



Parish Newsletter

Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian

Clonburris  **Knockmitten**

Sunday 26th June 2022

13th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

THE TOUCH OF A MASTER'S HAND

The story is told of a grandmother baking a cake while the granddaughter looks on. All grandmothers know that children can be very profound and her granddaughter asks the RBQ (real big questions) "Why suffering, earthquakes, famine – why does God allow it?" Grandma says, God brings good out of suffering – He turns evil inside out and makes it good. She then says to her granddaughter "Eat the flour" – "Yuk, nobody eats flour" "Eat the raw eggs" – "Yuk, nobody eats raw eggs" "Eat the salt" – "Yuk, nobody eats salt"... "Beat the eggs, wet the flour and mix them carefully. Put them in the oven and, hey presto, a beautiful delicious cake". The original ingredients could not be eaten by anyone. But in spite of the "yuks" factor in these original ingredients, there is good in them. When they are combined in their proper combination, proportions and placed for a certain amount of time in an oven by a skilled cook like the grandmother in our story, the result comes out in a most unexpected way. Her granddaughter was happy to eat the delicious cake that came out of the whole process.

God is like the grandmother – He brings good out of suffering, He turns misfortune inside out and makes good out of it. All in its own good time and often in a way we don't expect. The touch of a Master's Hand.

The story is told "A dusty battered old violin was being auctioned along with other antiques that were cleared out of a derelict house. As it went up for bidding, there were no takers, nobody wanted such an apparently useless musical instrument.

But then an elderly grey haired man came forward and picked up the violin. He dusted it down and tightened the strings. He took the bow and then played a melody pure and sweet as a caroling angel sings. When the old man had finished, the stunned auctioneer took the violin and quietly asked "What am I bid now for the old violin?" "A thousand dollars, who will make it two?" "Two thousand now, who will make it three?" "Three thousand, once, twice, going, going, gone" he said. The astounded crowd cheered but some of them cried "What changed its worth, what made it so valuable" they asked. "The touch of a master's hand" came the reply.

No matter how troubled, how messy or how exasperating a person's life is, all will be well in its own good time. If we persevere and remain faithful, God will turn our troubles inside out – the touch of the Master's Hand

Fr. Padraig

(Ref. Myra Brooks Welsh)

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 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.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY

Meeting on Wednesday 29th June in the
Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass

Farewell gathering for Fr. Padraig O'Sullivan and Christina Malone

As recently announced by Archbishop Dermot Farrell, Fr. Padraig who has been a priest in our parish since 2012, and Christina who has been a pastoral worker in our parish since 2015, have both been assigned to new appointments. In recognition of their contribution to our parish, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Church on **Wednesday next, 29th June, at 7.30pm**

followed afterwards by a social gathering in the GAA Clubhouse on Convent Road.

All parishioners are welcome to attend to express their appreciation to Fr. Padraig and Christina for all that they have done in our parish over the years.

Village Church



Sunday 26th June

6.30pm Vigil

Pat McDaid (20th An)

Jamie Murray (3rd An)

Barbara & Jim McDonagh & Rose McLoughlin

10.30am

Mary McConalogue

12noon

Úna Sweeney (3rd An)

Sadie O'Sullivan (4th An)

Maura Gaffney (7th An)

Monday 27th June

7.30am

Bernie & Maurice White (Rem)

Tuesday 28th June

7.30am

May & Jimmy Cahill (Rem)

Friday 1st July - First Friday of the Month

7.30am & 10.00am

Masses offered for all those
on the Altar List of the Dead

Saturday 2nd July

10.00am

Patryk Koza (2nd An) and

Matthew John Kania (22nd An)

Sunday 3rd July

6.30pm Vigil

Shane O'Mahony (An)

10.30am

Kathleen Henry (4th An)

12noon

Agnes Smyth (An)

Joseph Moloney (16th An)



Archdiocese of Dublin
Ard Deoise Átha Cliath

SUMMER OFFERINGS

The Archbishop has again this year invited parishioners to make a contribution to the support of their priests over the Summer months.

Due to not having public Mass during the Covid pandemic and the inability to take up collections normally done at Mass, the fund to support priests, both those in active ministry and also sick and retired priests, has become substantially depleted.

