



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 13th March 2022

**2nd Sunday
of
Lent**

"THIS IS MY SON, LISTEN TO HIM"

To follow Jesus requires obeying him, which requires hearing him, which in turn requires listening to him. This is what we are asked to do on this second Sunday in Lent and to continue to do as we journey together through the season of Lent. We are invited to listen to him, take his words to heart and allow them to challenge us and heal us.



To listen is to pay attention. We do a lot of talking over the course of a lifetime. Words fly around us all the time, our own and those of family and friends, not to mention those we hear on television and social media.

But do we listen?

Over the next six weeks, we will be journeying together through the heart of Luke's Gospel from chapters 9 to 24. Many of the words we will read are the recorded words of Jesus. Will we listen to them or like the three disciples will we be "weighed down with sleep?"

Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain to pray. While Jesus was praying "the appearance of his face changed and his clothes became dazzling white". Moses and Elijah spoke with him. The three disciples struggled between sleep and wakefulness but managed to keep awake and saw for the first time what was always there, the light of divinity fully manifest in Jesus. On this Sunday of the Transfiguration we are asked to wipe the sleep from our eyes, listen to Jesus, know who he really is and become like him.

Faith comes from a listening that involves the Word of God, which in turn, purifies our words and actions and bears fruit in our relationship with God and with one another.

Reflecting on the scene of the Transfiguration, Pope Francis emphasised the importance of listening to God and sharing the Gospel with others saying,

"The Word of God grows in us when we proclaim it, when we share it with others".

Before Peter, James and John left the mountain of the Transfiguration the heavenly Father spoke to them saying *"Listen to Jesus. He is my beloved Son"*.

As we go forward on our Lenten journey, let us "Listen to Jesus" by reading a small passage from the Gospel every day, praying with it and sharing it with others whenever we can.

Sr. Anne

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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**Masses during Lent
(Monday-Friday)
will be at 7.30am, 10.00am and 7.30pm
in the Village Church**

Feast of St. Patrick - Thursday 17th

Mass Times:

Wednesday 16th - Vigil Mass at **7.30pm**
Thursday 17th - Mass at **9am** (as Gaeilge),
10.30am and **12 noon**



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday 17th March	St. Patrick, Bishop and Apostle of Ireland
Friday 18th March	St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Saturday 19th March	St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

Prayer to St. Joseph for All Spiritual Blessings



O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.
O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ our Lord, so that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.
O St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for me.
Amen

Village Church



Sunday 13th March

6.30pm Vigil Greta Priest (12th An)
Mary McCarthy (20th An)
9.00am Special Intention
10.30am Paddy Murray (B'day Rem)
James Doyle (1st An)
Carmel Maguire (5th An)
Jack Mahon (21st An)
& Vera Mahon (2nd An)
12noon Desmond Hartigan (8th An) and deceased family members
Mary Corrigan (2nd An) and William Corrigan (Junior) (An)

Monday 14th March

7.30am Charlie Harling (RD)

Wednesday 16th March

7.30pm Geralyn Byrne (1st An)

Thursday 17th March - St. Patrick's Day

10.30am Pádraig Doyle (B'Day Rem) and Patrick Doyle (An)

Jack & Katie Fitzgerald and dec'd family members

Patrick & Mary Cosgrove and dec'd family members

12noon Patricia Heffernan (BR)

Friday 18th March

10.00am Sean Harrington (3rd An)

Saturday 19th March - Feast of St. Joseph

10.00am Doreen Brunkard (MM)

Sunday 20th March

9am Special Intention

10.30am Leonard & Nan Hanna (An)

12noon Elizabeth & Nicholas West (An) and Mary & Patrick Hendley (An)

Recently Deceased



CHARLES HARLING

MARY ROGERS

MARY NEWTON

PEG STORAN

May They Rest in Peace

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.

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.



Prayer of St. Patrick for His People



May the Strength of God guide us.

May the Power of God preserve us.

May the Wisdom of God instruct us.

