

Clondalkin Village Parish Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Clonburris # Knockmitten

Sunday 24th April 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Parish Newsletter

# **Divine Mercy**

Since 2000, the Second Sunday of Easter is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The then Pope, John Paul II, introduced this feast to the liturgical calendar at the canonisation of St. Faustina, the Polish nun associated with devotion to Divine Mercy.



The divine mercy of God is most obviously visible to us when we contemplate the passion of Jesus who gave his life on the cross to redeem all humanity. The mercy of God is limitless and available to everyone who seeks it with a humble and contrite heart.

In Sacred Scripture, especially in the Gospels, the mercy of God is clearly proclaimed. On numerous occasions we see Jesus being merciful to the people he encountered. Many of the parables are powerful stories that convey the message of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Peter and Paul, the two great saints of the early Christian community, both experienced that mercy of God in a way that transformed their lives and has left its mark on Christian history. Peter, the chosen companion of Jesus, denied three times that he had ever known Jesus after Jesus had been arrested at the Garden of Gethsemane. When he realised what he had done Peter wept bitterly. Despite this betrayal, Jesus is merciful to Peter and invites him to take up the leadership role in the first Christian community for which he is remembered today. Paul was the ultimate persecutor of the early Christians, unstinting in his zeal to round up and imprison any Christians he came across. After his dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus, Paul becomes the great missionary of the early Church. Paul is instrumental in establishing and sustaining many of the earliest Christian communities. In his writings Paul frequently acknowledges his own failings and the mercy of God that enabled him to be an apostle.

In this Sunday's Gospel we see the doubting Thomas being forgiven for his refusal to believe in the resurrection of Jesus. When Thomas encounters the risen Jesus, he is almost speechless and utters his famous profession of faith - *My Lord and my God*.

This mercy of God is just as available to people today as it was two thousand years ago. When we are truly sorry for our sins and acknowledge our failings before God, Jesus looks with the utmost mercy upon us and forgives us our sins. Jesus restores the relationship damaged by our sinfulness and empowers us to once again go out and be his witnesses in the world.

May the divine love and mercy of Jesus touch your heart this Easter season. As we rejoice in the risen Jesus, may we be strengthened by his mercy to announce the good news of salvation to people everywhere.

Fr. Kieran Coghlan

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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

	Prayer for the Synod	Víllage Church		
	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.	Sunday 24th April 6.30pm Vigil David, Marie, Tony & Michael O'Brien, Philo Fitzpatrick (13th An) May Adams & Tom Adams (11th An) Desmond Murphy (26th An) Patrick & Rita Shanahan (An) 9.00am Paddy & Theresa Green (Rem) Bridie Lynsey (11th An), Tony Tighe (20th An) 10.30am Mary MacConalogue (An) Marie Ryan (3rd An), Joe Craven (MM) 12n0on Veronica Quigley (MM) Martha Glynn (An), Kathleen O'Neill (An) Pamela Delaney (An), Tommy Keegan (13th An) Breeda Whelan (2nd An) Peter Sherry & Kathleen Sherry (An) Liam Callaghan (11th An), Jane Courage (BR)		
	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.			
		Monday 25th April 7.30am Special Intention 10.00am Rose Plunkett (80th Birthday Rem)		
Envelopes for Easter Offerings or Dues are available on the tables in the Church. Thanks to all those who have sent in contributions to date.		Tuesday 26th April 7.30am Pat Ryder (11th An) Wednesday 27th April 10.00am Joe Byrne (An)		
	Christ is risen! We are risen! Each year, we celebrate the great events that give us new life in Christ and, each year, Easter is different because we are different. The great adventure of the synodal pathways has already begun to shape our way of being a community of faith and a solid foundation has been laid. Ultimately, it is not all about	Thursday 28th April 10.00am Josie Burk (An) Friday 29th April 7.30am Special Intention 10.00am Mary Ann, Paddy & John Joe Guihen (An) Sunday 1st May 10.30am Ann McCabe		
	"church" but instead all about the Good News and how we may better proclaim the "yes" of God in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 1:19). We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song!	Recently Deceased Anne Moloney, Thomas (Barry) Callaghan, William Jenkins, Patrick J Byrne, Paul Kiernan May They Rest in Peace		
Copies of Archbishop Dermot Farrell's Pastoral Letter- <i>Living the Hope of Easter -</i> are available in the Church. The letter is also available on the Dublin Diocesan website, www.dublindiocese.ie		<b>PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE</b> 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		
	From Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June for 7 nights – cost €765. Spiritual Advisor Fr. Paul Montague,	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.		
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Spiritual Advisor Fr. Paul Montague, Reaghtown Parish.

