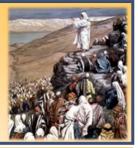
# Clondalkin Village Parish Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church Clonburris H Knockmitten Parish Newsletter Sunday 1st August 2021



Jesus brings God into the present tense. It is one thing to hear the Bible stories of some miraculous, generous action of God but another to spend time with them, let them question and challenge us and to take the risk that they may have a transformative effect on our life and actions. Today's Gospel follows on from last week's feeding of the 5,000. We can understand why the crowd chased after Jesus the day after he fed them. The miracle was over. The leftovers were stale. Their empty stomachs were



beginning to ache again and Jesus had gone on ahead of them. Some of them probably figured, "We had a free meal once so let's go get another." The rest followed along because they did not have anything better to do. They ask about his travels. "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus talks right past them: "You are looking for me, not because of my signs, but because of your stomachs." Then he adds, "Don't work for perishable food. Get the enduring food that gives you life."

The people said to Jesus, "Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness". We know the Bible story. A long time ago, people wandered in a barren place. The Bible verses tell us that God gave them bread from heaven to eat. It happened a long time ago. The Bible said it happened." Jesus said, "The Son of Man will feed you. It wasn't Moses who gave you the bread of heaven. The bread of God comes down and gives life to the world. I am the bread of life." Now, isn't that something? They remembered but Jesus revealed. They said, "A long time ago, our Bible told us," but Jesus says, "Today is the day." The people said, "Our ancestors ate bread from above," and Jesus counters them by saying, "My Father gives". In that subtle change in grammar is the fundamental change of perception from history to faith. Jesus brings the history into the present tense. Jesus brings God into the present tense.

The Bible tells a lot of stories about what God did a long time ago. You can pay the travel agent, visit the spots, and see what God did once upon a time. Or you can take an even more amazing trip without ever leaving home. I'm talking about the journey that begins when you say, "The God who did a lot of things in the past is giving us life in Jesus Christ". Or you can look around your own community and see where God is bringing people out of slavery and injustice, freeing the oppressed, and lifting up those who were once beaten down Jesus Christ brings the past activity of God into the present tense. Can you remember all that God did? The promise of the Gospel is that Jesus still does it. In the power of his resurrection, he is not bound by history. Rather he is free to come and feed us. For in Christ, the God who *gave* becomes the God who *gives*. Everything we need to flourish in life - *everything* - is given to us.

It is hard to keep this in view. No sooner do we understand it and it goes out of focus. Sometimes we think we should be out there earning it. Like they said to Jesus, "What kind of work should we be doing? Tell us about the works of God and we'll do them. Sign us up for the mission trip or pilgrimage. Tell us where to take a food parcel to the hungry. Let us know if we can buy food for the migrant workers. Give us something to do so we can have the assurance of earning our own way. Give us some paint, and we will make a great big sign that says: "Will work for food." Jesus says to them and to us, "This is God's accomplishment - this is God's gift - I am with you, I will nourish you, I give you life to the fullest — *NOW!*"

I think what he means is that we are supposed to go home after each miracle. I think it means that, rather than look around and remember, we simply need to look around. See if we can detect some trace amounts of holiness and generosity. See if we can be that holiness and generosity. Faith in action is love. The bread that Jesus gives is given in love through the lives of those who have faith. The God who gave has become the God who gives. For Jesus says, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." In that declaration, the ancient promises of God become real here and now. Do we really believe this? And if we do, are we open to the wonderous possibilities it asks of us? The Bible gives us guidance, direction and teaching but if it remains on the page then it remains as lifeless as the ink it was written with. We pray that, rather than grow weary and cynical when we hear what God used to do, maybe this time we will stay awake enough to see what God is doing right here, down the street, or somewhere else in the heart of our community, of our family. And we pray that we are the ones who allow this word to transform us that we may be true bearers of this transformative work of life. Have a great week. Frank Brown, Parish Pastoral Worker

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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: (Summer Hours) Tues/Wed/Thurs 9.30-12.30 Please contact through Phone & Email Clonburris & Knockmitten: Contact through Village

Submissions for Newsletter: Parishnewsletter1@gmail.com

#### **FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

Monday 2nd August

Wednesday 4th August Thursday 5th August

Friday 6th August Saturday 7th August St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop St. Peter Julian Emyard, Priest St. John Vianney, Priest Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major Transfiguration of the Lord Ss Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs St. Cajetan, Priest

The Summer opening hours for the Parish Office are: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

from 9.30am to 12.30pm

Lord, Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of our souls, You who know Your sheep and know how to reach the human heart. Stir the hearts of those people who would follow You but who cannot overcome doubts and fears. You who are the Word of the Father, the Word which enlightens and sustains hearts, conquer with Your Spirit the resistance and delays of indecisive hearts. Awaken in those whom You call the courage of love's answer: 'Here I am, send me.'

Keep sending your prayer requests and petitions.

