



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Sunday 8th May 2022

Parish Newsletter

**4th Sunday
of
Easter**

MIRRORING THE GOOD SHEPHERD

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter each year the Gospel reading is taken from chapter 10 of St John's Gospel which develops the theme of the Good Shepherd. Shepherds were part of daily life in Jesus' time. A good shepherd knew his sheep by name, cared for and protected them. They recognised his voice and followed him wherever he led them. Jesus used the image of the shepherd to describe himself and his relationship with us. The church is the sheepfold. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.



Following him and listening to his voice is our calling.

We all have a calling, an occupation to which we are especially drawn. We refer to this as our vocation in life. By living out our baptismal call to follow and imitate Jesus we discover what our specific call is. We can do this as a single or married person, an ordained priest or a vowed religious. Regardless of whatever path we choose, we are all called to a personal relationship with God, to love and care for others and the environment and to live our lives according to the Gospel.

Before being called to SOMETHING we are called to SOMEONE. Before being called to DO we are called to BE.

It is fitting that Good Shepherd Sunday is a day of special prayer for vocations to the work of service in the church. While praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life let us not forget the good people who volunteer as members of parish councils, readers, ministers of the Eucharist, choir leaders, members of various groups, parish workers, finance committees, St Vincent de Paul, prayer groups, all who have heard the call of the Good Shepherd and follow him in service.

Jesus said, *"The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will steal them from me."*

Shepherd is one of the biblical titles for a leader. Parents, teachers, ministers of Church and State are called to exercise the gift of leadership. They are entrusted with authority and the care of others. They are the shepherds of today. Their model is Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday let us remember and celebrate with gratitude, all who are shepherding us by touching our lives, mirroring the Good Shepherd for us and leading by example.

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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CONFIRMATIONS

Wednesday 11th May

Scoil Áine (11am) and Scoil Íde (1pm)

Thursday 12th May

Clonburris NS (11am)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Saturday 14th May

Gaelscoil Chluain Dolcáin
(10am and 12noon)

We keep in our prayers the children and young people in our parish schools who will receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation over the coming weeks.

THE BUILDING HOPE PRAYER

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.

You constantly journey with us
even in our darkness and doubts.

We seek your way of loving kindness
to walk together as one family.

Open our eyes to recognize you

In the faces of one another,

In the breaking of bread
and in the splendour of creation.

May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope
and new life deep within us.

May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word,
bringing forth truth, justice and peace.

May the Holy Spirit working in
and through us do much more
than we can dare to imagine

as we live out our baptismal calling
in humble and loving service.

We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord.
Amen

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

St. Laurence O'Toole, pray for us.

St. Kevin, pray for us.

St. Brigid, pray for us.



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.

Village Church



Sunday 8th May

6.30pm Vigil

Michael O'Donoghue (1st An)

Willie Kennedy (An)

Anthony O'Brien (4th An)

9.00am

Special Intention

10.30am

Carol Nolan (9th An)

Camilla Martin (28th An)

12noon

John Talbot (4th An)

George Reilly (An)

Fergal O'Sullivan (RIP)

Friday 13th May

10.00am Oliver O'Connor (MM)

Saturday 14th May

10.00am Charlie Weily (An)

Sunday 15th May

6.30pm Vigil

Mary Keane (An)

Jason Turner (2nd An)

Nancy O'Connor (California) - Rem

Douglas Luck (An), James Kernan (An)

10.30am

Bridie Murray (An)

12noon

Pamela McCabe (4th An)



Recently Deceased

PATRICK JOSEPH (PAT) LAMBERT

May He Rest in Peace

Supporting Lay Ministry in the Archdiocese of Dublin

Annual collection at all Masses next weekend,
14th/15th May, in place of the usual Share collection.

The Lay Ministry Collection supports the development of a variety of lay ministries, providing for more women and men to work alongside priests and deacons.



Congratulations to

Jillian Smith and Stephen McCabe

who were married recently.

*Start and end every day, and in
between times too, by thanking
God for everything.*

Norman Vincent Peale

Sunday 8th May

World Day of Prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

“At the heart of the Christian vocation is an invitation, the same invitation Jesus extended to the first disciples, to ‘come, follow me... I will make you fish for people’.”

