Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris + Knockmitten

Parish Newsletter Sunday 12th December 2021



"WHAT MUST WE DO?"

attention to the mystery of waiting. The Sunday Gospel readings present us with stories of great people who knew how to wait. On the first Sunday Jesus taught us how to wait with hope. On the second Sunday John the Baptist comes across as someone who was willing to wait and today on the third Sunday John announces that the One they are waiting for is coming. On the fourth and last Sunday, two pregnant women, Mary and Elizabeth meet while awaiting the birth of a son, Jesus and John. "Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord" cried Elizabeth. "The moment your greeting reached my ears the child in my womb

Advent is also a time of preparation, preparation for the final coming of Jesus at the end of time, a celebration of his birth at Christmas and our own personal preparation for his coming in the Eucharist and at our death.

In today's Gospel we meet John the Baptist preaching in the desert. John was a prophet who could see beyond his time to something greater and more specifically to Someone greater, so great that he regarded himself as not worthy "to untie the strap of his sandal". John took on the role of preparing the time and space for God to encounter his people in a new way through conversion and baptism for the forgiveness of sin. This required a turnabout, a revision of the way they lived their lives.

The crowds who came to listen to John wanted to know how to bring about this transformation. They asked John "What must we do?". Even the tax collectors and the soldiers dared to ask the same question "What must we do?

John responded to each group. To the crowds he said "You must share with the needy". To the tax collectors, who collected more tax than was required, "You must not take more than the rate" and to the soldiers, who were known for their rough treatment of others, "No more violence".

That was then. What about now? Does this Gospel have any thing to say to us today in the 21st century? What transformation is required of us to respond positively to Climate Change, a world-wide pandemic and a Church that needs fixing in a synodal way?

The question asked in today's Gospel has not changed, "What must we do?"

Sr. Anne

Today is the third Sunday of Advent, the liturgical season when we pay special

leapt for joy".

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 Please contact through Phone & Email

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Recently Deceased

DESMOND CUMMINS PHYLLIS ELLIS JOHN CASSELLS MARY O'NEILL

May They Rest in Peace

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 13th December St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Tuesday 14th December St. John of the Cross,

Priest & Doctor of the

Church

Saturday 18th December St. Flannan, Bishop

(Killaloe)

The Christmas Appeal for the St. Vincent de Paul Society takes place at all the Masses this Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th December.



Please give generously to this annual appeal

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. We ask this in confidence through Christ Our Lord. Amen

The world will never starve for wonders; but only for the want of wonder

G.K. Chesterton

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.

Village Church

Sunday 12th December

6.30pm Vigil Bernie Blackburn (MM)

Kathleen O'Brien (MM), Matthew Farrelly (6th An)

9.00am Phyllis McGrath (An), Paddy& John

Greene, James Thompson

10.30am Special intention, Terry Smith (Rem),

Kathleen Smith (Rem), Eric Morgan, Cora Daly, Fran,

Dolly, Josie & Brandon Mulhare (Rem)

Christina, Colette, Bernard & George Brown (Rem),

Victor & Michael McDermott & dec'd family mem-

bers

12noon Tommy & Hattie Tobin (An),

Maura Spollen (An) & dec'd members of the Spollen family, Sammy McDonnell (An), Padraig Faughnan

(An), Rose O'Reilly (1st An), Dermot Stack (4th An)

Monday 13th December

7.30am Molly & Christopher Hannon

Wednesday 15th December

10.00am Brigid Leonard (3rd An)

Friday 17th December

10.00am Very Special Intention

Sunday 19th December

6.30pm Vigil Chris Stapleton (Rem)

Elizabeth & Nicholas West (Rem) & dec'd members of the West family

Kathleen & Danny O'Neill (Rem)

James & Kathleen Gallagher, Gretta Gallagher

Kathleen Nolan & Paddy Kelly (Rem)

John Scully (An), Mary & Patrick Hendley

(Rem) & dec'd members of the Hendley

family, Bridie & Paddy O'Brien (An)

Peggie & Maria Ging (An)

10.30am Pauline Murphy (5th An) & all dec'd members of the Byrne & Murphy families Katy & Jack Fitzgerald & dec'd family members Patrick & Mary Cosgrove & dec'd family

members, Cathy Bearpark (MM)

12noon Eilish Hynes, Eileen Hynes, Eon Shiel (An)
Paddy Delaney (An), Eugene Garrigan (4th An)
Bridie & Sean Foran (An), John Fleming (8th

An) & Lilian Fleming (2nd An), George McDonnell (10th An), Conan Kelly (1st An - died 25/12/20)

Jamie Maloney Butler (MM), Liam Callaghan & Dec'd members of Callaghan and Shannon families

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, send workers into your harvest.