Joan, Ryan, Sheila, Patricia, Naomi, Paul, Philip, Vera, Kitty, Conor, Cormac, Jim, Mairead, Joseph, Michele, Vincent, Tom, Mick, Ann, Maura, Frances, Brendan, Sinead, Eddie, Newin, Shane, Robert, Maria, Kay, Suzanne, Tony, Brian, Matt, Rachel, Deirdre, Patsy, Maureen, Moira, Dean, Stephen, Oliver, Paula, Stevie, Denise, Evelyn, Kevin, Mila, Dani, Justin, Anne, Patricia, David, Sylvia, Ken, Kieran, Elaine, John, Katrina. Our candle is always lit for you!

#### NEW OFFICE FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

Archbishop Farrell has appointed Patricia Carroll of the Office of Evangelisation and Ecumenism, as Director of the Office for Mission and Ministry. We congratulate Patricia on her appointment. We pray God's blessing and wish her well as she takes on this key leadership role at an interesting time of change and new possibilities in the life of the Church in Dublin.

Just one small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day.



Víllage Church Sunday 1st August 6.30pm Vigil Intentions Oswald (Ossie) Murphy (2nd An), Imelda Gilleran (8th An), Des O'Malley Margaret Curly (An), Susan Dunne (An) 10.30am Christopher Sargent (An) Fran Greene (1st An) 12noon Olive, John & Lucy Corcoran (An) Angela Fitzpatrick (3rd An), June Byrnes (MM), Thomas Fagan (MM), Sean Heraty, Special Intention (B'Day Rem) Monday 2nd August 10.00am Eileen Smith (An) Tuesday 3rd August 10.00am John Talbot (B'day Rem), Frank Creedon Wednesday 4th August Special Intention (80th Birthday Celebration) 10.00am Thursday 5th August Marie Byrne (B'day Rem) 10.00am Friday 6th August First Friday - Altar List of the Dead 10.00am Saturday 7th August Joseph Cleary (B'day Rem) 10.00am Sunday 8th August 6.30pm Vigil 10.30am Sister Eileen O'Sullivan, Kate and John O'Sullivan, Terence McDermott (B'day Rem) Evelyn Jones (Rem)

12noon Colm Lawlor (1st An), Sr. Eileen O'Sullivan,



#### RECENTLY DECEASED Donald O'Gorman

Free Online Adult Catechism Course, presented by Deacon Joe Keegan, Clondalkin Village parish, will resume on Sunday 15th August

**PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS -** Archbishop Farrell is asking for people and priests to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life on a regular basis. As you are well aware, the need is great, so let's answer God's call and "*Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest*"

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We are exploring the possibility of starting a group in Clondalkin for Catholic men to pray and get involved in various projects to support their local parish and community. Knights are known for supporting charitable

and pastoral initiatives across Ireland.

Interested in finding out more? Contact - Joy on joyson.j@yahoo.com

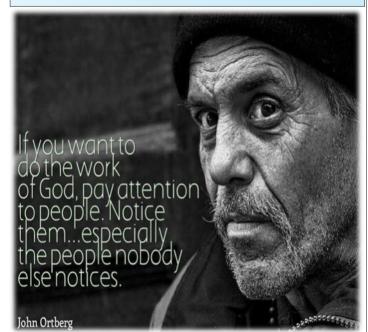
The Dalai Lama

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

We Christians should view the world and life differently. See the working of the Holy Spirit and look at what is

happening around us through the prism of the spirit. Without this, we will not be able to understand how God could give manna to the Israelites in the desert, much less how Jesus could say that He is the Bread of Life. We need a renewal of our mind, as St. Paul says, and every day we should ask the Holy Spirit to create us anew in the goodness and holiness of the Truth.

My, chrześcijanie powinniśmy inaczej patrzeć na świat i życie. Widzieć działającego Ducha Świętego i patrzeć na to co się dzieje wokół nas przez pryzmat duchowy. Bez tego nie będziemy w stanie zrozumieć, jak Bóg mógł dać mannę Izraelitom na pustyni ani tym bardziej jak Jezus mógł powiedzieć, że jest Chlebem Życia. Potrzebujemy odnowy naszego umysłu, jak mówi św. Paweł, i codziennie powinniśmy prosić Ducha Świętego by stworzył nas na nowo w dobroci i świetości Prawdy.



#### Clondalkin Cares Food Bank

We are delighted to have been accepted as participants in the FEAD programme. Our food bank has been struggling lately and we thought we would have to close. Now we have a secure supply for about 1/3 of what we need for the rest of the year. This is a good start, but we still very much need everybody's help to keep going, providing the almost 450 people we support with essential food. For the next 5 weeks we especially welcome tinned meatballs and other tinned meats, juices and cordials, marmalade and jam, biscuits, and coffee. We need our whole community to get involved so we can support those who need it the most.

#### We need your support.

Please keep your donations and support coming.