Phone James Mc Crave on 087 220 2173 for more details

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

### Feast Days This Week

St. Mark, Evangelist
St. Asicus, Bishop
St. Louis Grignion de Montfort,
Priest
St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr
St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin
and Doctor of the Church
St. Pius V, Pope

Sensing rather than seeing in the predawn, all of Nature's time of expectation, all of Nature is singing in another day, another start, a new tune.

All our blooms are starting to open their eyes to catch the light. See the carpet of daisies in the river field in Watery Lane. Flipping us from night to day, the Sun will always turn up, maybe bright maybe dull. In a fallow time, Cat Stephens was nosing around a bookshop and chanced upon a hymn by Eleanor Farjeon (1881--1965) written in 1931.

At this time in 1971, Cat Stephens was absorbed in making the music for this hymn, when nearby he heard Rick Wakeman practising a composition. They got together and out came " Morning Has Broken". The lyrics, singing and playing are just magical. 9.1 million hits. Just absorb all the notes and words on You Tube. Could it be that Rick Wakeman absorbed the Blackbird's stunning low notes into his playing? Preoccupied, while getting off the 13 bus on Watery Lane, organising my bits and pieces, hearing but not yet seeing, but oh!! How heavenly the sound, those deeply rounded notes effortlessly blending up the scale

and back again. As I turn, there he is, our gifted Blackbird rises his beak straight up and smashes it.

Just soak up his giftedness and wonder in gratitude. *Eddie* 









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



Today's gospel reminds us of the story of Thomas the Apostle who doubted that Jesus was truly risen. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles shows us Peter, who, although he denied Jesus during His Passion, now walked in the power of the Holy Spirit and healed people even with his shadow.

Doubts are a part of the journey in faith. However, let us not allow these doubts to win in our lives. The Lord Jesus invites you to put your hand into His side. Let His mercy renew your heart so that you may become a true witness of the risen Christ.

Dzisiejsza ewangelia przypomina nam historię Tomasza Apostoła, który wątpił, że Jezus naprawdę zmartwychwstał. Pierwsze czytanie z Dziejów Apostolskich pokazuje Piotra, który choć zaparł się Jezusa podczas Jego męki, to teraz chodził w mocy Ducha Świętego i uzdrawiał ludzi nawet swoim cieniem. Wątpliwości są częścią naszej drogi w wierze. Nie pozwólmy jednak by te wątpliwości wygrały w naszym życiu. Pan Jezus zaprasza Ciebie byś włożył rękę w Jego bok. Pozwól by Jego miłosierdzie odnowiło Twoje serce, abyś mógł się stać prawdziwym świadkiem Chrystusa zmartwychwstałego.

# Just think,

you're not here by chance, but by God's choosing.

His hand formed you and made you the person you are.

He compares you to no one else - you are one of a kind.

You lack nothing that His grace can't give you.

He has allowed you to be here at this time in history to

fulfil His special purpose for this generation.

# Sunday 24<sup>h</sup> April 2022

 2-3pm Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament with Divine Mercy Devotions
2-3pm Priests available for confessions - 3.00pm - 3'Clock Prayer 3.30pm. Holy Mass Celebrant: Fr. Ubaldo Muhindo



Special Guest speaker Fr. Dominik Zeierychowski OMI followed by Veneration of The Divine Mercy Image and individual blessing with Relics of St Faustina

## CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY, LUCAN SOUTH, BALGADDY

#### 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 085 202 0300 during normal office hours. Month To donate please use our **Go Fund Me** page: May https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-our-foodbank June 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

Saints never grow old. They never become figures of the past, men and women of 'yesterday'. On the contrary, they are always men and women of the future, witnesses of the world to come.

Pope John Paul II - Lisieux 1980



EASTER BONNETS ON DISPLAY

The ladies from the Villagers Senior Club posing in their very colourful and imposing Easter bonnets.

Well done ladies, you all look splendid!



### 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



Gratitude is the basis of good health and well-being. When you are grateful you will neither overestimate nor underestimate yourself, because you are capable of seeing the value in your actual situation. You will appreciate what is good in your life.

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The founder of Buddhism was once asked to present a talk on truth to his followers. But, instead of talking, he took a flower from a nearby vase and gazed at it. Everyone was puzzled by his behaviour but, suddenly, one person smiled. He understood the point the Buddha was making: words are just words; reality lies in being, not in thinking or speaking.

Excerpts from "Day by Day" by Sister Stan