



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

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Parish Newsletter

Sunday 21st November 2021



Christ the King

Today is the Feast of Christ the King, the end of the liturgical year. Next week we are celebrating the start of Advent. Where is the time gone? Today the Archdiocese was supposed to celebrate the diocesan Altar Server day that had to be postponed due to the growing Covid cases. We still have to learn to live with Covid, twenty-two months later. What has our faith got to offer during these difficult times? The last few weekends we heard a lot about the second coming of Jesus, to judge the living and the dead, today again we hear about Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. We are to trust. Christ is not the king who wore a crown. Many people did not understand who he truly was. Pontius Pilate asked "Are you the king of the Jews?" He wanted to hear from Jesus himself. But Jesus did not give him the answer. He did not say yes or no. It is like he was speaking in riddles. Imagine Jesus stands in front of you. You get to ask to him a question like Pontius Pilate did, what would you ask him? And more important what would Jesus answer you?

The image of the king is a foundational metaphor in the Bible, which in ordinary usage suggests power and glory. But even in the ancient biblical tradition, there are two significant modifications. According to an Old Testament vision, a king is meant to be a shepherd to his people, a true shepherd who cares for and who knows and even loves his sheep. According to a New Testament vision, Jesus our king rules paradoxically by loving service, humility and the gift of himself. This example and teaching of Jesus have lost none of their power.

Masses

Clondalkin Village

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

Weekdays (Mon – Fri)

7.30am, 10.00am
(Sat) 10.00am

Clonburris

Sat 6.30pm, Sunday 11am

Knockmitten

Sunday 11am

Mon, Wed, Fri at 10am

Parish Office Hours

Clondalkin:

Monday-Friday : 9.30-12.30

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Wake us up, O God, and rouse us from the slumber of the everyday that we may recognise you in every moment and in every person, each day of our lives. Amen.

Christina Malone, 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. We ask in confidence through Christ Our Lord. Amen

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 22nd November	St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
Tues 23rd November	St. Columban, Abbot & Missionary
Wed 24th November	Ss Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
Thurs 25th November	St. Colman, Bishop (Cloyne)
	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
Sat 27th November	St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr
	St. Fergal, Bishop & Missionary

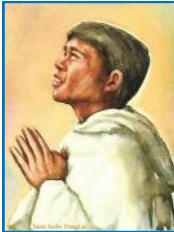
We remember in our prayers the people and intentions we have been asked to pray for this week.



Our candle is always lit for you.

St. Andrew Dũng-Lac (Martyr)

Feast Day 24th November



Andrew Dũng-Lac, was baptised at the age of fifteen, worked first as a lay missionary and then as a diocesan presbyter before being beheaded at Hanoi (Vietnam). He, along with a brother priest, was tortured and beheaded under the emperor Ming-Mang in 1839. They were canonised by Pope John Paul II in Rome on 19th June 1988 along with 115 other notable martyrs – both foreign and indigenous – from the 17th to the 19th centuries. Andrew was born about 1795 into a poor and pagan family in Bac-Ninh in North Vietnam. When he was twelve the family had to move to Hanoi so his parents could find work. There he met a catechist who gave him food and shelter, as well as education in the Christian faith for three years. He was baptised with the Christian name Andrew (Andrew Dung). After learning Chinese and Latin he himself became a catechist, and taught catechesis in the country. Chosen to study theology, he was ordained a priest on 15th March 1823. As parish priest he was tireless in his preaching. He often fasted and lived a simple and moral life that was so good an example to the people, that many were baptised.

In 1835 he was imprisoned under emperor Minh-Mang's persecutions (he was called Vietnam's emperor Nero), but his freedom was purchased by donations from members of the congregation he served. To avoid persecutions he changed his name to Lac (Andrew Lac) and moved to another prefecture to continue his work. But in 1839 he was again arrested with another Vietnamese priest, Peter Thi, to whom he gone visiting so that he could go to confession. Once again the people paid money so that he and Peter could be released. However, their freedom was brief. They were soon re-arrested, taken to Hanoi, where both suffered a dreadful torture and were finally beheaded on 21st December 1839.

