



Parish Newsletter

Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception of the BVM & St. Killian

Clonburris ✚ Knockmitten

Sunday 11th December 2022



GAUDETE SUNDAY

John the Baptist was a man of passionate commitment to what he believed in. He strongly believed in the coming of the Christ. This man of faith was being tested in that Jesus was a different type of Christ or Messiah from what he expected. He often wondered who the Messiah would be. John was a man with a lot of conviction and truth. He preached what he believed. He practiced what he taught.

But he seemed to miss the point sometimes. He seemed to miss that Jesus would be found, not in preaching only but in helping others. John preached repentance for sin; Jesus preached the coming of the kingdom.

The blind would see, and the lame would walk - these were to be signs of the coming of the 'One to come'.

Pope Francis says:

"There is no prayer in which Jesus does not inspire us to do something. Our faith in Jesus is seen in strong action. The poor are helped at our pre-Christmas collections. We might ask not what we might get for Christmas, but how our Christmas might help others. We might ask that Christmas will be happy for others because of us - happy in body, with enough food for every family, happy in mind that we know the truth of God's coming into the world, and happy in forgiveness, as that is one of God's biggest gifts".

Lord, let me believe that your life is good news and share this good news in word and deed with all whom I meet

Donal Neary SJ

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**

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Contact through Village

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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.

Village Church



Sunday 11th December

6.30pm Vigil Sheila O'Malley (30th An)
Marie Cleary (3rd An)

9.00am Phyllis McGrath (An) John Greene &
Michael Lindsay (B'day Rem)

10.30am Molly & Christopher Hannon
Joseph Ledwidge (5th An)
Mary O'Neill (1st An) & John O'Neill (2nd An)

12noon Tommy & Hittie Tobin (An)
Michael McGreevey (1st An), Agnes McHale (An)
Matthew Duffy (1st An), Marcella Dunne (60th An)
Padraig Faughnan (7th An), Eugene McQuaid (2nd
An), Matthew Farrelly (7th An), James Ryan (An)
Nora Ryan, Mary & William Ryan
Maura Spollen (10th An) and deceased
members of the Spollen family
Mary Wilson & Padraig Wilson (B'day Rem) &
Deceased members of the Wilson family

Tuesday 13th December

10.00am Patrick & Sadie Cahill (Rem)

Wednesday 14th December

10.00am Jack Ryan (B'day Rem)

Friday 16th December

10.00am John Scully (An)

Saturday 17th December

10.00am Chris Stapleton (Rem)

Sunday 18th December

6.30pm Vigil Sammy McDonnell (An)

Kathleen & Danny O'Neill (Rem),

Bridie & Paddy O'Brien (An)

Elizabeth & Nicholas West and deceased
members of the West family (Rem)

Mary & Patrick Hendley & deceased
members of the Hendley family (Rem)

10.30am Mary Mac Conalogue, Mary Kirwan (An),
Geraldine Lernigan (An), Mary Lernigan (An)
Katie & Jack Fitzgerald & deceased
members of the Fitzgerald family
Patrick & Mary Cosgrove & deceased
members of the Cosgrove family
Peggy & Maria Ging (An)

12noon Conan Kelly (2nd An), Paddy Delaney (An)
George McDonnell (11th An), Kathleen Boland (An),
Eilish Hynes, Eileen Hynes, Aon Shiel (An),
Eugene Garrigan (5th An), Sr. Catherine Fowley
(An), Thomas Sheldreck (MM)

2.00pm African Chaplaincy Mass

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Annual Appeal will take place
this weekend, Saturday 10th and
Sunday 11th December.
Your ongoing support is vital and
appreciated.



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 12th December **Our Lady of Guadalupe**
St. Finnian, Bishop

Tues 13th December **St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr**

Wed 14th December **St. John of the Cross, Priest and**
Doctor of the Church



RECENTLY DECEASED

SARAH MORGAN
CHRISTOPHER O'BRIEN

May They Rest in Peace

PRAYER MEETING

Every Wednesday in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.

All Are Welcome



GODLY PLAY

Making meaning through story, wonder and play

We are delighted to invite you all to two Godly Play sessions for **the Advent Story**.

Godly Play is an imaginative and creative method of engaging with the Bible stories and the Liturgical feasts & celebrations throughout the Church year calendar!

Join us in the Parish Pastoral Centre (*the meeting room on the first floor*).

Godly Play for Children

TUESDAY 13th December 2.45pm - 3.45pm

Godly Play for Adults

THURSDAY 15th December at 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

Story Teller: Saule Cameron (PPW) with support of Catherine Flynn and Eilish O'Leary

Please don't hesitate to call Saule if you have questions, on 085 875 0995

To find out more about the Godly Play, look up:

<https://godlyplayireland.com/>
<https://www.godlyplayfoundation.org/>

Church Repository/Shop

We have in stock Advent calendars, Christmas cards, Cribs, religious calendars and lots of Christmas objects.

A good selection of Mass cards and plain cards for all occasions are available. Sanctuary candles may also be donated for special or personal intentions.

Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Clonburris National School

is accepting enrolments for September 2023

The closing date is 31/01/2023

Application forms can be downloaded from the school website www.clonburrisns.ie or from Clonburris School – Ph: 01 4573636

Places will be allocated in February 2023



World Youth Day

World Youth Day 2023 is taking place in Lisbon.