May the Hand of God protect us.

May the Way of God direct us.

May the Shield of God defend us.

May the Angels of God guard us

against the snares of the evil one.

May Christ be with us!

May Christ be before us!

May Christ be in us,

Christ be over all!

May your Grace, Lord,

Always be ours,

This day, O Lord, and forevermore.

Amen.

A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners

Thanks Chris



St. Paul writes that "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" In today's first reading, God promises Abram that

he will have descendants as many as the stars in the sky. Did Abram see this promise fulfilled in his lifetime?

No, but he still believed. And do you think that Peter, John, and Jacob could believe their eyes when they saw Jesus with Moses and Elijah? It probably took a while for them to understand in their hearts what really happened on Mount Tabor. Our faith is key to our journey here on earth, and if we can understand Paul's words that "our homeland is in heaven," it will change our perspective and open us to more happiness and love.

Lord, increase our faith!

Św. Paweł pisze, że „wiara jest gwarancją tego, czego się spodziewamy, i dowodem rzeczywistości niewidzialnej” W dzisiejszym pierwszym czytaniu Bóg obiecuje Abramowi, że będzie miał potomków tak wielu, jak gwiazd na niebie. Czy Abram zobaczył wypełnienie się tej obietnicy za swojego życia? Nie, ale nadal wierzył. A czy myślisz, że Piotr, Jan i Jakub mogli uwierzyć własnym oczom, kiedy zobaczyli Jezusa z Mojżeszem i Eliaszem? Prawdopodobnie zajęło im trochę czasu, zanim w głębi serca zrozumieli, co naprawdę wydarzyło się na górze Tabor. Nasza wiara jest kluczowa w naszej podróży tu na ziemi i jeśli uda nam się zrozumieć słowa Pawła, że „nasza ojczyzna jest w niebie”, zmieni to naszą perspektywę i otworzy nas na więcej szczęścia i miłości. Panie, pomnóż naszą wiarę!

Joy is prayer, joy is strength, joy is love - a net of love with which you can catch souls

St. Teresa of Calcutta

In a higher world it is otherwise, but here below to live is to change, and to be perfect is to change often.

Cardinal John Henry Newman

To listen well is as powerful a means of influence as to talk well, and is essential to all true conversations

Chinese proverb

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.



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 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

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. 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/

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

HAPPY St Patrick's DAY



South Dublin County Partnership
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Átha Cliath Theas



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Month	Workshop	Date & Time
April	MyGov & Email Workshop	05/04/2022 10.30-12noon
May	MyGov & Email Workshop	03/05/2022 10.30-12noon
June	MyGov & Email Workshop	07/06/2022 10.30-12noon

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line 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

St. Patrick's Day - Thursday 17th March

Clondalkin St. Patrick's Day Festival proudly working together with South Dublin County Council, Clondalkin Garda Síochána, South Dublin County Volunteer Centre & Clondalkin Tidy Towns to provide a safe Family Friendly day for all the community starting at 2.30pm (Music from 2) at Stage Area at Tuthill's car park.

Wishing all our parishioners and readers a happy, safe and enjoyable celebration of the Feast of St. Patrick.



Praying

Lent is the time to start new patterns of prayer. Perhaps I haven't been praying at all. This is a great time to choose to begin. It is important to begin realistically. I can start by simply pausing when I get up and taking a slow, deep breath, and recalling what I have to do this day, and asking for grace to do it as a child of God. I may want to go to bed a half an hour earlier, and get up a half an hour earlier and give myself some time alone to read the readings for the day, and just talk with the Lord about those readings or about the stuff of the day. I may choose to go to Mass each day during Lent. I may choose to get to church on Sunday, just 15 minutes earlier, so I can reflect a bit. Lent may be a time I would want to choose to start to journal the day to day reflections that are coming, the desires I'm naming and asking for, the graces I am being given.