(Taken from Catholic Ireland : Archive of the Saints)

Village Church



Sunday 21st November

6.30pm Vigil Sam & Patricia Kelly (An)
Nuala Bismilla (An)
9.00am Josie & Eileen Hogan (R.I.P.)
10.30am Walter & Elizabeth Fortune
Fr. Jim McCaffrey (Rem), Fr. David Lumsden (Rem)
Fr. John Wall (Rem)
12noon Ann Adair (3rd An)
Maurice Collins (13th An), Fr. Martin Ryan PP (Rem)

Please Note: Mass for the African community is at 1.30pm today, 21st November

Sunday 28th November - First Sunday of Advent

6.30pm Vigil Joe Fitzgibbon (8th An)
9.00am Paddy Green (B'day Rem) and dec'd family members
10.30am Denis Flanagan (An)
Vera Phelan (4th An) & Tom Phelan (An)
12noon Mary Reilly (An)
Dave Mitchell (7th An)
Rosaleen Delaney (1st An)
Kathleen McDonald (16th An)

Recently Deceased

Catherine Bearpark

Kathleen O'Brien

Bernie Blackburne

May They Rest in Peace



Clonsilla Village, Deansrath, Sruleen, Knockmitten, Clonburris, Bawnogue, Neilstown, Rowlagh-Quarryvale, Parish of the Travelling People

You are invited

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day... unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed, and very dear.

To a Prayer Service For all our loved ones who died too soon

Remembering those precious children who have died during or after birth and all our beloved friends, family members or loved ones who were taken too soon either through tragedy, accident or illness.

There is a Book of Remembrance open in the church for those who wish to write the name of your loved one who has died. We invite ALL to come and plant a flower in the Remembrance Garden in Neilstown during this month of November (the need is and permission) in memory of your loved one.

The service will be held in St Peter the Apostle Church, Neilstown

On Tuesday 30th November
At 2pm

All Welcome

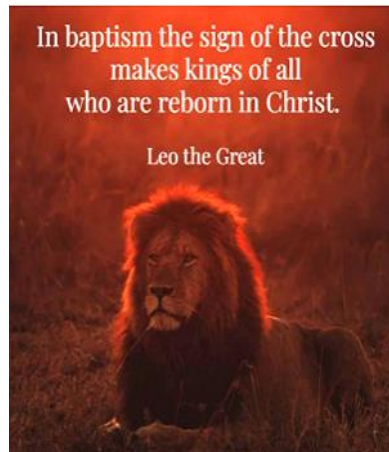
A Butterfly Lights Beside Us

A butterfly lights beside us like a sunbeam, and for a brief moment its glory and beauty belong to our world, but then it flies again. And though we wish it could have stayed, we feel so lucky to have seen it.

If you can not attend the service at 2pm on Tuesday 30th November in Neilstown Parish Church and are asking people to join for one minute in silence, reflect on the above and make say a little prayer at 2pm that day in solidarity with those remembered at the service, for all who died "too soon" and in remembrance of their own loved ones.



If people would like their loved ones remembered at this service, please send their names to neilstownparishgroup@gmail.com and we will light a candle for their loved ones at this service.



These images are courtesy of Eddie Byrne



Pope Francis: St Joseph, an example and a witness for our times

Pope Francis began a new cycle of catecheses on St Joseph at his weekly Audience on Wednesday, 17 November, explaining that “today, as never before, in this time marked by a global crisis,” St Joseph can offer us “support, consolation, and guidance.” As the year of St Joseph draws to a close, the Pope said he hoped his reflections might “further help us to allow ourselves to be enlightened by his example and by his witness.” The Holy Father set the stage for his teaching with a reflection on the biblical context of the life of St Joseph. Recalling the figure of Joseph, the son of Jacob, in the Old Testament, Pope Francis noted that the name “Joseph” – Hebrew for “may God increase, may God give growth” – is “a wish, a blessing based on trust in God’s providence and referring especially to fertility and raising children.” This, he said, “reveals an essential aspect of Joseph of Nazareth’s personality. He is a man full of faith in God, in His providence.”

Pope Francis went on to consider the places associated with St Joseph, especially Bethlehem and Nazareth, which “assume an important role in our understanding” of the saint.