Details of the package are available, along with the payment schedule, and dates for programme of preparation.

Payment of deposits and completion of registration forms are done online and are available from 1st December.

If you have any queries, please contact

natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie

For the info leaflet please check Parish Facebook page.



ADVENT CALENDAR

Digital online Advent calendar with daily prayer and reflection at www.catholicbishops.ie

Carol Service

**Monday 12th December
at 7.30pm**



Clondalkin Youth Band, the Saturday evening folk group "Shared Spirit", and members from Knockmitten Choir will lead us in music and song as we anticipate the feast of Christmas.

All Welcome



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.
- **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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Immaculate Conception Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, Clondalkin Village acknowledges, with huge appreciation, the donation in excess of €16,000 by Newlands Golf Club, from their recent fundraising day.

All proceeds will be used for assistance to families in the Clondalkin area.

Peter Gaynor
President

Woman's Heart Advent Worship Evening

This is a great opportunity to worship God together as women, hear some testimony and take some time to reflect in this Advent season.

Date and time: Sunday, December 11, 2022,
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

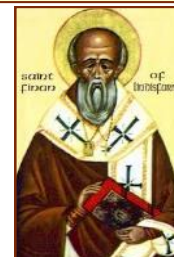
Venue: Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Churchview Road, Glenageary A96 EY91

LECTIO DIVINA



Takes place each Tuesday in the Parish Pastoral Centre after 10.00am Mass

St. Finnian - Abbot of Clonard *Feast Day 12th December*



Finnian was born in the latter part of the fifth century at Myshal in County Carlow, on the slopes of Mount Leinster. His father was Rudraigh, an Ulsterman of noble lineage. His mother was a Leinster woman called Telach. Finnian was educated first locally by Bishop Fortchernn. He soon travelled to monasteries in south Wales and may also have been at Tours in France.

The monastery at Tours is noted for its austerity, for its sacrifice of physical comfort for spiritual gain. Finnian here is said to have befriended and studied under an elder called Caemen. In Wales he was in contact with the early British saints – Cadog at Llancarfan in Glamorganshire, David and Gildas.

Although he may have intended to go to Rome, Finnian returned instead to Ireland, first to Aghowle near Shillelagh in County Wicklow, where King Oengus of Leinster gave him a site to build a church. From here he went north to Dunmanogue on the river Barrow, in County Kildare, and established another church. From here, he went to the town of Kildare, studying and teaching at St Brigid's monastery. Finnian was held in high regard by Brigid, who presented him with a gold ring on his departure. Finally, around the year 520 Finnian arrived at Clonard, "Erard's Meadow", between the kingdoms of Meath and Leinster. Here he got a large tract of land to set up his own ascetic community, where there were up to 3,000 monks. These included the so-called "twelve apostles of Ireland", who are variously listed. Normally however they include: St Brendan of Birr, St Brendan of Clonfert, St Canice, St Ciarán of Clonmacnoise, St Ciarán of Saighir, St Colmán of Terryglass, St Colmcille of Iona, St Mobhí of Glasnevin, St Molaise of Devenish and St Ruan of Lorrha. Finnian himself had a great reputation for his knowledge of the Scriptures and Clonard became a centre of Biblical studies.

Finnian is said to have died in the great plague of 549-550.

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



ÓCÁID/EVENT: Beithilín Beo - LIVE CRIB (Ainmhithe, Aisteoirí agus Spiorad na Nollag – Animals, Actors, Christmas Spirit)

CATHAIN/WHEN: Satharn 10ú & Domhnach 11ú Mí na Nollag 2022 Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December 2022

CÉN ÁIT/WHERE: Áras Chrónáin Ionad Cultúir, Lána Uisce, Bóthar an Úlloird, Cluain Dolcáin, D22X856 I gcroílár Chluain Dolcáin / In the heart of Clondalkin

AM/TIME: 1:00p.m. – 5:00p.m. (LÉIRIÚ GACH 45 NÓIMÉAD – PERFORMANCES EVERY 45 MINUTES)

CEAD ISTEACH/ ADMISSION: SAOR/FREE

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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!

The earth is inching towards December 21st. Hurrah - our shortest day. Then, tap, tap and the humble Snowdrop literally punches through the icy earth if need be. Its bloom is iconic.

But, today, at 1pm, Spring's semblance is all around us --the Daffodils are budding, Yarrow is in bloom, Dandelions and that hardy yellow wild flower, used as a vegetable in famine times, is in full bloom. Our communal grass in Riversdale is 2 inches tall. SDCC will cut it to 2mm shortly.

Sow a variety of bulbs and Snowdrops and let the sun and rain do the rest. Deadly,

Eddie



I once read that when people in the West are asked about God, they tend to point to Heaven, whereas people in the East tend to point to their chest. I am certain both are right: the Divine God is above, below, behind, before and within us. The point of spiritual practice is to engage in dialogue with the Divine wherever you perceive it to be, whatever language you use about it and however you have learned to speak to and listen to it.

God is always with you. Simply turn your face to him.

Kirpal Singh

(Taken from "Day By Day" by Sister Stan)