May the Spirit we received in baptism

Touch the hearts of many

To offer themselves in priesthood, religious life.

To offer themselves in priesthood, religious life and other forms of service.

Give the parents and families of our diocese
The wisdom and courage to support young people
In searching for and following the call of God in their
lives. Amen

Financial Support for Mass Collections

Our parish depends on the financial support of the people to support the mission of the church

Digital Giving

In an increasingly cashless society, driven by ever changing technology, we must be able to respond to the new and innovative ways in which people can donate to our Churches. This is particularly true in the current COVID19 situation.

We already have a donate button on our website/
Facebook page. As another way to donate we have put a
Tap and Go machine in the church. The Tap and Go
machine is a simple to use, secure and a safe way for
people to donate who don't carry cash.

The Tap and Go machine is at the back of the church at the door you enter/leave the church.

Please use the simple step by step guide on the poster to donate.



Thank you for your donation

I've seen better days,
but I've also seen worse.
I don't have everything that I want,
but I do have all I need.
I woke up with some aches and pains,
but I woke up.
My life may not be perfect
but I am blessed.

-Lessons Learned In Life

A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners

Thanks Chris



In today's gospel, people ask John the Baptist,
"what must we do?" Maybe it is worth asking yourself this
question from time to time? John, in his response,
encourages them to be loving and honest, but St. Paul goes
a step further in his letter: "Be happy in the Lord". God is
greater than a virus, greater than any disease or our daily
problems. We believe God has everything under control and
we don't need to worry about anything. Joy and true
happiness distinguish us believers from unbelievers. Jesus
Christ died on the cross for us so that we would experience
it. Let us be happy and rejoice because we are in His hands!

W dzisiejszej ewangelii ludzie pytają Jana Chrzciciela "co mają robić?" Może warto jest czasem zadać sobie to pytanie? Jan w swojej odpowiedzi zachęca ich do miłości i uczciwości, ale św. Paweł w swoim liście idzie o krok dalej: "Radujcie się zawsze w Panu" Bóg jest większy niż wirus, większy niż jakakolwiek choroba czy nasze codzienne problemy. Wierzymy, że Bóg ma wszystko pod kontrolą i nie musimy się niczym martwić. Radość i prawdziwe szczęście odróżnia nas, wierzących, od niewierzących. Jezus Chrystus umarł za nas na krzyżu, byśmy tego doświadczyli. Bądźmy szczęśliwi i radujmy się, bo jesteśmy w Jego rękach!

St John of the Cross (1542-91) Carmelite, Ascetic and Mystic Feast Day 14th December

John was born in Fontiveros, a small town between Avila and Salamanca in Spain. His father died when he was about a year old and his mother was left to bring up three



children in poverty. John was sent to an orphanage where he learned to read and write. By fifteen, he was performing menial tasks in a hospital; the administrator of the hospital spotted his intelligence and sent him to the Jesuit College in Medina del Campo, telling him if he got ordained a priest he could be the hospital chaplain. After four years study, John felt an attraction to become a Carthusian, but became a Carmelite and studied theology at Salamanca. Ordained in 1567 John met St Teresa of Avila on the day he celebrated his first Mass. She had just begun her reform of the Carmelites convents and she influenced John in starting reform among the houses of men. Serious friction developed between the Calced ("unreformed") and Discalced Carmelites ("reformed").

John was imprisoned in Toledo, badly fed, interrogated and beaten in an effort to break his morale. A friendly jailer allowed him a candle and by the light of this he wrote his poems, such as *The Dark Night of the Soul*. In August 1578, he escaped and found refuge in a discalced Carmelite convent. By 1581 the Discalced Carmelites had grown in favour and John became prior of a convent near Granada and deputy-vicar for the province of Spain. Both he and St

Teresa of Avila stressed the centrality of the concept of *nada*, nothing; by wishing and asking for nothing, the soul is enabled to "ascend the Mount of Carmel".

Teresa of Avila died in 1582. By this time he was too sick to care; he had open sores that wouldn't heal and was in constant pain. He died early on 14th December 1591.

He was beatified in 1675, canonised in 1726 and declared a

Doctor of the Church in 1926.

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

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,

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Please donate if you can at www.crosscare.ie

or Call 01 8360011





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Please keep your donations and support coming.