Bethlehem, he said, means “house of bread” or, in Arabic, “house of meat,” both expressions that are full of significances in light of the Incarnation and the Eucharist. Bethlehem also recalls the story of Ruth, the great grandmother of David the king, from whom Joseph traces his descent; as well as the prophecy of Micah, who foretold the coming of the Messiah from Bethlehem. While Jerusalem was “the city loved by the Lord, the ‘holy city,’” it was Bethlehem and Nazareth, both outlying villages, “far from the clamour of the news and the powers of the time” that are most associated with Saint Joseph.

“The choice of Bethlehem and Nazareth tells us that the periphery and marginality are preferred by God,” Pope Francis said. “Failure to take this fact seriously is equivalent to not taking seriously the Gospel and the work of God.”

Concluding his catechesis, Pope Francis offered the following prayer:

**Saint Joseph,
you who always trusted God,
and made your choices
guided by His providence**

**teach us not to count so much on our own plans
but on His plan of love.**

**You who come from the peripheries
help us to convert our gaze
and to prefer what the world discards and marginalises.**

**Comfort those who feel alone
and support those who work silently
to defend life and human dignity. Amen.**

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



As Christians, we should often ask which king are we serving? Maybe ourselves? We grow on our own to finally become masters of our life and destiny, as this world wants. Or maybe Jesus? He is the King of the Universe, and His mercy and power are eternal and unlimited. The choice seems obvious, but we should reaffirm it every day. The kingdom of Christ does not come from this world and it is we who confirm His kingship over the Universe with our choices and declarations.

Jako chrześcijanie powinniśmy często pytać, któremu królowi służymy? Może samemu sobie? O własnych siłach wzrastamy, aby w końcu stać się panami własnego życia i przeznaczenia, tak jak chce tego ten świat. Czy może Jezusowi?

Jest on Królem Wszechświata, a Jego miłosierdzie i władza są wieczne i nieograniczone. Wybór wydaje się oczywisty, ale każdego dnia powinniśmy go potwierdzać. Królestwo Chrystusa nie pochodzi z tego świata i to my, swoimi wyborami i deklaracjami potwierdzamy Jego panowanie nad Wszechświatem.

November Altar List of the Dead



Envelopes now available in the Church.

People on the Altar list are remembered especially at Mass on the First Friday of every month.

Humility is not thinking
less of yourself;
it is
thinking of
yourself less.

Rick Warren

www.quoteschristian.com

*Each of us is a unique strand in the
intricate web of life, and here to make a
contribution.*
Deepak Chopra

On Sunday 14th November at 7.30am, the stunningly beautiful alpacas were in serious posing mode, sporting a Boris Johnson hairdo, effortlessly. Imagine my surprise recently when I saw what can only be called "the jacket" in Louis Copeland, sporting that same Alpaca Wool, totally out of my price range, but for a wedding, take note.

Walking up Castle Park, the late Autumn leaves are stunning this year.

Climate stuff: Electric Ireland have installed a smart meter in our house which allows us to manage our usage every half hour. Spread your use, reduce your bill. Reduce your emissions and note, *coal* is the killer.

Eddie



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/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support 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.

Prayer, in the face of a problem, a difficult situation, a calamity, is opening the door to the Lord so that He will come. *Pope Francis*

SDCC Awarded Five Green Flags



South Dublin County Council has been awarded five prestigious Green Flag Awards from An Taisce Environment Education Unit.

Waterstown Park, Sean Walsh Park, Tymon Park, Corkagh Park and Rathfarnham Castle Park were all awarded Green Flags Awards at an announcement by the Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Joe O'Brien TD. The Green Flag Awards are judged every year by a peer jury of green space experts, who volunteer their time to visit applicant sites and assess them against strict criteria, including horticultural standards, cleanliness, sustainability, and community involvement. Public town parks, country parks, gardens, cemeteries, nature parks and green spaces are eligible for the award. In Ireland, the Green Flag Award for Parks Scheme has been enthusiastically received by park management as it delivers major wins for the delivery of quality green spaces by respective parks and park departments.

