



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Sunday 27th March 2022

Parish Newsletter

**4th Sunday
of
Lent**



This Sunday's Gospel, the parable of the Prodigal Son, is probably one of the best known of all the parables preached by Jesus. It tells a simple straight-forward story that people can easily understand and relate to. It is rich in meaning and provides plenty for us to think about as we move into the second half of our Lenten season this year.

The parable is set in the context of complaints made by the Pharisees about the ongoing association of Jesus with sinners and the welcome that he had for them. Jesus consistently preaches about the unbounded love of God for everyone. This rankles with the Pharisees who preached a love of God conditional on a person being of good behaviour and right living.

While the parable is usually referred to as that of the Prodigal Son, it is the father who is the key figure in this parable. Even from the very beginning of the parable the father is portrayed as an amazingly generous person. When requested by his younger son, the father gives his son, upfront and without any question, half of the inheritance that would only be his right to claim after the father's death. The father places no restrictions on his younger son and allows him to live as he chooses. The father never loses his love and concern for his younger son regardless of how the young man was squandering his life and resources.

It is the reaction of the father when the errant younger son returns home that captures the attention in this parable. It is so unexpected. The father actually runs to meet his son and welcomes him home with great joy. The father is not interested in hearing excuses or explanations, but sets about immediately restoring his younger son to his place in the home. He celebrates this homecoming in a sumptuous way.

When we began the Lenten journey earlier this month, we promised to repent and be faithful to the Gospel. Regardless of what has happened in our lives, whether our sins and failings have been big or small, God our Father is waiting to welcome us home. Let us not spurn the wonderful opportunity that Lent offers of being reconciled with God.

It takes courage to be honest with ourselves and acknowledge our weaknesses and failings. When we do, and when like the younger son in the parable we make that decision to start out on the road home, we can be confident of God's welcome for us. God delights in showing mercy and extending forgiveness to those who come to him with contrite hearts.

Our God is a God of love and compassion. He watches and waits for us to come home to him this Lent.

Fr. Kieran Coghlan

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

Synod Listening Sessions

SRULEEN - In the Pastoral Centre
Tuesday 29th March at 7.30pm

DEANSRATH - In the Parish Church
Saturday 26th March at 2pm
Saturday 2nd April at 2pm for the young people
(ages 16 and older)

KNOCKMITTEN - During Mass
Sunday 27th March 11am
"What is the Synod?"
Sunday 3rd April after 11am Mass
"Listening Session"

CLONBURRIS - During/After Mass
Saturday 26th March at 6.30pm

CLONDALKIN VILLAGE
Saturday 2nd / Sunday 3rd April at all Masses
"What is the Synod?"
Monday 4th April after 10am and 7.30pm Masses
"Listening Sessions"

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Friday 1st April **St. Ceallach, Bishop**
Saturday 2nd April **St. Francis of Paola, Hermit**

Recently Deceased

**DANIEL DELAHAN, MAY NOLAN,
JOE CRAVEN, ANNA HEGARTY**

May They Rest in Peace

Village Church



Sunday 27th March

6.30pm Vigil Dalton McElroy (34th An)
Mary McElroy (1st An)
Hugh O'Daly (MM) & thanks giving
to those who helped
Desmond Bonner (2nd An)
William Doyle (28th An)

9.00am Special Intention
10.30am Mary MacConalogue (An)
Teresa Hyland (1st An)
Mary Minogue (An)
Donal Dunne (7th An)

12noon Francis & Patricia Farrell (An)
Agnes Nixon (MM)

Monday 28th March

7.30am Sr Maura Casey (MM)
10.00am Mary Kinane

Tuesday 29th March

10.00am Peg Noonan & Peg Nolan

Friday 1st April

First Friday of the Month. Mass offered
for those on the Altar List of the Dead

Saturday 2nd April

10.00am Brendan Gardiner (1st An)

Sunday 3rd April

6.30pm Vigil Liam Callaghan (90th B'day Rem)
Charles Harling (MM)

10.30am Fran Byrne (2nd An)
Mary O'Shea (An)
Mary Furlong (An)
Mary Byrne (2nd An)

12noon Christina Murray (7th An)

