

We begin the Season of Lent this coming week. On Wednesday next we will place the ashes on our foreheads as we start our time of preparation for the great feast of Easter. This period of 40 days is a special time of grace when we are invited to open our hearts afresh to the call of being disciples of Jesus.

Lent is a penitential season. We remember that Jesus gave his life on the cross for the salvation of the world, taking upon himself the sins of

all humanity for all time. In acknowledging this we become more conscious of our own personal sinfulness. During Lent we try anew to rid ourselves of the habit of sin and become more Christ-like people. The traditional penitential practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving that are rooted in Scripture provide a good framework to help us re-order our lives in the Lenten season.

Prayer: In prayer we make time and space in our lives to converse with God. We listen as God speaks to us and we bring our needs to the Lord. Prayer gives us an opportunity to ponder on the wonderful love of God for us and helps us reflect on how we can live that love ourselves in our daily lives.

Fasting: With fasting we come to appreciate the many material things we have and enjoy. In reducing our food intake or limiting the time we give to other things and activities, we become more aware of the many people in the world who go without the things we often take for granted. We learn too how to exercise control over the material things of life rather than letting them control us and dominate our lives.

Almsgiving: In almsgiving we respond in all kinds of practical ways to the needs of

other people around us. We can contribute financially to the work of Trócaire or some other charity of our choice. We can also give some of our time and energy as a volunteer in reaching out to others. Maybe we can do something as simple as spend a little time with an elderly neighbour or friend. Perhaps we can sit and listen to someone who needs to talk.

There are no limits to the possibilities of what we can do during Lent. Make a decision that this Lent is a time for a conversion of heart, for a turning away from sin and back to God. Whatever you decide to do is your own personal choice, but do something that makes a difference for you and that reflects your desire to live more fully the love of God and neighbour.

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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

Clonburris & Knockmitten: Contact through Village

Submissions for Newsletter: Parishnewsletter1@gmail.com Ash Wednesday – 2nd March Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.

First Friday – 4th March We remember those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.

Weekday Mass during Lent (Monday to Friday) will be at 7.30am, 10.00am and 7.30pm



World Day of Prayer

Informed Prayer, Prayerful Action

The origins of World Day of Prayer date back to the 19th century when Christian women of United States and Canada initiated a variety of cooperative activities in support of women's involvement in mission at home and in other parts of the world. They encouraged one another to engage in personal prayer and to take leadership in communal prayer in their missionary associations. This emphasis on prayer gradually led to annual days and weeks of prayer across the country. In 1927, women in the USA and Canada extended the invitation to their partners overseas to join in prayer. By 1930, this invitation had been accepted in at least 33 countries. The International Committee was formed in 1968. One of its first decisions was to agree a regular date for the annual World Day of Prayer. The first Friday in March each year was agreed as this date retaining a close proximity to Lent and the connection with prayer, self-denial and sacrifice.

On this day, women gather to pray with women from a different country. A theme developed by the WDP Committee inspires informed prayer and prayerful action.

World Day of Prayer will be marked here in the Church of the Immaculate Conception and St. Killian, Clondalkin Village, on **Friday 4th March 2022 at 10.45am**.

'I know the plans I have for you'

All are invited to come along.

Written by Christian women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Prepared locally by St. John's Church of Ireland and the Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin

Víllage Church

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Sunday 27th February 6.30pm Vigil Margaret Ledwidge (An) Gintas Alionis (17th An) 10.30am Mary MacConalogue Teresa Cahill (8th An), Anthony Morgan (RD) Derick Ryan (Rem) Marian Doyle (4th An) 12noon Stella Hegarty (1st An), Paul Guidon (BR) Eugene Breslin (MM) Monday 28th February Michael & Bridie McDermott and dec'd 10.00am members of the McDermott family Tuesday 1st March 10.00am David O'Sullivan (B'day Rem) Wednesday 2nd March Ash Wednesday 7.30am **Special Intention** 10.00am Kathleen Branigan (2nd An) Thursday 3rd March 10.00am Billy & Norah Rumgay (MM) Friday 4th March First Friday of the Month Saturday 5th March Stella Tierney (RD) 10am Sunday 6th March 6.30pm Vigil Robert & Joan Crookes (An) 9.00am Jo Keane (1st An) Anne & John Connolly (An) 10.30am Patricia Gray (B'day Rem) Colm Murphy (1st An) 12noon Kathleen Dillon (4th An), Bob Dillon & Robbie Dillon Eileen & Michael O'Connor (An), Niamh Buckley

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, <u>www.clondalkinparish.com</u>

Closing date for registration is 28th February 2022.

Prayer for the Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts: Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



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.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR TEMPERANCE Sunday 27th February

Apostle of Temperance Father Mathew (1790-1856) was a Capuchin friar from Tipperary whose 19thcentury crusade against the abuse of alcohol gained him the title of "Apostle of Temperance". Father Mathew's call to sobriety has relevance to modern Ireland. The cost to the nation by way of, human suffering, abstention from work, criminality and social upheaval is inestimable.

Compassionate Lord and Saviour, you inspired the Capuchín Fríar Theobold Mathew to show your compassionate face to those addicted and burdened by the abuse of alcohol or addicted behavior and to promote temperance. May we today, continue to serve our brothers and

sisters with love and joy and to foster balance, and moderation in our

life styles with the help of God. So, we pray, "here goes in the name of God."



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



Thanks Chris

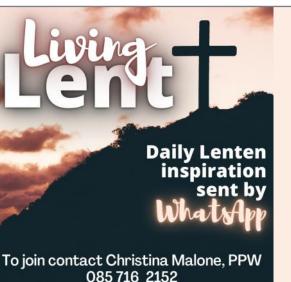
Surely many of us have heard words that hurt us or others.

