



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 23rd January 2022



Today we are celebrating the Sunday of the Word of God

Pope Francis established this celebration in 2019 to be held each year on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God. It reminds us, pastors and faithful alike, of the importance and value of Sacred Scripture for the Christian life, as well as the relationship between the word of God and the liturgy:

"As Christians, we are one people, making our pilgrim way through history, sustained by the Lord, present in our midst, who speaks to us and nourishes us. A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the Risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers. For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with Sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, inflicted as we are by so many forms of blindness".

(quoted from: Aperuit Illis – Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis instituting the Sunday of the Word of God)

In recent years Sr. Anne has been opening up the Scriptures to many of us through her Lectio Divina (meaning "divine reading"). In recent months she has been sharing it via the parish Facebook page and many near and far have been enjoying her sharing. Thank you Sr. Anne for your wonderful ministry.

Lectio Divina is a wonderful tool to "dig deep" into the Sacred Scripture (a bible passage) and to listen to what God, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit is telling us. You do not need to be "an expert" to hear what God is saying to you. Scripture is aimed at your heart.

You can do by yourself or with friends. Here is a suggestion on how to do it at home

Choose a text of the Scriptures that you wish to pray;

Find a quiet place and place yourself in God's presence;

Start with a prayer to the Holy Spirit for inspiration and guidance:

"Come, Holy Spirit, enlighten my heart and mind to listen to your Word"

"Lectio" (listening) Read the text slowly and prayerfully, constantly listening for that word that God has prepared for you. You might like to re-read the text a number of times.

"Meditatio" (reflection) When a word or phrase strikes you, stop and rest with it. Allow it to speak to you in a personal way by pondering the word in your heart, reflecting on what it means to you.

"Oratio" (prayer) Prayer is your response to God's word. It begins your dialogue with God that comes from your heart. Formulate a prayer, as a response to God.

"Contemplatio" (contemplation) Be still and rest in God's presence. Embrace the Love of God. Sometimes words are not needed. Just be. Contemplation is not an action or doing, rather allowing God to act through you.

And what better way to start it than reading the second reading today: As the body is one, though made of many parts, so the Church forms many individuals into a living unity in Christ.

Christina Malone, Parish Pastoral Worker

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

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Monday-Friday : 9.30-12.30

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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 are always looking at new ways of accepting donations. We already have a donate button on our website page. As another way to donate, we have introduced a Tap & Go machine into our church. The Tap & Go machine is simple to use, secure, and a safe way for people who don't carry cash to donate to Mass collections.

The Tap & Go machine is at the back of the church near to the Parish Shop. Please use the simple step by step guide on the poster to make a donation.

Thank you for your donation

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.

Sacramental Registration

Parents who wish their children to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation in our Parish this year are now invited to register their children with our Parish for these Sacraments.

Registration is by means of an on-line form that is now available on our Parish Website, www.clondalkinparish.com

**Closing date for registration is
28th February 2022.**

Lectio Divina

The weekly talks on Scripture led by Sr. Anne will resume on Tuesdays via the Parish Facebook page at 3.30pm.



Village Church



Sunday 23rd January

6.30pm Vigil Ciaran Carr (10th An)
Martina Joyce (2nd An)
Jim & Barbara McDonagh (An)
10.30am Ronnie Martin (1st An)
Martin McNerney & Kevin McNerney (An)
Joe & Frances Molloy
12noon Dean Cleary (4th An)
Patrick & Sadie Cahill (Rem)

Wednesday 26th January

10.00am Martin Kelleher (14th An)

Sunday 30th January

6.30pm Vigil Carmel Boggans (1st An)
Brian Doonan (6th An)
10.30am James Minogue (1st An)
Marie Ford (An), Bob & Kathy Hagerty (An)
Mary MacConalogue, George Brown (An)
12noon Carole Doyle (21st An)
Sean Heraty (1st An) and all dec'd members
of the O'Rourke family
Andrew Bell (22nd An)

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 24th January	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Tuesday 25th January	The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
Wednesday 26th January	St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops
Thursday 27th January	St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Friday 28th January	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity continues until Tuesday **25th January**. Serving the Gospel today requires a commitment to the human being, especially the poorest, the weakest and those marginalised. It requires from the churches transparency and accountability in dealing with the world, and with each other. This means churches need to cooperate to provide relief to the afflicted, to welcome the displaced, to relieve the burdened, and to build a just and honest society. This is a call for churches to work together so that young people can build a good future according to God's heart, a future in which all human beings can experience life, peace, justice, and love. Pope Francis encouraged us to pray for Christian unity and also offer up our struggles and suffering.

Sunday of the Word of God 23rd January 2022

Pope to confer ministries on lay men and women on Sunday of the Word of God

The Sunday of the Word of God is observed annually on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time (occurring this year on 23 January), ever since Pope Francis established this celebration on 30 September 2019 to remind Catholics of the importance of knowing Scripture.

As highlighted by the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization (PCPNE), during the upcoming ceremony there will be some very significant moments. During the liturgy, the ministry of Lector will be conferred on both lay men and women "in a stable and institutionalized form through a special mandate, which in this celebration is realized and expressed in a liturgical rite."