Only awarded for exceeding tough environmental standards in green space management, and excellence of visitor attractions – the Green Flag Award Scheme is the mark of a quality park or green space and is recognised throughout the world. This year over 2,300 public sites in 16 countries around the World have achieved Green Flag or Green Flag Community Award status.

17/11/2021



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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@quarryvalefric.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 Prayer for Our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.



(From Laudato Si': Praised Be, *Encyclical Letter on Care for Our Common Home* - 24/5/2015)

THE PARISH SHOP

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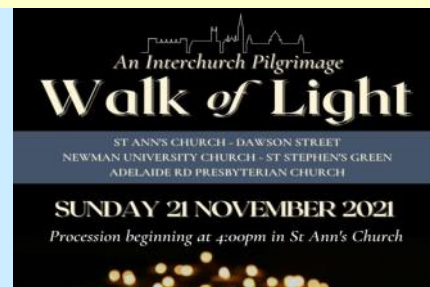
Mass Cards and greeting cards for all occasions, religious items suitable for Confirmation and First Holy Communion events are on sale. Also available is the Irish Catholic newspaper.

Parish Christmas cards, Remembrance cards and Christmas items now available in the Shop.

Walk of Light

The Walk of Light is a prayer for light in times of darkness.

In the shadow of the global pandemic, this year's theme is "In his name, the nations will put their hope." Groups of the faithful, assembled from our various congregations, will welcome the pilgrims at each church and then send them forth again. Our prayer together explores our hope as people of faith rooted in God, Creator of the universe. The three brief services – together with the walk itself – comprise a single liturgy. You are welcome to participate at one of the stational churches while a video of the entire service will be available on the 1st Sunday of Advent.

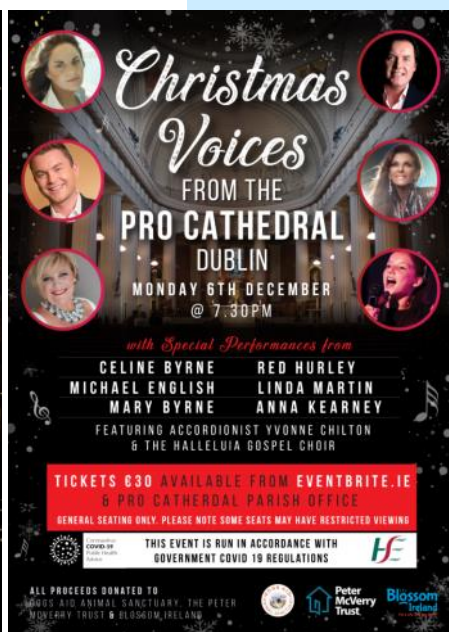
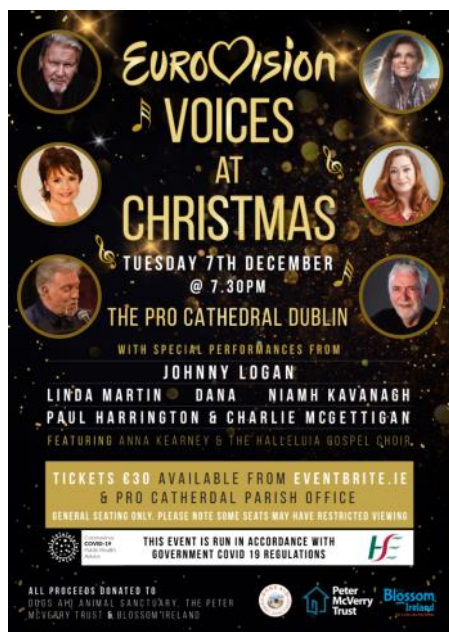


ITINERARY 21st November

4:00pm: Welcome and Opening: Prayer St Ann's Church of Ireland, Dawson Street

4:45 pm: The Message: Newman University Church, St Stephen's Green

5:45 pm: Concluding Prayer and Sending Out: Adelaide Rd Presbyterian Church



As the Festive Season approaches, you might be interested in events taking place in the Pro Cathedral on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th December. Proceeds from these evenings go to three worthwhile charities and the music and song will help get you into the Christmas spirit.

Tickets available from Eventbrite.ie and from the Pro Cathedral Parish Office.



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