– Archbishop Dermot Farrell.

Priests and parishes are invited to pray for vocations to the priesthood in the Archdiocese.

Further information, as well as contact information for Diocesan Vocations Director

Fr Séamus McEntee and Assistant Director

Fr Bill O’Shaughnessy, can be found at

<https://dublindiocese.ie/vocations/>

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, our Father, you have called us in Baptism to follow your Son Jesus through lives of loving service to you and to one another. Grant us your assistance guided by the Holy Spirit to live out our vocation in life. We pray especially for those who have answered your call as priests, brothers, sisters, deacons and lay ministers. Keep them faithful in following your Son and dedicated in serving their brothers and sisters. Grant that many more men and women will be open to the challenge of dedicating their lives in the ministry of building your Kingdom.
We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen

A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners

Thanks Chris



Jesus is the Good Shepherd. One day we will stand before His throne in heaven. And we will never feel hungry or thirsty again. The Lord will never let us be lost again and He will wipe away all our tears. However, this beautiful vision from the Book of Revelation comes at a great price. To endure persecution in faith and to be completely immersed in the mystery of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. How to do it? Learn to listen to His voice and follow your shepherd wherever he takes you.

Jezus jest Dobrym Pasterzem. Pewnego dnia staniemy przed Jego tronem w niebie. I już nigdy więcej nie będziemy odczuwać głodu ani pragnienia. Pan już nigdy nie pozwoli byśmy się zagubili, i otrze wszystkie nasze łzy. Ta piękna wizja z Księgi Apokalipsy ma jednak wielką cenę. Przetrwąć w wierze prześladowania i całkowicie zagłębić się w tajemnicę ofiary Chrystusa na krzyżu. Jak to zrobić? Naucz się słuchać Jego głosu i podążaj za swoim pasterzem gdziekolwiek cię poprowadzi.

Feast Days This Week

Tuesday 10th May

St. Comgall, Abbot

St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Thursday 12th May

St. Nereus & St. Achilleus, Martyrs

Friday 13th May

St. Pancras, Martyr

Our Lady of Fatima

Saturday 14th May

St. Matthias, Apostle

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima - 13th May

Lúcia Santos and her two cousins, Jacinta and Francisco Marto were three shepherd children to whom Our Lady appeared at Fatima in Portugal on the 13th day of six consecutive months starting on 13th May 1917.

Lúcia described the vision as “*brighter than the sun*” and said the lady told them three secrets, asked them to do penance and make sacrifices to save sinners. The children then began to wear tight cords around their waists, abstained from drinking water on hot days and did other works of penance. The lady told them to say the Rosary every day, and that saying the Rosary was the way to ‘*personal peace and world peace.*’ On 13th October, with a crowd of 70,000 people gathered, there appeared to be a fast and whirling movement of the sun that bystanders called “*dancing*” and these phenomena were visible for up to forty kilometres away.



Less than two years later, in 1919, Francisco died of influenza in his family home. He was 11.

Jacinta died the next year of influenza in Lisbon. She was just 10. During her illness she offered her suffering for the conversion of sinners, peace in the world and the Holy Father. She was re-buried in the Fatima basilica in 1951. In a public ceremony at Fatima on 13th May 1989 Pope John Paul II declared both Francisco and Jacinta venerable and returned there to beatify them on 13th May 2000. Jacinta is the youngest non-martyred child ever to be beatified.

Lúcia moved to Oporto in 1921 and at 14 was admitted as a boarder in the School of the Sisters of St. Dorothy in Vilar. In October 1925, she became a postulant in the Dorothean convent in Tuy, Spain, made her first vows there on 3rd October 1928 and her perpetual vows on 3rd October 1934. She had been blind and deaf for some years prior to her death of cardio-respiratory failure, due to her advanced age. This came on 13th February 2005. The 13th day of the month had been the date of the apparitions. The day of her funeral, February 15, 2005, was declared a day of national mourning in Portugal. On the third anniversary of her death, 13th February 2008, Pope Benedict XVI announced that in Lúcia's case he was waiving the five year waiting period prescribed by ecclesiastical law before opening a cause for beatification, thus putting her on a fast track for canonisation, as was done for Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul II. (Taken from CatholicIreland.net)



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@quarryvalefric.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

LIVING THE HOPE OF EASTER

Copies of Archbishop Dermot Farrell's Pastoral Letter are available in the Church. The letter is also available on the Dublin Diocesan website, www.dublindiocese.ie

This moment is all you have. The past is already lost, the future may be promising but it is still a fairy tale. Only the present is, and it always is. There is no moment in which you are not in the present. You are eternally immersed in it.