"Prayer is a matter of love. We express love through prayer, and if we pray, it is an indication that we love God. If we do not pray, this indicates that we do not love God, for the measure of our prayer is the measure of our love for God". ~Archimandrite Zocharias "The Hidden Man of the Heart"

When do we spend time in quiet reflection? Do we remember that prayer is not only a time to speak to God, but also a time for God to speak to us? In our times of silent prayer and listening to God, we can hear God asking us to recognize the needs of those around us. Our prayer leads us to compassion and community.



Practicing Generosity

Almsgiving has always been an important part of Lent. Lent began with the powerful Isaiah 58, on the Friday and Saturday after Ash Wednesday. It is important to give ourselves the experience of fasting from being un-generous. Generosity is not simply giving my excess clothes to a place where poor people might purchase them. It's not even writing a "generous" cheque at the time a collection is taken up for a cause that benefits the poor. These are wonderful practices. Generosity is an attitude. It is a sense that no matter how much I have, all that I have is gift, and given to me to be shared. It means that sharing with others in need is one of my personal priorities. That is quite different from assessing all of my needs first, and then giving away what is left over. A spirit of self-less giving means that one of my needs is to share what I have with others. Lent is a wonderful time to practice self-less giving, because it takes practice. This kind of self-sacrificing generosity is a religious experience. It places us in solidarity with the poor who share with each other, without having any excess. It also joins us with Jesus, who gave himself completely, for us. Establishing new patterns of giving will give real life and joy to Lent.



Our prayer and fasting should call us to a greater awareness of the needs of others; then we must act on that awareness. We can give alms by sharing not only our money, but our time and talents as well. By giving to the poor we are saying, "I realize that you are there. You are a child of God and you are important." From almsgiving comes respect, care for the poor, and friendship that stretches our minds and hearts for love of God's creation.



Community activist Tommy Keogh has been chosen as the Grand Marshall for this years Clondalkin St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Well known for his tireless work in the community, Mr Keogh was selected as the South Dublin County Volunteer of the year winner in 2018.

Cllr Francis Timmons (Ind), Clondalkin Chair of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee said "Tommy Keogh has been at the heart of the Clondalkin community as an unselfish volunteer for over 60 years".

He has given life long service to the Round Tower GAA Club having commenced as a teenager in 1957 serving as player, mentor, committee member, Hall of Fame award winner and Club President . He was honoured to receive the Dublin Lord Mayor Award for Outstanding Volunteering to the Young People of the Round Tower GAA Club.

Over the years Tommy has helped to establish several other voluntary groups in the village viz. Clondalkin Camera Club (1988), Clondalkin Tidy Towns (2012), Clondalkin Round Tower Heritage Group (2012), Friends of the Camac (2017), all vibrant, successful and active clubs which help to make Clondalkin a great place to live in.

In the recent past few years Tommy, and the team of Clondalkin Mens Shed Volunteers, have worked tirelessly in maintaining the upkeep and enhancement of St Brigid's Well on Brideswell Lane, Boot Road.

Clondalkin is so much richer because of Tommy's tireless work for his community.

Well done Tommy!



Hopping off the 13 bus on Monastery Road near the flyover to the Luas, imagine my colourful joy to see the Blackthorn in full bloom in early March. The exquisite delicacy of form and colour on these hit-and-miss days is brave and adventurous. Perhaps this courage is from root stock around the monastery years ago.

Here's the science: Blackthorn (*prunus spinosa*), ((draighean in Irish)) are part of the Rose family and bloom in abandon from now until early April. Only then do the leaves emerge (amazing in it's own right). Then in Autumn, sloes are just begging to make wine (per Botanic Gardens).

Carrying on the journey on the Luas, jump off at Smithfield and nose around the lanes between Smithfield and Benburb Street and feast your senses on the wall murals, the boat, probably a tug, and the contrasting dreamy abstraction just around the corner. If you're a hanglooser, Fegans have a deadly nice place to sit in their quirky inside (includes a cell snug) or my preference, outdoors with an aspect to the fruit Market. Great vibe. Earthy coffee.

Being attentive,

Eddie.

