

A New Beginning

As we move into the month of September, we enter the autumnal months of the year. There is a sense that the summer is now over and that time is moving on. As our schools re-open and many activities start up again after the summer break, it's a time for new beginnings. Hopefully the worst of the Covid-19 pandemic which has disrupted our lives for over two years is now behind us and we will return to a more familiar pattern of life.

In our parish, as in many other areas of life, Covid has taken its toll. Many parish activities were forced to stop in the past two years, Mass attendance has declined and some of the people involved in various parish ministries and activities have had to withdraw their involvement. Our Parish Team has radically changed too in that time. Fr. Damian and Fr. Padraig have moved on to new appointments as have Frank Brown and Christina Malone, our two Parish Pastoral Workers. Fr. Brian has recently arrived along with our new Parish Pastoral Worker, Saule Cameron.

Now it is time to take stock. It is time for a fresh start. Over the coming months the Parish Team, along with the Parish Pastoral Council, will be putting their energies in to leading a renewal of parish life and activity. We will be inviting parishioners to become involved, to renew their commitment, and to offer their talents and abilities in the service of the parish community. There will be opportunities to welcome new faces in many activities and to explore new possibilities.

The Synod conversations that took place earlier this year clearly indicated a desire for change and the necessity for a new approach if our Catholic communities are to survive and thrive in the coming years. This will challenge

all of us to think anew and to reflect on how we can contribute to sustaining a vibrant Christian community here in Clondalkin parish. As a parish community we must continue to witness to the joy of the Gospel in a way that enriches the lives of all parishioners, and which invites more people to become involved in the life and activities of our parish.

Now is the time for a new beginning. As with all endeavours, there will undoubtedly be ups and downs, successes and failures, as we plough new furrows and forge a new way forward. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire and guide our efforts in the coming months. May the Lord Jesus walk with us on the road as we continue to make his presence among us a loving reality in our parish today

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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 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 Kyív, pray for us!

30 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN

With schools, universities and colleges starting back soon, help us make September a month of prayer for our young people (our children and grandchildren). Please share this little resource, use it and remember to say at least one short prayer for them each day in September.

You are welcome to take a copy of the Prayer-a-Day Calendar from the table at the back of the Church.

Newlands Cross Cemetery

Cemetery Mass on Sunday 18th September at 3pm.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 5th September	St. Teresa of Calcutta
Thursday 8th September	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday 9th September	St. Ciaran of Clonmacnoise, Abbot
Saturday 10th September	St. Peter Claver, Priest



THE SEASON OF CREATION 2022

The designated Season of Creation is a month of prayer for creation. It is a time when we thank God for the beauty of the earth and its creatures that surround us.

THE SEASON OF CREATION began on the 1st of September and ends on the 4th of October - the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. It is a month of prayer and also a time of action for the planet - which is our common home.

We are invited 'TO LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF CREATION, TO ECHO THE CRY OF THE EARTH AND TO ANSWER THE CALL OF CREATION TO LEAVE OUR EARTH BETTER THAN WE FIND IT'.

(Information and resources available at www.catholicbishops.ie)

To honour this year's SEASON OF CREATION, Bawnogue parish will have four Meditations on Creation themes. They will take place on Monday evenings during the month of September from 7.30 pm to 8 pm, beginning on Monday, the 5th of September.

THE ADORATION GROUP will begin with the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 6.45 pm for those Monday evening throughout the month:

Monday the 5th of September led by Fr. Pat Coughlan; Monday the 12th of September led by Fr. Brian Starken; Monday the 19th of September led by Colm Hogan, Trócaire Church Manager;

Monday the 26th of September led by Saule Cameron, Parish Pastoral Worker for the area of Clondalkin CCPC

ALL ARE VERY WELCOME!

Parish Office

The Parish Office is open Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm. You can contact the Parish Office on

(01) 459 3520

or by email at office@clondalkinparish.com



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.

SYNOD SYNTHESIS PUBLISHED

The Synthesis of the Consultation in Ireland for the Diocesan Stage of the Universal Synod 2021–2023 has been published.

Dr Nicola Brady, chair of the Steering Committee for the Irish Synodal Pathway, said: "The strong sense of shared responsibility that has guided our synodal process so far, from the local to the national level, has been a great encouragement. It is hoped that this will continue to motivate us to develop our skills of deep listening and discernment, as we reflect on the significance of our national synthesis, and the different voices of the church around the world, asking what God wants of us in light of what we have heard."

> The Synthesis Document can be viewed on www.catholicbishops.ie

Víllage Church

Sunday 4th September

6.30pm Vigil Dan Sherry (An) Susan Evans (MM) 10.30am Rosaleen, Joseph & sons Walsj (Rem) Michael, Mary & daughters Duffy (Rem) George Reilly Snr (An) 12noon Owen Doherty (An) Kathleen O'Neill (B'day Rem) Matthew Farrelly (B'day Rem)

Monday 5th September 7.30am Special Intention 10.00am Mary Dwyer (An)

Tuesday 6th September 7.30am **Special Intention**

Thursday 8th September **10.00am** Colman Sheehy (Rem)

Friday 9th September **10.00am** Sr Mary Holohan (B'day Rem)

Saturday 10th September 10.00am Kathleen Reeves (An)

Sunday 11th September

6.30pm	Georgina O'Connor (1st An)		
	Christopher Doyle (2nd An)		
	Andy Doyle (2nd An)		
10.30am	Patrick McCabe and Florie Colman (An)		
	Terence McDermott (An) and		
	Evelyn Jones (An)		
12noon	Una Sweeney (B'day Rem)		



St. Vincent De Paul monthly Church Gate collection will take place today, 4th September, at the Church

of the Presentation. Knockmitten.