Envelopes for Summer Offerings are available on the tables in the Church.



RECENTLY DECEASED

PADDY TAYLOR

May He Rest in Peace

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

7th to 12th September

Parishioners are invited to become Associate Members of the pilgrimage by signing their names on the sheet in the Parish Shop and making a donation to support the costs incurred in bringing sick pilgrims to Lourdes.

The intentions of Associate Members will be remembered at Masses in Lourdes during the pilgrimage.



Lectio Divina, under the guidance of Sr. Anne, takes place each Tuesday in the Pastoral Centre after 10 o'clock Mass

The island is open again for the traditional 3 day pilgrimage season which runs from **1st June until 15th August.**

More information is available on their website, www.loughderg.org

Pre-booking is advisable this year either online or by phone to 071-9861518.



Feast Days This Week

Monday 27th June	St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Tuesday 28th June	St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday 29th June	St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles
Thursday 30th June	The First Martyrs of the Church of Rome
Friday 1st July	St. Oliver Plunkett, Bishop and Martyr

The goodness of God knows how to use our own disordered wishes and actions, often lovingly turning them to our advantage, while always preserving the beauty of His order.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners

Thanks Chris

Sometimes life seems really great. We are surrounded by people that we love and respect. We do things that bring us joy. It's hard to change anything, because we really like it as it is. Jesus tells us today that we should not look back when we start following Him. It doesn't mean to forget about the whole world we have been living in so far. But He wants us to be completely free. So that we may let ourselves be led by the Holy Spirit and not let our attachments to this world keep us from living and preaching the gospel of God's kingdom in the place and time that God desires for us.

Czasami nasze życie wydaje się być prawie doskonałe. Jesteśmy otoczeni ludźmi, których kochamy i szanujemy. Robimy rzeczy, które sprawiają nam radość. I trudno jest nam cokolwiek zmienić, bo po prostu lubimy to co mamy i gdzie jesteśmy. Pan Jezus mówi do nas dzisiaj, że nie powinniśmy oglądać się za siebie, gdy zaczynamy iść za Nim. Nie chodzi o to, abyśmy zapomnieli o całym świecie. Ale żebyśmy byli całkowicie wolni. Abyśmy dali się poprowadzić Duchowi Świętemu i nie pozwolili, aby nasze przywiązania do tego świata powstrzymały nas od głoszenia ewangelii o królestwie Bożym w miejscu i czasie, których dla nas pragnie Bóg.

When we pray courageously the Lord not only gives us grace, he gives us his very self in the grace. The Lord never gives or sends a grace by post: he brings it himself, he is grace!

Pope Francis

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God, please give to your Church today many more priests after your own heart. May they be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd. May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer and penance; be examples of humility and poverty; shining models of holiness; tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God; zealous dispensers of your grace in the sacraments. May their loving devotion to your Son Jesus in the Eucharist and to Mary his Mother be the twin fountains of fruitfulness for their ministry

(St. John Vianney)



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



KNOW YOUR FAITH
Come to
PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AND MINISTRY

An Adult Faith Development Programme

Application is now open for the next intake of participants for *Pathways*. The programme, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, begins this year on Thursday 29th. September 2022 (7.00p.m. – 9.30 p.m.) in DCU St. Patrick's Campus, Upper Drumcondra Rd, Dublin, 9.

Places are limited so early application is advisable

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week course, for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year, with breaks for Christmas, Easter and mid-terms. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. The cost is €400 per year which may be paid in instalments throughout the year.

For more information please visit our webpage:

www.missionministry.ie or contact: **Pathways**

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COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE



Supporting older people to age at home

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

CLONDALKIN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Saturday 27th August

All in price **€45** per person to include bus, refreshments on the way down and 3 course meal on return journey.

Bus departing from the Church at 8am and arriving home 9.30pm - 10pm.

To book a seat, leave your name, phone number and money in an envelope in the Sacristy for the attention of Kathleen Ryder

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!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

We wish to advise that The Society of St. Vincent de Paul collections are held on the first Sunday of every month at the Church of the Presentation, Knockmitten and on the second Sunday of every month at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Clondalkin Village.

