



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter Sunday 12th September 2021



The Greatness of Abraham - our Father in Faith

The three biblical figures of the Covenant are Noah, Abraham and Moses. They were men of great faith who were rewarded for their courage and perseverance by having an unbelievable promise made to them and their descendants. This promise is what we call a Covenant. Abraham the father of the Jewish nation and by extension also the father of all Christians who grew out of the seed bed of Judaism, was not just a man of faith but a man of great faith. We make acts of faith all the time, some are little and others are of much great significance. Our little acts of faith do not make much of a demand on us - the greater our act of faith the more we are tested.

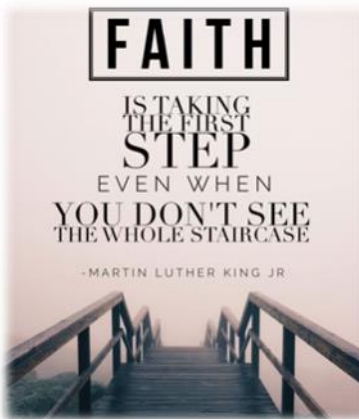
The story is told of a tightrope walker who was about to cross a great waterfall. Before he stepped on to the rope he asked the crowd of onlookers if they believed that he could walk across to the other side of the chasm. They all responded "yes" with great anticipation. The daredevil tightrope walker pointed to a wheelbarrow standing next to him. He asked the crowd if they believed he could push this wheelbarrow across the chasm. They all answered, "Yes" - they believed he could do it. He then asked for a volunteer to get into the wheelbarrow and he would take both across to the other side. There were no takers! It was easy to have faith when there was little or no risk - it is much more difficult when there is a risk.

If we could extend the analogy, Abraham was a man prepared to volunteer to get into God's wheelbarrow and go on the tightrope. It took enormous courage and perseverance to believe in what God promised him and leave his home country for a distant country. Not alone that but he convinced his family and relatives to come with him with all their possessions. As he set out he had no idea of what sacrifices would be asked of him or where it would all lead to.

How could he be the father of a great nation since he and his wife Sarah were childless? But Abraham had an unshakable belief that God would provide.

And God did provide and kept his promise to this great patriarch of our Jewish and Christian faith, It is because of that Covenant that we are here today participating in the greatest prayer possible, to pray the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We pray in our Mass today that our faith will also be strong and persevering.

Fr. Padraig



Masses

Clondalkin Village
Sundays: (Vigil) Sat
6.30pm, Sunday 9am (As
gailge) 10.30am, 12 noon

Weekdays (Mon – Sat)
10am ONLY

Clonburris
Sat 6.30pm, 11 am Sunday

Knockmitten
Sunday 11am, Mon, Wed,
Fri at 10 am

Parish Office Hours

Clondalkin:
Monday-Friday : 9.30-12.30
**Please contact through
Phone & Email**

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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 13th Sept	St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Tuesday 14th Sept	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wednesday 15th Sept	Our Lady of Sorrows
Thursday 16th Sept	Ss Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, martyrs
Friday 17th Sept	St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church



The Annual Crosscare collection will be taken up next weekend September 19th/20th.

the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin will be taken up at all Masses in the Diocese on the weekend of 18th and 19th September 2021.

It will replace the usual Share collection. Through their services for Homeless, Youth, Migrants and Refugees, Crosscare focuses on helping people and families when they need it most or when they can't find support anywhere else.

In their Community Foodbanks and Cafes, they provide food parcels and nutritious meals every day. Demand for their services continues to increase as the pandemic has impacted the most vulnerable in our parishes and communities. Please give generously to the 2nd collection or on line at www.crosscare.ie

Keep sending your prayer requests & petitions.

Matthew, Mila, Finn, Joan, Pauline, Pippa, Ian, Dorothy, Anne, Christine, Patricia, Kevin, Amanda, Claire, Rowan, Adrienne, Michael, Maureen, Kay, Maria, Carmel, Kitty, Patricia, Janice, Anne, Michele, Philip, Gary, Tom, Frank, Matthew, Ken, Roland, Barry, David, Maureen, Josephine, Shane, Jane Henry, Pat, Jenny, Anne-Marie, Kathleen, Teresa, Aimee, Fiona, Mary, Marie, Philip, Shane, Brendan, Arthur, Siobhan, Elaine, Shelia, Peter, Eamon, Keith, Rita, Kieran, Karl, Henry, Jim, Donal, Mark, Maurice.

