



Parish Newsletter

# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception & St. Killian*

**Clonburris**  **Knockmitten**

**Sunday 7th August 2022**

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of  
Ordinary  
Time**

The idea that the kingdom of God is both a gift and a challenge is very present in the extract from the gospel that is put before us today. The encouraging opening words inspire confidence in the hearers as Jesus reminds his 'little flock' that there is no need for fear because the kingdom has been given. So if the disciples are not to fear, what should they do? Jesus answers this question in a most challenging way by telling them to think differently about the world and their place in it. They should not be concerned about wealth or the exercise of power; rather they should busy themselves doing what the Lord asks of them as any good servant would do. Jesus puts it to his disciples very sternly — much has been given you, so much will be expected from you. This is not to inspire fear but to inspire reflection on how gifted we truly are.



Both today's readings highlight the meaning of faith, and stress that it has more to do with trusting in God than it has with believing certain truths. On the night of Passover the Israelites, who were a powerless band of runaway slaves, were escaping from the greatest empire in the world. They were heading out into the wilderness not knowing their final destination.

Equally Abraham and Sarah were asked to set out for a land they did not know and to leave everything with which they were familiar.

In following Christ, we too are asked to take God's hand and to follow a path which is often at odds with the values of the world in which we live. We are to be Christ's instruments as he reaches out to those most in need.

*Sean Goan*

*Studied scripture in Rome, Jerusalem and Chicago. Teaches at Blackrock College and works with Le Chéile.*

## 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

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## Parish Office

The Parish Office is closed due to annual leave.  
It will re-open on Monday 15th August.  
You can contact the parish by email at  
[office@clondalkinparish.com](mailto:office@clondalkinparish.com)  
or by leaving a voicemail on **01-4593520**  
or by calling to the sacristy at Mass times.



Lectio Divina, led by Sr. Anne,  
takes place each Tuesday in  
the Parish Centre after 10am  
Mass.

## Lough Derg

The traditional 3 day pilgrimage  
season ends on 15th August.  
More information is available on  
their website, [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

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



## PRAYER MEETING

The Prayer Meeting has been changed to  
the Parish Centre every Wednesday at  
7.30pm. Come and see.

*All Are Welcome*

## 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.***

## Village Church



### Sunday 7th August

**10.30am** Liam Heffernan Snr (9th An)  
Lyndsey Comer (5th An)  
Ruby Tighe (16th An)  
Tommy Curran (An)

### Monday 8th August

**7.30am** Special Intention

### Wednesday 10th August

**10.00am** Special Intention

### Thursday 11th August

**7.30am** Special Intention  
**10.00am** Julia Weily (An)

### Friday 12th August

**10.00am** John Mulholland (An)

### Sunday 14th August

**6.30pm Vigil** Mary Stack Bracken (2nd An)

## Welcome

**We welcome Fr. Brian McKittrick who  
takes up his new appointment in our  
parish this weekend.**

## Feast Days This Week

Monday 8th August

**St. Dominic, Priest**

Tuesday 9th August

**St. Teresa Benedicta, Virgin  
and Martyr**

Wed 10th August

**St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr**

Thursday 11th August

**St. Clare, Virgin**

Friday 12th August

**St. Attracta of Killaraght, Virgin  
St. Jane Frances de Chantal,  
Religious**

**St. Lelia of Killeely, Virgin  
St. Muredach of Killala, Bishop**

Saturday 13th August

**St. Fachtna, Bishop  
St. Pontian, Pope and  
St. Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs**



The St. Vincent de Paul Church  
Gate Collection will take place  
this Saturday and Sunday,  
**6th and 7th August**, at the  
Church of the Presentation, Knockmitten.

Next weekend, 13th & 14th August, the  
Collection will take place at the Village  
Church after all Masses.

## 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.



**The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock** will take place from Sunday 14th – Monday 22nd August 2022.



The Novena offers nine days of reflection and prayer and a chance to reconnect with your faith in the unique and sacred space of Knock Shrine. This year, our

theme is *'A Journey in Hope'*. The purpose of the Novena is to recognise the unique role that Knock, as an International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine, has to play in the life of the Irish Church and to honour Our Lady, the Mother of God. Ceremonies will take place in the Basilica at 3pm and 8pm over the course of the nine days with guest speakers present during each ceremony. We also look forward to the return of the special candlelight procession, a traditional feature of the Novena at Knock, which takes place following the 8pm ceremony (weather permitting). For full schedule of guest speakers see [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)



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 are available on the tables in the Church.

## St. Jane Frances de Chantal (1572-1641)

Feast Day 12<sup>th</sup> August

Jeanne de Chantal was born into a wealthy family in Dijon, France. At the age of twenty she married a baron, Christophe de Rabutin. It was a happy marriage, despite the fact that three of their seven children died in infancy. In 1600, after eight years of marriage, her husband was killed in a hunting accident. In the following years, as she struggled with her children's



upbringing, her heart increasingly turned to the attractions of religious life. She vowed that she would never again marry.

In 1604 she heard a sermon preached by the bishop of Geneva, Francis de Sales. This was a turning point in her life, the beginning of a deep spiritual friendship and partnership that would advance them both along their respective paths to sanctity. Francis was already renowned as a preacher and spiritual director. Rather than present the spiritual life as something fit only for monks and nuns, he tried to present a spirituality accessible to everyone and capable of being lived out in the world. Jeanne immediately responded to his message and asked him to become her spiritual director.