We thank you for your continued support.

Walking down Watery Lane, they burst on me, a succession of white trumpet blooms draped on the stonewall of Aras Chronain-- a well of gratitude sweeps me up for Mid Summer time.

Not to be outdone, floating down Watery Lane, the Starlings are still harping on. I come to Woodford Walk, New Nangor Road Junction and look at the Blue Vetch plant in full bloom and the multi headed huge thistles--Mid Summer Sun at it's most powerful. Be closely attentive or you'll miss the lot.

Eddie



First Things First

Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." Luke 9:61-62 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 9:51-62



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BIRDS	HEAD	WALKING	FOXES	AIR
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MAN	JESUS	PLACE	SON	MAN

FEAST OF ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT (1629-81) - FEAST DAY 1st JULY

Oliver Plunkett was born into an aristocratic Norman family at Loughcrew, Oldcastle, Co Meath in 1629. The first great formative influence on him was his uncle Patrick, a Cistercian monk, who was Abbot of St Mary's in Dublin and then became bishop of Ardagh and later still of Meath. Oliver was sent to his uncle for his education and he always spoke of him with great respect and affection.

By the time he was ordained priest in Rome in 1654, the Cromwellian conquest of Ireland was well under way. When in 1669 he was appointed archbishop of Armagh, his uncle Patrick Plunkett was the only active Catholic bishop remaining in Ireland.

Oliver's return to Ireland from Rome was difficult. The people had faith, but lacked instruction and organisation. In the absence of bishops, the priests had lost their discipline, and there were rivalries among religious and between them and the secular clergy. There were divisions among Catholics – between native Irish and Anglo-Irish. In the first three years Oliver worked diligently to restore discipline. He established a school staffed by Jesuits in Drogheda for the education of young men and clergy. He pleaded for places in Rome for others, and travelled widely – often in disguise – confirming and instructing the people and promoting peace.

But in 1673 the revelation that the Duke of York, the King's brother and heir to the throne, had been a Catholic for years caused a storm in the English parliament and forced the tightening of the penal laws against Catholics both in England and Ireland. This led to the closing down of the school at Drogheda. By law Oliver should have registered with the authorities and waited for a ship to deport him, but he took a decision not to desert his flock and went into hiding. He weathered this crisis and continued his pastoral work as best he could, continually keeping in touch with Rome.

In England in 1678 an ex-Jesuit student Titus Oates fabricated his infamous "plot". According to this there was an arrangement that the King (Charles II) was to be murdered and his Catholic brother James put on the throne; in Ireland a Catholic army supported by the Pope and France was alleged to be ready to rise in rebellion. Oliver again had to go into hiding. In December 1679 he was arrested and imprisoned in Dublin Castle – in the next cell to Archbishop Peter Talbot of Dublin who had also been implicated in the plot. Talbot was quite ill and distressed and Plunkett forced his way in to him to console him and give him absolution before he died.

Only gradually did Oliver realise that he was being framed as the prime mover of a supposed Irish branch of the Popish plot and charged falsely with conspiring with foreign kingdoms to import troops through Irish ports. Brought to Dundalk for trial, the prosecution witnesses failed to attend: no jury in Ireland could have convicted him on such trumped-up charges. He was then taken to London for trial, but was not allowed time to bring his own witnesses and documents. Here, with four renegade priests testifying against him, he was convicted.

In the process of facing these false allegations and then death by being hanged, drawn and quartered, Oliver prayed and fasted. His servant and friend James McKenna and a fellow prisoner Fr Maurus Corker were the companions of his last days and he celebrated the Eucharist daily for the last week of his life. When his moment came, he was calm and at peace.

In his speech from the gallows at Tyburn, England, he detailed the charges brought against him and declared himself innocent of them all. He forgave those who brought him from Ireland to London for trial, his judges who did not allow him time to bring his records and witnesses from Ireland, and all who concurred directly and indirectly in taking away his life. Finally, he asked forgiveness of all whom he ever offended. He was the last person to be martyred for the Catholic faith in England in 1681.

Oliver Plunkett was beatified in 1920 and canonised in 1975, the first new Irish saint for almost 700 years.

(Taken from Catholic Ireland Archive of the Saints)