Our candle is always lit for you!

"I will pray for you" is the sweetest thing that someone can say to you. It shows that, that person cares, they have affection for you and most important: they talk to God about you.

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"

A Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



Village Church



Sunday 12th September

6.30pm Vigil Christy Doyle (1st An)

9am Austin & Maureen Kelly (Rem), Damian Dowdall (Rem)

10.30am Patrick McCabe & Florie Colman, Terence McDermott & Evelyn Jones (An), Eddie Holohan (29th An)

12noon Andrew Doyle (1st An)

Eileen & Gerry Nolan, Michael Fitzgerald and Billy Nolan

Monday 13th September

10.00am Peadar Kinane (An)

Tuesday 14th September

10.00am James Murray (2nd An)

Saturday 18th September

10.00am Joe Cleary (Rem)

Sunday 19th September

6.30pm Vigil Margaret Jones & Gill Meagher (An), Hans Will (An), Greta Gallagher (3rd An), Kathleen Handley (An)

12noon Niamh McDonnell (34th an), Peg Dooley (An), Donal O'Sullivan (3rd An), Patricia Gordon (20th An)



Recently Deceased

Sibongile Gumbo
Derek Murtagh
Georgina O'Connor

May they rest in peace



Recently Married ... Congratulations!

Caroline Cash & Patrick Fagan

Making the Sign of The Cross



In the name of the Father



and of the Son



and of the Holy



Spirit.



Amen

Why do we make this sign?

It is like taking a step into the Mystery of God

It is a reminder of Jesus' love for us

It reminds us that God loves us

It reminds us that GOD IS LOVE!



THE PARISH SHOP

The Parish Shop is open after all Masses on Sunday and after 10am Mass on weekdays.

Mass Cards and greeting cards for all occasions, religious items suitable for Confirmation and First Holy Communion events are on sale. Also available is the Irish Catholic newspaper.



We need volunteers to help us with our Newsletter, website and social media pages

Over the 18 months 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

parishnewsletter1@gmail.com or Frank on frank.brown@dublindiocese.ie for more info.

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

A few things to think about....

Making the **Sign of the Cross** may be the most common of all actions, of all prayers that Catholics make.

We make it many times without thinking—

- We make it when we begin and end our prayers;
- We make it when we bless ourselves with Holy Water;
- we make it when we enter and leave a church;
- we start each Mass with it;
- we may even make it as a blessing and
- when we pass a Catholic church where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the tabernacle.
- Sometimes a triple cross is made with the thumb (for example at the reading of the Gospel) on the head, the lips and the heart to ask God to enlighten our mind, be on our lips and in our heart as we listen to scripture.

In the Sign of the Cross, we profess the deepest mysteries of the Christian Faith: **the Trinity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit** and we remember Jesus' selfless love on the Cross on Good Friday.

The combination of the words and the action are a creed - a statement of what we believe.

And in saying our AMEN at the end, we are saying **Yes - We Believe this! It is true!!** So we mark ourselves to be Christians through the Sign of the Cross.

Because we make the Sign of the Cross so often, we can be tempted to rush through it, to say the words without listening to them or thinking about them.

So next time you make the sign of the Cross - take a moment to think about you are doing, why you are doing it, what it means, and what it is asking of you!

And... say a prayer for someone you love, who loves you or who needs a prayer!



Pope Francis' Five Finger Prayer

A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners Thanks Chris



Man understands the concept of success and happiness differently from God. For us, it usually equates to wealth, health, a peaceful and stable life for us and our loved ones. From the point of view of God and eternal life, our suffering and everyday difficulties also make sense and cannot stop us from being happy. We need faith that will not only be empty words, but an action that will change the reality that surrounds us. Then our perception of the world will change and we will look at others and at ourselves through the eyes of Jesus. And even seemingly difficult situations in our lives will take on a deeper meaning and it will be easier for us to deal with them.

Człowiek rozumie pojęcie sukcesu i szczęścia inaczej niż Pan Bóg. Dla nas jest to zazwyczaj równoznaczne z dobrobytem, zdrowiem, spokojnym i stabilnym życiem, naszym i naszych bliskich. Z punktu widzenia Pana Boga i w perspektywie życia wiecznego natomiast, także nasze cierpienie i codzienne trudności mają sens i nie mogą nas powstrzymać od bycia szczęśliwymi. Potrzebujemy wiary, która nie będzie tylko pustymi słowami, ale działaniem, które będzie zmieniać otaczającą nas rzeczywistość. Wtedy nasze postrzeganie świata odmieni się i będziemy patrzyli na innych i na siebie oczami Jezusa. I nawet z pozoru trudne sytuacje w naszym życiu nabiorą głębszego znaczenia i będzie nam łatwiej sobie z nimi poradzić.