Donations can be dropped off at the following venues:

- Clondalkin Parish Office Tues to Thurs 10-12.30.
- 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.

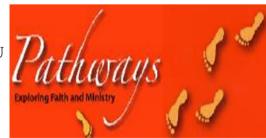
To donate please use our **Go Fund Me** page: https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-our-food-bank

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

#### PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AS AN ADULT

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course on Thursday evenings. Run by the Archdiocese of Dublin in DCU St. Patrick's Campus (MDCCE), Drumcondra Road. Late September to May (7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m). Application now open for September 2021. Early application advised. Contact: Pathways Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie.



#### Corona Vírus 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



Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things! Pope Francis Thinking and advance savouring a treat in Lidl, Nangor Road, passing the bus stop, the wonder and joy of it. They have started. No stopping them now. A few blackberries are presenting themselves in full attire, Nature's secret recipe on full show. They burst open on the palate in full flavour, a wonderful blend of sweetness and edginess. Did the heat wave pack them with Wolf Blass tones this year. You betcha!!

Oh! Look, over the horizon, memories of the Ma's blackberry pie in the Rayburn oven with a hint of lemon zest and lemon barley by the gallon comes flooding back. Look at that one behind the green leaf. Down the hatch. All the tones and tinctures of a well rounded wine bursting on the palate. Multitones and rainbow colours captivating me. Pick and eat, I pick and eat, a wonderful rhythm in play. My palm is full, held close to my chest, like a flush of clubs at midnight, savouring both in total delight and gratitude. *Eddie*.







#### 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.

#### AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, or those with whom you work, wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience.

For more information about the groups https://www.aware.ie/support/supportgroups/ and all of our services on www.aware.ie



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## Community Cares Cards

This is just a small selection of the number of entries for our Clondalkin Community

Cares card competition. A huge thank you to all who sent in their fabulous artwork. The 4 categories where:

Congratulations, Thank You, Miss you & Thinking of you

We are in the process of choosing the winners which will be made into cards and made available throughout Clondalkin (*launching in Sept*), free of charge, to spread a bit of kindness and care, with a suggested donation going to the Clondalkin Community Cares foodbank to help those in our community most in need.

So watch this space....

Archdi Cese of Dublin



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Join us for the launch of the year of 'Families Walking Together in Hope' on 25 August 2021, Pro-Cathedral.

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If you must look back, do so forgivingly. If you must look forward, do so prayerfully. However, the wisest thing you can do is be present in the present, gratefully.

Maya Angelou

# Praying the Scripture at Home

Over the next week, set aside times to look over today's Gospel -John 6:24-35. Gift yourself a bit of time alone or with family an friends to discuss it and to come back more than once to the passage. You could read it all or part of it again, slowly. Perhaps there is a special word for you in this passage of Scripture? Keep this word or phrase in your thoughts and gently repeat it, bringing it to mind and allowing God to speak to you in your heart.

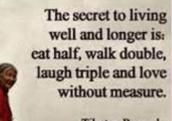
Finally, ask yourself a few things: What is God in this scripture asking of you this week? What is the one challenge, one little change you are asked to make or the thing you have been asked to do? Then say a prayer of thanksgiving for the good news in the passage. End in guiet prayer.

#### SOME POINTERS FOR PRAYER

- Physical hunger is unmistakable and urgent. The deeper hungers of the heart are also urgent but can take a while to recognise. Deep down, for what do I really hunger and thirst?
  - If you came today to a startling awareness of the goodness and generosity of God towards the world, how would you share it with others? This was the challenge that Jesus faced from his childhood on, because he had an unique appreciation of what God is like!
- Jesus is bluntly honest with the people he had fed the previous day. He knows they came looking for him because they had eaten their fill of bread. Why do I look for Jesus? Is it out of love or for what I can get?
- The work of God is that we believe in the one whom God has sent. In what ways has your faith in Jesus enriched and changed your life? How has Jesus satisfied your hungers or quenched your thirsts? Is it the idea that we are loved by God?
- As Jesus came down from heaven to give life to the world, so each one of us is here to be a source of life to others. Think of people who have been a source of life to you, and give thanks for them. For whom have you also been a source of life?

**Prayer -** You alone can satisfy the hungry heart, Lord God, and may we make ours the words of the Gospel, "Sir, give us this bread always.". We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. *Amen* 

A Jesuit, a Dominican, and a Franciscan were walking along an old road, debating the greatness of their orders. Suddenly, an apparition of the Holy Family appeared in front of them, with Jesus in a manger and Mary and Joseph praying over him. The Franciscan fell on his face, overcome with awe at the sight of God born in such poverty. The Dominican fell to his knees, adoring the



Tibetan Proverb.

beautiful reflection of the Trinity and the Holy Family. The Jesuit walked up to Joseph, put his arm around his shoulder, and said, "So, have you thought about where to send him to school?"

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