Also during the celebration, the Pope will confer the newly established ministry of Catechist on several members of the lay faithful, both women and men.

The statement notes that both ministries will be conferred through rites prepared by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, which will be used for the first time in Sunday's celebration.

The candidates will be "summoned" before the homily — that is, they will be called by name and presented to the Church.

The event will be televised and streamed live by Vatican Media.

(Taken from Vatican News website 19/1/2022)

BE AT PEACE

(A Reflection by St. Francis de Sales)

Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life; rather, look to them with full hope that, as they arise, God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms.

Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day. He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

Love your enemies, for they will tell you your faults

Benjamin Franklin

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



Lord Jesus has personally called each of us to follow Him. It is now our responsibility to find time and build a relationship with Him. But is this the only dimension of Christianity? No.

Together, the followers of Christ make up the Body of Christ. Each of us has an important role to play in building God's Kingdom here on earth. St. Paul reminds us that we should take care not only of our faith but also the whole Body of Christ. Take responsibility for each other and understand that our faith and relationship with God are important not only in the context of our own lives, but in a unique way also in relation to an entire community of believers.

Pan Jezus zaprosił każdego z nas osobiście by za Nim pójść. To do nas teraz należy budowanie z Nim relacji.

Ale czy to jedyny wymiar chrześcijaństwa? Nie.

Wszyscy którzy podążają za Chrystusem razem tworzą Jego Ciało. I każdy z nas ma do odegrania ważną rolę w budowaniu Królestwa Bożego tu na ziemi. Św.

Paweł przypomina nam, że powinniśmy zadbać nie tylko o naszą wiarę ale o całe Ciało Chrystusa. Wziąć odpowiedzialność za siebie nawzajem, i zrozumieć, że nasza wiara i relacja z Bogiem są ważne nie tylko w kontekście naszego własnego życia, ale w unikalny sposób także dla całej wspólnoty wierzących.

St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622) Bishop and Doctor : Feast Day 24th January

Francis was the first of twelve children born into a Savoyard noble family, near Annecy in Savoy. A delicate child, he was educated privately at first, but later went to Paris. His father wanted him to become a lawyer.

Francis studied rhetoric, philosophy and theology. From there he went on to Padua where he became a doctor of law. Already he had decided to become a priest and was probably still in a state of tension with his father when he was ordained in 1593. The bishop of Geneva, Claude de Garnier, appointed Francis provost of the cathedral chapter.

Francis soon distinguished himself for his service of the poor. In a preaching campaign throughout the Chablais area south of Lake Geneva he succeeded in winning back many Calvinists to Catholicism. He also wrote and distributed a series of pamphlets explaining true Catholic doctrine. Francis was made coadjutor bishop in 1599 and travelled to Rome where he made friends with Robert Bellarmine and Cardinal Camillo Borghese who later became Pope Paul V. In 1602 after the diocesan bishop died, Francis succeeded to Geneva. Among Francis de Sales' favourite sayings were:

"More flies are attracted by a spoonful of honey than by a whole barrel of vinegar".

"Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself."

"Nothing is so strong as gentleness; nothing so gentle as real strength."

Because of his writings and his idea of distributing of pamphlets, Francis de Sales is the patron saint of journalists.



(Taken from Catholic Ireland Archive of the Saints)



Clondalkin Cares Food Bank

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

Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile.

St. Teresa of Calcutta



Kind words can be short and easy to speak but their echoes are truly endless.

Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan, Chair of the Bishops' Council for Vocations, is asking individuals and parishes to #Pray4Vocations each day at 4pm during the coming year. "I am inviting you to join me every day at 4.00pm to say a short prayer for vocations. You might say an 'Our Father', a 'Hail Mary' or a 'Glory Be'. You might have a preferred prayer of your own. We have some wonderful prayers available on our [website](http://www.vocations.ie) which you might like to look through and choose from. Whatever prayer you decide on, we are asking you to pause and **#Pray4Vocations** at 4.00pm each day."

Bishop Cullinan went on to say, "Pope Francis reminds us that 'no vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people'. Prayer is the very breath of our faith and so I ask you to please make a conscious effort for 2022, in parishes and homes, to pray for vocations to the priesthood."



Catholic Schools Week 2022
Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full

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23 JANUARY – 30 JANUARY 2022



MONDAY

Living Life to the Full with God

TUESDAY

Living Life to the Full Together

WEDNESDAY

(Grandparents' Day)

Celebrating Being Together Again

THURSDAY

Living Life in Wonder and Awe

FRIDAY

Living Life and Facing the Future

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated in schools across the island of Ireland from Sunday 23 January – Sunday 30 January. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2022 is 'Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full'.

During Catholic Schools Week families, parishes and schools are invited to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools reflecting on their contribution to the common good of society.

DAILY 4PM PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Will you take five minutes each day at 4pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood?

You might say the Our Father, Hail Mary or Glory Be or use one of your own prayers. You can also download one of our vocation prayers from www.vocations.ie



#Pray4Vocations