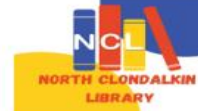
When someone is bereaved, the only thing you can do is be there to listen when they need to talk, and be silent when silence is best. Recognise that the bereavement is theirs, not yours, and do not try to stop the pain or rush them through their grieving. They need love and patience. And they need time.

When you really live in hope, you do not deny darkness or negativity or pain, but neither do you give in or resign yourself to it. In hope you hold all the abuse and conflicts all around you, the wars, the misuse of power, the abuse and neglect of people, believing that the Divine power is greater than the tragedy you see around you.

(Extracts taken from the book "Day by Day" by Sister Stan)



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a MyGov. & Email account**



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**Free 1.5 hr.
Workshop**

**Call now to register
on 0872981637**

Month	Workshop	Date & Time
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**



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!**

"A Something in a Summer's Day" - a nuance--some sky, light and magic--just something, azure, purple, amber or red--all swell the heart and as long as Summer lasts are inexhaustible. Here come the golden buttercups--a riot of yellow and white in the river field in Watery Lane-- Magical!!

In 1862, Emily Dickinson (1830-1886) pumped it up from deep inside and out came "A Something in a Summer's Day"

"A Something in A Summer's Day
As slow her flambeaux burn away
Which solemnizes me

A Something in a Summer's noon--
A depth--an azure--a perfume--
Transcending ecstasy.

And still within a Summer's night
A something so transporting bright,
I clap my hands to see--

Then veil my too inspecting face,
Lest such a subtle--shimmering grace,
Flutter too far from me.

*Echoing deep within the shimmering images above
and nurturing them is this tonic:*

"Hope is The Thing with Feathers"
(Emily Dickinson 1830--1886)

"Hope is a thing with feathers--
That perches in the soul--
and sings the tune without the words--
And never stops--at all--

And Sweetest--in the Gale--
Is heard--
And sore must be the storm--
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm--

I've heard it in the chilliest land--
And on the strangest Sea--
Yet--never--in extremity,
It asked a crumb--of me.

What a kicker!!

Eddie



Prayer
is the key
to heaven,
but *faith*
unlocks
the door.



"Hope is like a bird that senses the dawn and carefully starts to sing while it is still dark."

POPE'S MAY PRAYER INTENTION : "For Faith-Filled Young People"



As the Church marks the Marian month of May and prepares for the upcoming World Meeting of Families in late June, Pope Francis is urging Catholics to pray for young people and their response to God's call to holiness. He held up the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary as a model for Christian family life. *"When I think of a model with whom young people can identify, our Mother, Mary, always comes to mind: her courage, the way she knew how to listen, and her dedication to service."*

Pope Francis lauded Mary's courageous and determined "yes" to the Lord, and called on young Catholics to imitate her readiness to improve the world.

He said young people must learn to take risks, in order to "build something new, a better world."

"Don't forget that in order to follow Mary you need to discern and discover what Jesus wants from you, not what you might think you can do," said the Pope.

Pope Francis wrapped up his video message by inviting everyone to pray for young people as they make their way through life.

"Let us pray, brothers and sisters, that all young people, called to live life to the fullest, may discover in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage of faith, and dedication to service."

(Taken from vaticannews.va)

LACK OF FAITH

There's a story of a man who was hiking in the mountains. Suddenly he slipped and fell over a very steep cliff. Fortunately, a bush was growing from the side of the rocky cliff and the man was able to grab hold of it. It was a long way up and a long way down and all the poor man could do was hold on to that bush for dear life. In desperation, he called out "Is anyone up there?" A voice answered, "Yes, this is God." "Lord, please help me," the man cried out. "But do you trust me?" asked God. "Yes, I trust you, Lord" replied the man. "Then let go," commanded God. To which the man shouted, "Is there anyone else up there?"

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