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- 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

The Advent Season

During Advent, we are invited to a real encounter with Jesus. It is a time to wake up and to rediscover our joy in life. It is a time to practice the words of Mary, 'Let it be', and to be open to what adventures may come our way. We become more aware of God's presence in the hidden places of our world, in ourselves, and in the people around us. Can we be signposts lighting the path for others?

Go Deeper

As we begin this journey, think of a time when you felt truly 'awake' to events around you. Can you become more awake to the Gospel alive and active in this world?

(Taken from Sacred Space website)

Hurray!!. Here it comes, December 21st, when we tilt again towards the Sun. But oh!! Boy!! As we journey around the Cosmic Vault at night, the wonders are awesome. Just after sunset, Venus, Saturn and Jupiter are in a row. Jupiter looks so dreamlike but The Great Red spot is an anti-cyclonic storm with wind speeds of 432 km/hr. This storm has existed for 346 years and we moan about 2 days' worth.

This storm is 1.3 times the diameter of Earth. Are we lucky or what!! So far.

Climate Stuff

Caoimhe O Ciaruin is the engagement person in the Dept. of Transport, Climate Engagement Division. Contact him at CaoimhínOCiaruain@transport.gov.ie His job is to engage with us on the change to sustainable transport. By 2030, 500,000 more additional daily journeys to be taken by foot, on a bike, or on expanded public transport services across the country, 125 daily journeys extra starting now until 2025. Petrol and diesel cars will be prohibitively expensive to run. Try the new L54 bus which runs Luas Red Cow-Clondalkin Village--Lucan--Léixlip every half hour.

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Day out

L54 Luas bus 130 to Coast Road Dollymount to see the Brent Geese at high tide. They were born in polar bear land and love the salt marshes off Bull Island. There is a lovely coffee shop at the end of the wooden bridge.

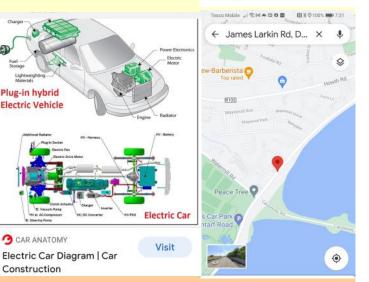
Go on, put on the gear.

Eddie

pressure region in the atmosphere of Jupiter, producing an anticyclonic storm that is the largest in the Solar System, Located 22 degrees south of Jupiter's equator, it produces wind-speeds up to 432 km/h (268 mph). Observations from 1665 to 1713 are correct, it has existed for at least 356 years.[1] It was next observed in September 1831, with 60 recorded observations between then and 1878, when continuous observations began, [2][3]

Great Red Spo...





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

POPE RECALLS APOSTOLIC JOURNEY TO CYPRUS AND GREECE

Pope Francis thanked God for his recent "pilgrimage" to Cyprus and Greece, and expressed his gratitude to all those who accompanied him with prayer, and to the people of the two "beloved countries," including civil and religious authorities, "for the affection and kindness with which they welcomed me."

Speaking at the conclusion of the Angelus on Wednesday, the Holy Father described Cyprus as "a pearl of the Mediterranean, a pearl of rare beauty," that nonetheless, "bears the wounds of barbed wire, the pain of a wall that divides it." He said he felt like part of a family in Cyprus, noting especially his meeting with Cypriot Orthodox primate Chrysostomos II. Pope Francis said all Christians are children of the Church of Christ, "which accompanies us, protects us, makes us go forward - brothers all!"

The Pope expressed once again his hope that Cyprus would be a "a laboratory of fraternity," where everyone, but especially the poor, the discarded, and migrants can be welcomed. He repeated, too, that "we cannot remain silent, we cannot turn away," from the plight of migrants. Instead, we must "look into" the eyes and faces of those who suffer, in order to overcome our indifference.

Pope Francis also recalled with gratitude the "fraternal welcome" he received in Greece. "In Athens," he said, "I felt immersed in the greatness of history, in the memory of Europe: humanism, democracy, wisdom, faith."

The Pope pointed, too, to his experience of "the mystique of the whole," as he met with Catholic bishops and members of the Catholic community, especially during Mass on Sunday.

During his remarks following the Angelus, the Holy Father also noted the conclusion of the Year of St Joseph, Patron of the Church, as well as the conclusion of the Jubilee of Loreto on Friday. "May the grace of these events continue to work in the lives of our communities," he said. "May the Virgin Mary and St Joseph guide us on the path to holiness."



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