Bayside Alpha are running a free 7-week Zoom course on prayer starting on **Wednesday the 22nd of September at 7.30pm**. The course is called **40 Days of Prayer** and consists

of a 60 minute weekly meeting on Zoom which includes a video presentation, a time for prayer and sharing and a different Scripture to reflect on at home on each of the 40 days. If you'd like to join please email **Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com**.



A fond farewell and a huge word of thanks to Fr. Abraham Pathackal George who served the community of Rowlagh & Neilstown and also the Syro Malabar congregation for the last number of years as a valued member of the team in the CCPC.

Wishing you every blessing Abraham as you take up your new appointment in India. There will be a farewell mass to say our good-byes to him on

26th Sept at 11:30am in Neilstown Church

Sunday is the day to say to God: thank you Lord, for life, for your mercy, and for all your gifts!

POPE FRANCIS



Are you passionate about working with young children and their families?

Would you like to work for a vibrant community

organisation in the heart of Clondalkin? Would you like to support parents and their children through a home based/video call/outdoor visit programme centred on learning through play?

Blue Skies Initiative is advertising for a home visitor for a 10 hours a week contract. This position would suit applicants who wish to work part-time and on the primary school year timetable only.

<https://www.activelink.ie/.../84539-parentchild-programme...>

ParentChild+ is an evidence based, 'learning through play experience' for parents and their preschool children. It is designed to strengthen the natural bond between parent and child and to encourage a love of learning. It employs a non-directive approach and encourages the parent as the child's first and best teacher.

This programme prepares children for later success in school. ParentChild+ employs specially trained local women as Home Visitors, to model verbal interaction for the parent and child.

The Home Visitor visit the family twice a week, in their own home, for two short (1/2 hour) play sessions, which are run during the (primary) school year only. The family then continue the activities in their own time, thereby enabling the ParentChild+ child and his/her siblings to develop their language, literacy and numeracy skills.



Irish Men's Sheds Association (IMSA): Volunteers Needed

One of our main tasks here at the Irish Men's Sheds Association, in helping the sheds to return stronger than ever, is to ensure that we continue to have a talented and dedicated network of volunteers to help provide support to sheds at local level. To that end, we are hoping to welcome a few new members on board to the IMSA Volunteer team as we enter this next chapter.

Full training will be provided, but if you or anyone you know is passionate about the Men's Sheds movement, and helping others, you may well already be perfect for the role.

For further details, and to apply, please click <https://www.activelink.ie/community-exchange/volunteering/84565-irish-mens-sheds-association-imsa-volunteers-needed>

Please note that the final deadline for all applications is Sunday 7th November.

Please continue to donate to the upkeep of our Parish



Thank you

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



Free Community Park Walks

Come and join us on our Autumn park walks!

Wednesday's - 6pm - Corkagh Park
(Meeting: Clondalkin Leisure Centre car park)

Thursday's - 6pm - Tymon Park
(Meeting: National Basketball Arena car park)

Wednesday September 15th
to

Thursday October 21st

All walks will have a leader and trail walker to cater for all abilities

To register, email cfogarty@sducblincoco.ie or text 0868797866 with your name and chosen park



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Clondalkin Cares Food Bank

Donations of food are always welcome!

This coming week **we would especially appreciate:**

Coffee, (instant, small jars), Biscuits, Jams and marmalades, Meatballs, (and other tinned meats).

Juices and cordials, (max 1 litre).

Unbroken and undamaged packaging please, and Best Before - Date at least one month away.

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@quarryvalefrfc.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 huge **thank you** to all who joined in the 1 minute silence on Friday and lit a candle in solidarity with all affected on World suicide prevention day. Also to all who tied a ribbon around our Tree of Hope during the week. It stands as a poignant symbol that, in our community, no one suffers alone, we journey together and support each other. No matter what you are going through each of us are valued and loved for who we are. Each person, your story is valued. Never feel you are alone and never be afraid, or ashamed, to reach out. *Thanks to Eddie for the photos*

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0871038593



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, piece, 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

THANKS

Donations for prizes can be left into Clondalkin Village parish office and
Quarryvale Family Resource Centre during opening hours

Clondalkin Youth Service

Fantastic work done by the young people of the community with the guidance of Darrin the street artist to give the containers of Clondalkin Celtic FC. A brilliant make over . We think they look fantastic and will certainly brighten up the area



Global Garden Clondalkin

Preparing for winter planting and covering beds/plots keeping the soil nice and warm. Thank you, Scott Dundon Dowling, for all your hard work hand weeding. Kenneth Given, M Mthombeni and Sharon did a great job on the border plants at the river side.

