



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian

Clonburris ☩ Knockmitten

Sunday 3rd April 2022

Parish Newsletter



**FIFTH
SUNDAY
OF LENT**

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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THE GREATNESS OF ABRAHAM - OUR FATHER IN FAITH

The three great Biblical figures of the Covenant are Noah, Abraham and Moses. They were men of great faith who were rewarded for their courage and perseverance by having an unbelievable promise made to them and their descendants by God. This promise is what we call a Covenant. Abraham, the father of the Jewish Nation and by extension also the father of all Christians who grew out of the seedbed of Judaism, was not just a man of faith but a man of great faith. We make acts of faith all the time, some are little and others are of much greater significance. Our little acts of faith do not make much of a demand on us - the greater our act of faith the more we are tested.

The story is told of the tightrope walker who was about to cross a great waterfall. Before he stepped on to the rope he asked the assembled crowd of onlookers if they believed that he could walk across to the other side of the chasm. They all responded "yes" with great anticipation. The daredevil tight rope walker pointed to a wheelbarrow standing next to him. He asked the crowd if they believed he could push this wheelbarrow across the chasm. They all answered "yes" - they believed he could do it. He then asked for a volunteer to get into the wheelbarrow and he would take both across to the other side.

There were no takers. It was easy to have faith when there was little or no risk - it was much more difficult when there was a risk. If we could extend the analogy, Abraham was a man prepared to volunteer to get into God's wheelbarrow and go on the tight rope. It took enormous courage and perseverance to believe in what God promised him and leave his home for a distant country. Not alone that but he convinced his family and relatives to come with him with all their possessions. As he set out he had no idea of what sacrifices would be asked of him or where it would all lead to.

How could he be the father of a great nation since he and his wife Sarah were childless? But Abraham had an unshakable belief that God would provide. And God did provide and kept his promise to the great patriarch of our Jewish and Christian faith. It is because of that Covenant that we are here today participating in the greatest prayer possible, to pray the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

We pray in our Mass today that our faith will also be strong and persevering.

Fr. Padraig

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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

KNOCKMITTEN - During Mass
Sunday 3rd April after 11am Mass
"Listening Session"

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"

As part of the Listening Sessions that are taking place this weekend in Knockmitten and on Monday in the Village Church, I am inviting parishioners to reflect on these four questions:

When you think of your experience of Church, what brings joy?

When you think of your experience of Church, what brings sorrow?

When you think of your experience of Church, what brings fear or anxiety?

When you think of your experience of Church, what brings you hope?

Village Church



Sunday 3rd April

6.30pm Vigil Liam Callaghan (90th B'day Rem)
Charles Harling (MM)
Kathleen & Joe Fagan (An)
Richard Connolly (8th An)

9.00am William Beesley (An)

10.30am Fran Byrne (2nd An)

Mary O'Shea (An)

Mary Furlong (An)

Mary Byrne (2nd An)

12noon Christina Murray (7th An)

Friday 8th April

10.00am Timothy & Elizabeth Kehoe (An)

Sunday 10th April

6.30pm Vigil Dermot Hegarty (B'day Rem)

10.30am Joseph Lernihán & Ann Lynch (An)

12noon Margaret Storan (MM)

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.



Recently Deceased

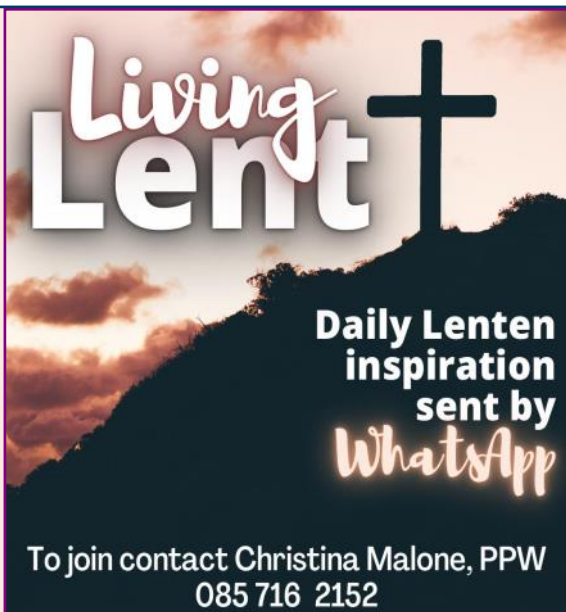
OLIVER O'CONNOR

May He Rest in Peace

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.

DOMINICAN RETREAT CENTRE UPCOMING EVENTS 2022

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A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners



Thanks Chris

God is love. And although we sometimes forget it, the Lord reminds us of it every day in different situations in our lives. It is important to understand that we should be merciful to ourselves as well. We should strive for perfection, as St. Paul says in his letter, but to a perfection not based on one's own strength, but a perfection that comes from faith in Christ. Only then we can allow him to change our hearts. God does not want us to condemn ourselves. The Lord wants to build a relationship with you and help you live your life to the full. Will you let Him into your heart?

Bóg jest miłością. I choć czasami o tym zapominamy, to Pan przypomina nam o tym każdego dnia w różnych sytuacjach naszego życia. Ważnym jest, aby zrozumieć, że powinniśmy być miłośni także dla siebie. Powinniśmy dążyć do doskonałości, jak mówi św. Paweł w swoim liście, ale do doskonałości nie opartej na własnych siłach, ale doskonałości, która pochodzi z wiary w Chrystusa. Tylko wtedy możemy pozwolić mu by przemienił nasze serca. Bóg nie chce, żebyśmy siebie sami potępiali. Pan chce zbudować z tobą relację i pomóc ci żyć pełnią życia. Czy wpuścisz Go do swojego serca?