After several years, in 1610, the two of them founded the Order of the Visitation of Mary, a congregation dedicated to prayer and works of charity. Their original intention was that the order would be adapted for widows and other women who, for reasons of health or age, could not endure the rigours of enclosed life. But the plan met with such sharp disapproval from ecclesiastical authorities that in the end Jeanne consented to accept enclosure.

Jeanne proved a gifted superior, combining superb administrative skills with a profound instinct for the spiritual life. "No matter what happens," she wrote, "be gentle with yourself." In her lifetime the order grew to include eighty communities in several countries. Along the way she encountered persistent criticism from church authorities as well as internal tensions within the congregation. The order attracted many women from an aristocratic background who found it difficult to adapt themselves to the spirit of poverty and obedience. Jeanne weathered these and greater trials, including the death of her son in war and, later, in 1622, the passing of her beloved friend, St. Francis de Sales.

She lived on for almost twenty years, dying in 1641 at the age of sixty-nine. Another holy friend, St. Vincent de Paul, was moved to observe: *"She was full of faith, and yet all her life long had been tormented by thoughts against it. . . . But for all that suffering her face never lost its serenity, nor did she once relax in the fidelity God asked of her. And so I regard her as one of the holiest souls I have ever met on this earth."*

### Quotes from St. Jane Frances de Chantal

"Above all we must love the good pleasure of God, accepting with equanimity things both agreeable and things painful, trusting everything to Him Who disposes of all things for the good of His children."

"Though we should fall fifty times a day, let us rise again quite simply, without wasting thought in self-reflections on what we may have done or left undone. Such useless discouragements are often greater faults than the ones that so disturb us."





**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](mailto: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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Responding to the Opportunities and Challenges of Ageing in Ireland

**Seniorline** is a confidential listening service for older people provided by trained older volunteers, that is open 365 days a year, from 10am to 10pm.

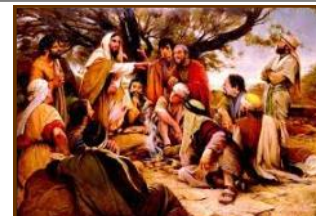
As well as responding to individual callers, **Seniorline** advocates nationally for older people in Ireland, representing their needs, concerns and wishes to media, the general public, politicians and key stakeholders.

**Freephone 1800 80 45 91**

**COVID-19: Any caller, concerned about COVID-19, will receive the most up to date guidance as recommended by Government sources. This information is updated as the situation changes and is available to each of our volunteers at the phones.**

## **A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners**

*Thanks Chris*



I have no doubts that sometimes when we look at the world around us, a desire arises in us that the second coming of the Lord Jesus should come sooner rather than later. But are we really ready for it? Impatient with this waiting and preoccupied with the things of this world, can we still actively believe in His return at all?

Let us ask God for the grace of faith, which, as St. Paul says "can prove the existence of the realities that at present remains unseen". The Lord Jesus will return and our faith can make this reality visible to all.

Nie mam wątpliwości, że czasami kiedy patrzymy na otaczający nas świat, rodzi się w nas pragnienie, aby drugie przyjście Pana Jezusa nastąpiło jak najszybciej. Ale czy tak naprawdę jesteśmy na to gotowi? Zniecierpliwieni tym czekaniem i zajęci sprawami tego świata, czy my jeszcze potrafimy w ogóle aktywnie wierzyć w Jego powrót?

Prośmy Boga o łaskę wiary. Wiary, która jak mówi św. Paweł "jest dowodem istnienia rzeczywistości niewidzialnej". Pan Jezus powróci a nasza wiara może sprawić, że ta rzeczywistość stanie się widoczna dla wszystkich.

As life changes, new demands require new responses, new problems need new solutions. If you find your responses are inadequate to the situations you face, try to stand back and see new possibilities that arise not from your head but from your heart.

*To see what is right and not to do it, is want of courage.*

**Confucius**

## **Vocation Themed Prayers of Intercession for the Month of August**

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 7th)

*"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."*

Lord, we pray for those whom you are calling to discover the treasure, which is your Word buried in their hearts. May they seek to answer your call to follow you, as a priest, a deacon or a religious.



*The annual Peter McVerry Trust Wexford Cycle 2022 will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September. The cycle raises vital funds for the housing and homeless charity founded by Fr Peter McVerry. The event is open to all abilities and is a great day out. To find out more visit [www.pmvtrust.ie/cycle](http://www.pmvtrust.ie/cycle) or call 01 823 0776.*



### **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.

By turning your eyes to God in meditation,  
 your whole soul will be filled with God.  
 Begin all your prayers in the presence of  
 God.

I trust God's heart unreservedly and this  
 disposes me to embrace whatever the  
 sequence of events and circumstances  
 presents me with day by day.

*St. Francis de Sales*

Care, attention, love and joy and beauty and  
 underpinning them all our gratitude.  
 Man, look at the flowers and trees and towering  
 glasshouses--bumblebees and  
 butterflies ecstatic and me too --  
 got photo of a white butterfly as he  
 fluttered by touching the flowers  
 for about 2 seconds.

Right now, on August 2nd, soak up  
 the peace and joy of this tenderly  
 cared-for place and think of all the  
 wonderful botanists who have  
 worked here - - humbling. Find the  
 little seat and the spectacular  
 roses -- 83 bus from College  
 Green. Wonderful.

*Eddie*



I think that I shall never see  
 A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest  
 Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,  
 And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in summer wear  
 A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;  
 Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,  
 But only God can make a tree.

*Joyce Kilmer*

### **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.