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. You can just come along and enjoy! The cost is €400 for the coming year which may be paid in instalments. Some sponsorship may be available for those of limited means. For more information please visit your webpage: www.evangelisation.ie or contact: Eileen Houlahan, *CHF*, PhD, Director, *Pathways* Programme, Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road, Dublin, DO3 P2E7. Phone : 01 8087594 Email: pathways@dublindiocese.ie

# WE URG<mark>ENTLY</mark> NEED YOUR SUPPORT

**Clondalkin Cares Food Bank** Honestly, the foodbank is in crisis and we are in danger of losing this most valuable resource. The reason is very simple - The need is growing

but the support and resources are decreasing. We are now supporting over 110 households and numbers are increasing.

# We need your support.

Please keep your donations and support coming.

Donations can be dropped off at the following venues:

- Clondalkin Parish Office Mon-Fri 10-3.30.
- The Presentation Sisters have a Collection Bin at their Front Door where you can drop food donations into anytime.
- Neart Le Chéile Thu 10-3.
- Neilstown Church Mon-Wed 10-3.30.
- Quarryvale Community and Youth Centre Mon-Fri 11-3.
- Ronanstown Youth Service Tue 10-12

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!

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

#### A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners Thanks Chris

Being a Christian is a mission in itself. We have been called to preach the gospel with our words but also with our lives. When we understand our identity in the



Risen Christ and accept the authority He has given us, we will finally begin to establish His kingdom on earth. We no longer have any explanation why we should tolerate evil in this world and in our lives. Jesus gave us power over evil spirits as we can read in today's gospel. The time has come for us to finally start executing this power.

Bycie chrześcijaninem jest misją samą w sobie. Zostaliśmy wezwani do głoszenia ewangelii naszymi słowami ale także naszym życiem. Kiedy zrozumiemy naszą tożsamość w Zmartwychwstałym Chrystusie i przyjmiemy władzę, którą nam dał, w końcu zaczniemy ustanawiać Jego królestwo na ziemi. Nie mamy już żadnego wytłumaczenia dlaczego mielibyśmy tolerować zło na tym świecie i w naszym życiu. Jezus dał nam władzę nad złymi duchami jak czytamy w dzisiejszej ewangelii. Nadszedł czas, byśmy wreszcie zaczęli korzystać z tej władzy.

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

#### HH The Dalai Lama

Walking on the pastures of Wonder" (John O' Donoghue 1956--2008), a softness under our feet, an infinity of hope stretching all around us. It's a new day: "Morning has broken like the first morning" (Cat Stevens 1948--present) Ghosting down to the river field, the Sun is full of heat so the white foal takes to the river. Here, right on the edge is the best grass, the sweet spot. Stretching all around us is the blackberry blossom, a nectar wonderland, full of hope for Autumnal Glory, the blackberry picking. And then he sees the fabulous purple bloom on the bull thistle, larger, more intense and stranger than all the rest but tanked up with nectar, yummy. Here comes the Sun, signaling the Ladybirds to appear. Not to be outdone, a bunch of Poppies sprouts up on top of a mound of clay at Lidl.

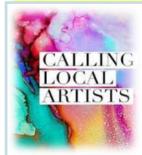
Be attentive, soaking up the heat, light and wonder. Eddie

Morning has broken like the first morning, Blackbird has spoken like the first bird, Praise for the singing, praise for the morning, Praise for them springing fresh from the world.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning, Born of the one light Eden saw play, Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day. " (*Cat Stevens 1948--present*)







# We are putting the call out to all local artists and crafts people

To raise much needed funds for our **Clondalkin Cares Food bank** we are asking local artists, crafts people to donate a picture, piece, craft, a piece, a painting, etc. that could be used as a prize for a planned up coming raffle/auction.

# Please spread the word.

For more info contact Frank at frank.brown@dublindiocese.ie or Karin at manager@quarryvalefrc.ie or 085 202 0300

Donations for prizes can be left into Clondalkin Village parish office and Quarryvale Family Resource Centre during opening hours Learn to love without condition. Talk without bad intention. Give without any reason. And most of all, care for people without any expectation.

# We are looking for volunteers to help us with our Newsletter, website and social media pages

Over the last year we have seen how important maintaining communications and connections are - Can you give a bit

of your time? Can you help update, add content, help shape our ministry of communication for our parish? Please contact parrishnews@gmail.com or Frank on frank.brown@dublindiocese.ie for more info.



# Think On These Things

Personal transformation can and does save the world. As we go, so goes the world, for the world is us. *Marianne Williamson* 



Your sacred space is where you can find yourself again and again. Joseph Campbell Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work.