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

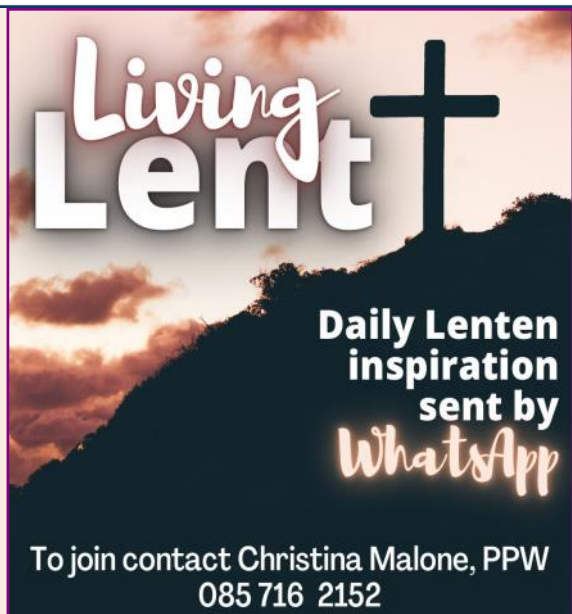


Our candle is always lit for you.

PRAYER FOR 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.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!
Our Lady of Kyiv, pray for us!





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.

Glory be to God for dappled things -
For skies of couple-colour as a brindled cow;
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swims;
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;
Landscape plotted and pieced - fold, fallow, and plough;
And all trades, their gear and tackle and trim.

Gerard Manley Hopkins

A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners

Thanks Chris



When we read the gospel of the prodigal son, we can usually identify with one of the sons. For, just like them, we can define ourselves as lost sheep in need of conversion. However, we should not forget that we are ambassadors of the Lord Jesus on earth, and we should also show the heart of our Father in heaven with our lives. Think about the father in this parable. Would you be able to forgive your child for treating you like this? Wouldn't you think that they made a choice and should deal with the consequences on their own? But God's heart is different. Ask the Holy Spirit today to show you the people you need to forgive, pray for them and show them what God's love for a man really looks like. It is a perfect time to do this.

Kiedy czytamy ewangelię o synu marnotrawnym, zazwyczaj potrafimy wczuć się w rolę jednego z synów. Bo tak samo jak oni możemy siebie określić jako zagubione owce, które potrzebują nawrócenia. Nie powinniśmy jednak zapominać, że jesteśmy ambasadorami Pana Jezusa na ziemi, i naszym życiem powinniśmy także pokazywać serce naszego Ojca w niebie. Pomyśl o ojcu z tej przypowieści. Czy byłbyś w stanie wybaczyć swojemu dziecku, które tak cię potraktowało? Czy nie pomyślałbyś, że dokonało wyboru i powinno samo poradzić sobie z konsekwencjami? Serce Boga jest jednak inne. Poproś dzisiaj Ducha Świętego, aby pokazał ci ludzi, którym powinieneś przebaczyć, pomódl się za nich i pokaż im, jak naprawdę wygląda Boża miłość do człowieka. Nadszedł już czas, abyś to zrobił.

Draft Programme for Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock Saturday April 23rd 2022

11:00am	Tea & Coffee available in St John's Rest & Care as pilgrims arrive.			**Details of Children / Youth programme to follow**
11:45am	Welcome and introduction to workshops			
12:00pm	Sharing of faith story inspired by Knock			
12:15pm	Workshops:			
	<u>Upcoming Synod</u>	<u>Laudato Si</u>	<u>Prayerful Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation</u>	
1:00pm	Pilgrimage Picnic in St John's with tea and coffee available for a small donation. <i>Pilgrims are asked to bring their own packed lunch</i>			
1:45pm	Opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or Eucharistic adoration			
2:30pm	Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica, with Rosary			
3:00pm	Pilgrimage Mass in Basilica celebrated by Archbishop Dermot Farrell with music from members of the OLV Gospel Choir. Procession with the Statue of Our Lady of Knock following Mass (weather permitting)			
4:30pm	Departure			

ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBLIN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Saturday 23rd April 2022

Bus leaving Clondalkin Village at 6.30am. If you would like to book your seat (€15 per adult, €5 per child) please contact Christina Malone on 085 7162152





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



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Do you need help to set up a MyGov. & Email account



South Dublin County Partnership are here to help you!
In the heart of your community
North Clondalkin Library



Free 1.5 hr. Workshop

Call now to register on 0872981637

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

Happy Mother's Day
Granny

BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO SPOIL AND
S N U G G L E
HUG AND HOPE
P R A Y A N D
P A M P E R
BOAST AND BRAG
FOR THEY SHALL
B E C A L L E D
GRANDMOTHERS