Maeve M



An Invitation to Families and Parishes

The Archdiocese of Dublin will provide some simple and achievable ideas for families and parishes starting in September 2021.

We are inviting families in our parishes to take part in various initiatives to support faith lived in the home and celebrated together in our parishes. The 'family of families' (parish) will be encouraged to reconnect the 'holy' to the home by suggesting rituals of faith in the home with parish rituals.

- We want to encourage families to take part in various initiatives to support faith lived in the home and celebrated together in our parishes.
- Our goal is to celebrate moments of hope and joy in family life, with resources suitable for learning, living and leading faith that are complementary to the way family is lived today.
- To create moments of hope and joy in family life, with resources suitable for learning, living and leading faith that are complementary to the way family is lived today.

Connect the Kitchen Table to the Eucharistic Table

- We are inviting Families to pray with our suggestions at your kitchen table.
- We are inviting Parishes and Parish Liturgy Groups to create a Sacred Space in their Church – using the core items of the Kitchen Table and copy/print/replicate our monthly suggestions in order to inspire families to try some of these initiatives at home.



Join us for our Table Talk Conversations Series to demonstrate ways these resources can be used in the home and in parishes.

Fr Pat, Patricia and Gerard from the new diocesan office of Mission and Ministry discuss resources during September for Families as we focus on Families Walking Together in Hope - and give a few reflections on the Opening Liturgy – **SOUL FOOD FOR FAMILIES** - that happened in the Pro-Cathedral 25th August -

<https://youtu.be/HmB8EHJ3cuQ>

The resources can be viewed, downloaded and shared from -

- **A Week-Day Prayer for the Season of Creation** - <https://www.missionministry.ie/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2021/08/A-Week-Day-Prayer-Service-for-the-Season-of-Creation-2021.pdf>
- **Blessing of the School Bags** - <https://www.missionministry.ie/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2021/08/Blessing-of-School-Bags-2021.pdf>
- **Parish Clean Up** - <https://www.missionministry.ie/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2021/08/Parish-Clean-Up-2.pdf>
- **Mercy Day (September 24th)** - <https://www.missionministry.ie/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2021/08/Mercy-Day-Service-of-Reconciliation-inspired-by-Misericordiae-Vultus.docx.pdf>

Pope Francis asked for this special Year of the Family to be celebrated as a preparation for the next World Meeting of Families in Rome, June 2022.

Our goal is to celebrate moments of hope and joy in family life, with resources suitable for learning, living and leading faith that are complementary to the way family is lived today.





Look at the heron, Diceman-like, in the river at Riversdale Bridge. But wait, he's off the grid, in full flight, all 6 foot wingspan. Primeval. Autumn wonder. 120 swans in Bray Harbour and the little Egrets on the Dargle at low tide. I was jawdropped and equally frozen, Diceman-like. Stunned in wonder. And hey more people visit the Swans than the air show. Chips and sausages on the beach and then luscious blackberries on the ditch in Watery Lane on way home. The sheer joy of moving around again. Brillo!! Eddie.



On Your Confirmation

May the Father
always watch over you,
May the Son ever bless you,
And may the Spirit
always guide you.
Amen.

***Congratulations** to all our young people who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish this week. These are two out of the six groups this week and these are all attending Colaiste Bride now. This week over 60 young adults become full members of the church by being confirmed. We ask you to remember them, their families, teachers and friends in your prayers.*

Parish Prayer for those who have been Confirmed

*Loving God, I call to mind the young adults who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish and all who care for them. I ask your blessing on all of them at this special time and for their families. May they find joy and hope on this journey and may our community always be an example of faith in action as we walk together as children of light and share Your love with those we meet. I make this prayer through Christ Our Lord, **Amen***

"God sees you not only as a mortal being on a small planet who lives for a brief season— He sees you as His child. He sees you as the being you are capable and designed to become. He wants you to know that you matter to Him."

-Dieter F. Uchtdorf "You Matter to Him"
Ensign/Liahona November 2011

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