Aristotle

# UNITED NATIONS WORLD POPULATION DAY - 11th July 2021

It took hundreds of thousands of years for the world population to grow to 1 billion – then in just another 200 years or so, it grew sevenfold. In 2011, the global population reached the 7 billion mark, and today, it stands at about 7.7 billion, and it's expected to grow to around 8.5 billion in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050, and 10.9 billion in 2100.

This dramatic growth has been driven largely by increasing numbers of people surviving to reproductive age, and has been accompanied by major changes in fertility rates, increasing urbanization and accelerating migration. These trends will have far-reaching implications for generations to come.

The recent past has seen enormous changes in fertility rates and life expectancy. In the early 1970s, women had on average 4.5 children each; by 2015, total fertility for the world had fallen to below 2.5 children per woman. Meanwhile, average global lifespans have risen, from 64.6 years in the early 1990s to 72.6 years in 2019. In addition, the world is seeing high levels of urbanization and accelerating migration. 2007 was the first year in which more people lived in urban areas than in rural areas, and by 2050 about 66 per cent of the world population will be living in cities.

These megatrends have far-reaching implications. They affect economic development, employment, income distribution, poverty and social protections. They also affect efforts to ensure universal access to health care, education, housing, sanitation, water, food and energy. To more sustainably address the needs of individuals, policymakers must understand how many people are living on the planet, where they are, how old they are, and how many people will come after them.

I have attached a couple of photos of Brother Colman of Moyle Park who celebrated his 95th birthday last Monday. Most of the day was spent working in his garden where I found him. I don't have much information on Brother Colman, I just know that he came to Clondalkin at the opening of the College in 1957 or 1958 and that he spent many years in Clondalkin since then, not full time though. He has been a great help to Friends of the Camac as he was a former member of the Clondalkin Anglers group in the 60's and 70's with great knowledge of the Camac River, fishing, environment etc. He attended our "Fishing is Fun" Day during Heritage Week in 2019.

We extend our congratulations to Brother Colman on his recent birthday and wish him continued good health and happiness to enjoy his garden.



Happy Birthday Brother Colman. Tommy Keogh Pics



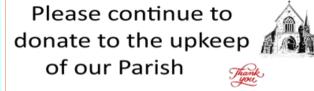
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A check in from the Clondalkin Global Garden - A big welcome to Rahim Muhammed and Carmel Lyons today. They brought the gifts of themselves and Carmel shared her fruit shrubs with us. Great work, Gyorfi Boros Eva Manita Karki Lorraine Masilela Kenneth Linet Khumalo Shaid & Maeve Murphy



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

Our good God asks of us very simple and easy tasks: that our soul be united to God by charity, that we do our duty as perfectly as possible, that we do the most common things in an uncommon manner.



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

St. Julie Billiart



# **BUILDING HOPE TASK FORCE –** Invitation to All Parishioners

Archbishop Farrell has set up a Task Force under the title of Building Hope. The Task Force aims to stimulate engagement with the whole diocesan family and shape an inclusive approach to a pastoral strategy appropriate to our times. It is intended to support parish communities to undertake a radical renewal, looking to the

future with creativity, enabling the Archdiocese of Dublin to act now, so as to give effective witness and service in the years ahead.

You are invited to take part in this consultation. There is a video, a prayer and a form on the www.dublindiocese.ie website or on our parish website - Clondalkinparish.com

Please watch the video from the Archbishop and join with your family to pray and to discuss the future of the Church together. It is hoped that you might nominate one member of your family to return to the website and make a contribution by filling out the form.

The consultation form will remain online until the **18th July 2021. Please encourage others to take part** Pray, have the conversation and fill in the form.

# https://dublindiocese.ie/task-force-building-hope/

Building Hope

We invite you to take part Consultation form is live from 27th June to the 18th July See your Parish website or www.dublindiocese.ie

### Step One:

Have a look at the questions by going to **www.dublindiocese.ie**, click on the "Task Force Building Hope" tab, then click on the consultation form.

# Step Two:

You can respond yourself

#### or

Organise chat with your family/extended family & get one member to fill in the form

#### or

Gather a group of friends & get one member to fill in the form

# **Step Three**

Remember the closing date 18th July 2021

All of the submissions will be read and a summary given to Archbishop Farrell to take forward.

#### The Task Force Prayer

# Pilgrim God,

we seek Your **way** of loving kindness to **walk** together as one family. **Stay** with us as we aim to follow in the **footsteps** of your Son. May your Spirit sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us as we **journey.** 

Amen

#### **Message from Archbishop Farrell**

"The Task Force is about Building Hope. It started off by listening to the people of the Church in the Dublin Diocese. In hearing what they have to say it then will work together to undertake a radical renewal, being creative about our future so that we can be witnesses to the message and mission of Jesus Christ, in the years ahead."





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