Lectio Divina continues every Tuesday in the Parish Centre after 10am Mass

PRAYER MEETING

Every Wednesday in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.

Come and see.

All Are Welcome



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.

To donate please use our **Go Fund Me** page: https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-our-foodbank

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

Every time we visit Jenkinstown Castle between Castlecomer and Kilkenny, Thomas Moore's (1779--1852) The Last Rose of Summer, floats into my compass. The lore is that he was taking the scent of a multiheaded pink rose and out flowed these lines:

"Tis the last rose of Summer, Left blooming all alone. All her lovely companions Are faded and gone, No flower of her kindred, No rosebud is nigh, To reflect back her blushes Or give sigh for sigh"

Take the scent of your roses in the early morning hours when the temperature is cool. As the day gets warmer, the fragrance oils start to evaporate. Fragrance is determined by the concentration of chemicals in the petals of the flower and how these chemicals interact with each other and the atmosphere. Oils, resins, alcohols, fatty acids and phenols all contribute to the character of the scent. As a general rule, darker coloured roses are more fragrant than white or yellow roses. Inhale deeply, in gratitude with Thomas Moore.

Eddie







A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners Thanks Chris

I have no doubts that when we plan our daily activities or when we make long-term plans, we have good intentions. Because we want good in our lives as well as in the lives of others. Unfortunately, we rarely manage to achieve a goal that is fully in line with our intentions. Why? Because our attachments to this world and people keep us from giving ourselves to God. He is the beginning and the end of everything we do, trust in Him, let go of unhealthy attachments with this world and He will bless your plans and intentions.

Nie mam wątpliwości, że gdy planujemy nasze codzienne czynności albo gdy robimy długoterminowe plany to mamy dobre intencje. Bo chcemy dobra w naszym życiu a także w życiu innych. Niestety, raczej rzadko nam się udaje osiągnąć cel który byłby w pełnej zgodzie z naszymi intencjami. Dlaczego? Ponieważ nasze przywiązania do tego świata i ludzi powstrzymują nas by w pełni oddać się Panu Bogu. On jest początkiem i końcem wszystkiego co robimy, zaufaj Mu, uwolnij się z niezdrowych relacji z tym światem a On pobłogosławi twoje plany i intencje.

PRIORY INSTITUTE REGISTRATION

Study theology online – is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before **September 13**. Find out more at <u>www.prioryinstitute.com</u>

PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AND MINISTRY

All places for the *Pathways* Adult Faith Development Programme 2022-2023, beginning on September 28, have now been filled. A waiting list is in operation in case of any last-minute cancellations.

Contact the Director, *Pathways* Programme, Eileen Houlahan, *CHF*, PhD, at 01 8087594 or <u>pathways@dublindiocese.ie</u>.





The annual Peter McVerry Trust Wexford Cycle 2022 will take place on Saturday 17th 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 or call 01 823 0776.



Household Mattress Recycling Amnesty 2022

Recycle IT a not-for-profit social enterprise based in Clondalkin is proud to offer a mattress recycling amnesty to residents in South Dublin.

Mattress Recycling Drop Off Days will take place on multiple dates starting August 29th, 2022. Householders will be able to drop off up to 10 mattresses at no cost. Just drop off to Recycle IT, Unit 14/2 Crag Terrace, Clondalkin Industrial Estate, Clondalkin Dublin D22 TK37. Our teams will be on hand to accept and help with lifting, and moving, clean, dry, unwanted mattresses. Household mattresses of any size will be accepted.

Mattress drop-off will operate Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 3pm between Aug 29th and Oct 7th, 2022. Our facility will also open on four Saturdays between 9.30am and 12.30pm including Saturday Sept 17th Sept 24th, Oct 1st, and Oct 8th, 2022.

For further details about our free and cost-effective services call us on 01 4578321, email <u>info@recycleit.ie</u> or visit the Recycle IT website at <u>www.recycleit.ie</u>

This recycling initiative is operated by Recycle IT with support from South Dublin County Council.

Great Open Day and Picnic event was held in Corkagh Park Global Garden on Saturday last (27th) with the unveiling of Signage, made by Clondalkin Men's Shed, by Mayor of South Dublin County, Cllr. Emma Murphy, assisted by Maeve Murphy. A brilliant afternoon in glorious sunshine was enjoyed by adults and children alike.

(Photo and text courtesy of Tommy Keogh)

B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Few people are able to cope alone with the pain of loss. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge – not weakness. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. Coping effectively with bereavement is a skill we can all learn.

Next Residential weekend will take place from 7th - 9th October in St Mary's Priory Main Street Tallaght.

For further information please contact 086 0877379 or email <u>bedublin@gmail.com</u>. <u>https://</u> <u>beginningexperiencegbandi.org/dublin-1</u>, booking form on website

Bayside Alpha are running a free 7-week Zoom course on growing in Christian prayer, starting on Wednesday the 21st of September at 7.30pm. The course consists of a one hour weekly meeting on Zoom which includes a video presentation, a time for sharing for anyone who wishes to, and short Scriptures to reflect on at home.

The following themes are covered in the course: The purpose of prayer, How to pray with confidence, The pattern for prayer: The Our Father, Praying for a breakthrough, How to pray in a crisis, Why doesn't God always answer the first time I pray?

If you'd like to take part in the course please email Paul at <u>alphabayside@gmail.com</u>