Our brightest blazes of gladness are
commonly kindled by unexpected
sparks.

Samuel Johnson

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 Church at 7 a.m. 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 10-12.30.
- **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

VILLAGERS SENIOR CLUB

We had students from Colaiste Bride Transition Year down with us on Tuesday. They brought us cakes for our tea and set us a Quiz which they had prepared themselves and which was most enjoyable. We had a great morning and they also had prizes for winners.

We would like to say a big "thanks" to the girls and teacher Grace Lanigan for making it a most enjoyable morning.

Geraldine



Grand Marshall Tommy Keogh with grandson Fionn

It was also bittersweet for the Parade as Vincent Dolan, Founder and Director of Clondalkin Youth Band retired after 37 years and passed on the baton to the new Director, Neal Christopher, on the viewing stand. Grand Marshall Tommy Keogh assisted by his grandson Fionn were driven in style through the village leading the parade.

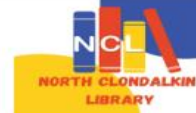
PHOTOS OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE IN CLONDALKIN

After an absence of 2 years due to Covid, the St. Patrick's Day Parade returned to Clondalkin and thousands hit the streets to support the event. The organizers believe that this year's Parade may well have been the biggest attendance ever with estimates of 10,000 lining the streets in support.

Vincent saying "Goodbye"



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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



Supporting older people to age at home

Monday Club 28th March 2022

We got started in the Monday Club this week. We had about a dozen persons present. It was truly wonderful to see the regulars back as it was over two years since we all were together.

It was tinged with sadness too as we have lost quite a few since the last club meeting over two years ago. Our condolences to all families who have been bereaved. We just had a catchup chat and cups of tea and coffee and bickies.

Fr Kieran and Deacon Don joined us too which was wonderful.

Our grateful thanks to John for all his valuable help in setting up tables etc. Thank you John and Julie for your support as I was a bit anxious, but it all worked out well thank God.

As I mentioned a number of members have gone to God, the latest was Anna Hegarty. Anna along with her husband Frank attended the club and taught us how to make St Brigid's Crosses.

Sincere sympathy to Frank and family, and to all who have been bereaved since we last met.

We will do our best to be safe and keep the club going on as before.

Meanwhile be safe and stay safe.

Kathleen R

Soaking up the sheer beauty of the new red leaves on the Red Robin shrub outside the Village Church, there I was rapt in attention when I thought I saw a tinge of purple on my right. It couldn't be, a flower in full bloom on March 26th.

What a surprise?? An unexpected gift. So early, so summery, so joyous, the Honesty plant is showing lovely purple flowers. Honesty has lovely large green leaves with serrated edges and is growing in the two planters as well.

Buoyed up and buzzing, I am filling the watering can behind the sacristy, when it got even better. The bumblebee landed right in front of me to feed which he has to do every day as they don't store honey. I captured the hornet on a dandelion as well.

So be attentive and enjoy all the gifts of nature and share your new found gifts verbally with people you encounter on your way. Deadly.

Eddie



St John Baptist de la Salle (1651-1719) - Feast Day 7th April

Born into a wealthy family at Reims in northern France, John-Baptist studied at the Seminary of St Sulpice in Paris, was ordained a priest in 1678 and received his doctorate in theology two years later. While he was serving as a priest at Reims, a layman, Adrial Nyel, who had opened free schools in Rouen asked John-Baptist to help do the same thing in Reims. Thinking at first this entailed just a marginal supervisory involvement, John-Baptist soon found that the teachers were not fully competent and decided to take them into his own house to train them. This caused a rift with his family. Two of his brothers left the house and five of the teachers left as well. But it was the beginning of a new concept of a community of men devoted to Christian teaching. Soon John-Baptist and twelve others took simple vows of obedience and became an apostolic religious congregation known as "the Brothers of the Christian Schools". Teaching was to be their way to attaining holiness. They started a training college for teachers in Reims in 1686. John-Baptist encountered opposition especially from those who felt that the poorer classes should not be educated beyond manual skills and from church authorities who disliked his new form of apostolic religious life. De La Salle believed it was better to instruct his pupils through the vernacular (French) rather than through Latin, because in this way they could learn to read more easily. He also adopted the "simultaneous method" where pupils were graded according to their capacity, putting those of equal attainment in the same class, giving them the same text-books, and requiring them to follow the same lesson under one and the same teacher. Both these developments were innovations in educational method at the time. Opposition within church circles led to John-Baptist being deposed by Cardinal Louis-Antoine de Noailles, Archbishop of Paris, for a time and replaced as superior in 1702, but this was allowed to lapse through intense opposition to it by the Brothers themselves. However, some confrères did leave the order. Eventually at a chapter held in 1717 his trusted colleague Brother Barthélemy was elected superior and John-Baptist resigned. Two years later John-Baptist died on Good Friday 7th April 1719. Pope Leo XIII canonised him in 1900 and Pope Pius XII declared him patron of teachers in 1950. The De La Salle Brothers have about 5,000 members today working in 80 countries worldwide.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

<i>Monday 4th April</i>	St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
<i>Tuesday 5th April</i>	St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
<i>Thursday 7th April</i>	St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

Acknowledging the good you already have in your life is the foundation for all abundance.



Eckhart Tolle