Or maybe words that encouraged us to achieve something. I think we have all experienced the power of words spoken in one way or another. Jesus tells us today that everything we say has its origin in our hearts. And it is important that we take care of the condition of our hearts. That we do not judge others, but that our hearts are full of hope, love and peace. When that happens, we'll always be telling the truth. And our words will bring peace, hope and God's perspective that can change any situation.

Na pewno wielu z nas słyszało słowa które nas albo innych zraniły. Może słowa, które motywowały do osiągnięcia czegoś. Myślę, że wszyscy w jakiś sposób doświadczyliśmy mocy słów wypowiedzianych przez człowieka. Jezus mówi nam dzisiaj, że wszystko co mówimy bierze swój początek w naszych sercach. I ważnym jest, abyśmy dbali o kondycję naszych serc. Abyśmy nie osądzali innych, ale by nasze serca były pełne nadziei, miłości i pokoju. Kiedy tak się stanie, zawsze będziemy mówić prawdę. I nasze słowa przyniosą pokój, nadzieję i perspektywę Bożą, która może odmienić każdą sytuację.

May God's blessings rest upon you today. May His peace be with you and His joy fill your heart.





Amen

 Clondalkin Cares 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 10-12.30. 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 	South Dublin County Partnership Páirtíocht Chontae Atha Cliath Theas Do you need help to set up a MyGov. & Email account MyGov@ a MyGov. & Email account MyGov@ South Dublin County Partnership are here to help you! In the heart of your community North Clondalkin Library North Clondalkin Library Free 1.5 hr. Workshop Call now to register on 0872981637				
085 202 0300 during normal office hours.	Month	Workshop	Date & Time		
To donate please use our Go Fund Me page: https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-our-food- bank	March	MyGov & Email Workshop	08/03/2022 10.30-12noon		
We welcome any other place that would like to volunteer to act as a drop off point for donations -	April	MyGov & Email Workshop	05/04/2022 10.30-12noon		
Just contact us and let us know! If you need support, know someone	May	MyGov & Email Workshop	03/05/2022 10.30-12noon		
who needs support, please do not hes- itate to email or call	June	MyGov & Email Workshop	07/06/2022 10.30-12noon		
SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS	COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE				
If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect	ALONE	ALONE manage a national support line and			

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. These services provide support, coping skills and information answer gueries and give advice and reassurance 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/<http://www.aware.ie/>

If you would like to volunteer with Aware, please see their website for more information: https://www.aware.ie/ get-involved/volunteering/

What we need is a cup of understanding, a barrel of love and an ocean of patience.

St. Francis de Sales

The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024 RECENTLY DECEASED **Doreen Brunkard**

Hugh O'Daly Agnes Nixon

May They Rest In Peace

Feast Days This Week

additional supports for older people who have

concerns or are facing difficulties relating to

COVID-19. Professional staff are available to

where necessary.

Tuesday 1st March Friday 4th March Saturday 5th March St. David, Bishop St. Casimir St. Kieran, Bishop

St Kieran of Saighir (6th century) Feast Day 5th March

Kieran (Irish Ciarán) of Saighir is known as the "first-born of the saints of Ireland". Kieran's father belonged to the Osraighe. On a trip to the southwest of Ireland he met a woman called Liadán, who belonged to the Corca Loegde in southwest
Cork. Kieran was born of their marriage and, according to the Lives, was fostered on Cape Clear, where there



are many monuments dedicated to him. **K**ieran set out for Rome, where he was baptised and studied scripture there "under the abbot of Rome". On his way back to Ireland it is said he met St Patrick, who told him exactly where to found his settlement, giving him a bell which would only ring when he found the place. This turned out to be Saighir Chiaráin, near the village of Clareen about four miles south-east of Birr, Co Offaly.

It is said that his mother Liadán came with some women and established a community at Saighir also. *Saighir Chiaráin* was the chief church of the Osraighe for some time. There is a monastic site with sacred well and the saint's bush still very popular at the place near Clareen in Co Offaly. In the twelfth century the Canons Regular of St Augustine were established at Saighir Kieran. After the penal times, in 1782, Bishop John Thomas Troy of Ossory (later archbishop of Dublin) established a Catholic diocesan seminary, St Kieran's College, in Kilkenny.

> Mothing can dim the light that Shines from within.

~ Maya Angelou

You can't change how people treat you or what they say about you. All you can do is change how you react to it.



Bathed in sunlight, me and Christchurch, bells ringing out for 3pm, just ethereal after being hammered in wind and rain all night. How unexpected is this. How joyously pastoral, a pure symphony in sunlit stone, rising and hiding in the long shadows. Wowie!!. Here comes Our Wonder Kid, wafting and curling around our present space; Beethoven in his Pastoral Symphony after the storm, heart pulsing, stretching and defining our thanks

by his magical presence. All of us buzzing in the sunshine.

Eddíe

Pope announces 2nd March as day of Prayer and Fasting for Ukraine



During the General Audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis made a heartfelt appeal for peace in Ukraine, saying that the threat of war had caused "great pain in my heart."

"Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks," the Pope said, "increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up," with many people all over the world feeling anguish and pain.

"Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests," he stressed. Pope Francis appealed to those "with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war, who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies."

He also prayed that "all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilizing coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute." Speaking at the end of the General Audience, Pope Francis invited everyone to make 2 March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. "I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war," he said.

(Taken from Vatican News website 23/2/2022)

MARCH

The Pope's Intention: For a Christian response to bioethical challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Mahatma Gandhí