A Grandmother Just Like You

*I just want to let you know
You mean the world to me
Only a heart as dear as yours
Would give so unselfishly*

*The many things you've done
All the times that you were there
Help me know deep down inside
How much you really care*

*Even though I might not say
I appreciate all you do
Richly blessed is how I feel
Having a grandmother just like you
Thank you God for my Granny!*



**HAPPY
MOTHER'S
Day!**

A Brief History of Mother's Day

Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother's Day is the early Christian festival known as "Mothering Sunday." Once a major tradition in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe, this celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their "mother church"—the main church in the vicinity of their home—for a special service. The

origins of Mother's Day as celebrated in the United States date back to the 19th century. In the years before the Civil War, Ann Reeves Jarvis of West Virginia helped start "Mothers' Day Work Clubs" to teach local women how to properly care for their children. These clubs later became a unifying force in a region of the country still divided over the Civil War. In 1868 Jarvis organized "Mothers' Friendship Day," at which mothers gathered with former Union and Confederate soldiers to promote reconciliation. Another precursor to Mother's Day came from the abolitionist and suffragette Julia Ward Howe. In 1870 Howe wrote the "Mother's Day Proclamation," a call to action that asked mothers to unite in promoting world peace. In 1873 Howe campaigned for a "Mother's Peace Day" to be celebrated every June 2.

MONDAY CLUB

It is with great delight that we announce the return of the Monday Club on **Monday 28th March** after the 10am Mass in the usual venue.

Kathleen



Maybe it's simply the low comfortable wall to sit down on at Mayfield Bridge en route to Lidl, but wow!! What about the rest?? Right beside me, on my left, the daisies, as is their wont, are out in force in easy reach, hugging and huggable. Zing, zing, an early bumblebee whizzes past me in a zig, zag fashion, catching the breeze, echoes of Summertime in March. Deadly. And then, like an arrow, a male Mallard duck shot straight up from the Camac, gained height and then banked right up along the Camac towards Riversdale, what a treat. Musing over Nature's surprises and the free heat, man, what is that?? A young heron cruising low over my head, legs tucked in. All of us embracing the balmy warm breeze with open hearts and gratitude here and now on Monday at 1.30 pm. A portal to our deeper beings, in stillness. Admiring the Dandelion blooms on Nangor Road. The bumblebee is tucking into a terrific feed of early nectar (too quick for my phone camera).

PS - the River Field is about to explode in a sea of daisies in the next week or two. The wonder of it all.

Eddie



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

POPE AT AUDIENCE: ELDERLY ARE IRREPLACEABLE AT PASSING ON THE FAITH



Continuing his catechesis at the Wednesday General Audience on the meaning and value of old age, Pope Francis turns his attention to the special vocation of the elderly to hand on to new generations their personal experience of the Church's faith.

During the General Audience on Wednesday from the Paul VI Hall, the Pope told those present that, at the end of the exodus, the aged Moses hands down in a magnificent song his own long experience of faith in the Lord who remains ever faithful to his promises.

He explained that the "Song of Moses" is also "the memory of the history lived with God, of the adventures of the people formed from faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." "Moses also remembers the bitterness and disappointments of God Himself: His faithfulness continually put to the test by the infidelities of His people," said the Pope. Nowadays, commented Pope Francis, the Church's efforts to evangelize, and transmit the faith takes place with the aid of books, films and other resources. Yet, he added, nothing can replace the direct person-to-person storytelling of a life-long experience of closeness to God in faith. *"In our culture, which is so 'politically correct,' he noted, 'this path seems to be hindered in many ways.'"*

Therefore, the Pope added, we greatly need the wisdom and experience of the elderly to help new generations know the Church from the inside, to live lives of fidelity to God's word, to persevere in hope amid trials, and to show compassionate love for all our brothers and sisters. In conclusion, the Pope said, "the narration of the history of faith should be like the Canticle of Moses, like the testimony of the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles."

In other words, he continued, "a story capable of recalling God's blessings with emotion and our failings with sincerity."

Finally, Pope Francis encouraged the faithful to value the precious vocation that is the elderly as we cherish the gifts of the past and look forward to the fulfilment of God's promises in the coming of his Kingdom.

(Extract taken from Vatican News website)

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