



# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception of the BVM & St. Killian*

## Clonburris ☩ Knockmitten



Parish Newsletter

Sunday 18th December 2022



### *The Word was made flesh*

The final week of Advent preparation for Christmas is all that is left now as Christmas Day draws ever closer. In a week's time we will celebrate the birthday of Jesus who comes to reveal God's love for all humanity and who, through his life, death and resurrection, brings about our salvation.

This Christmas will be very different from the Christmas of the last two years. Although Covid-19 hasn't gone away, it is not likely to inflict the same disruption to family gatherings this year. The energy crisis and the rising cost of living, due mainly to the war in Ukraine, are the big challenges facing many families this year as they try to make ends meet and still have an enjoyable Christmas. We also have thousands of people from Ukraine and elsewhere living now in Ireland for whom this Christmas will be a very different experience.

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus. God embodies himself in Jesus and speaks to the world through the human nature of Jesus. St. John puts this very succinctly in his Gospel when he uses the phrase "the Word was made flesh" to describe the birth of Jesus. In choosing to reveal himself to us in Jesus, God affirms the dignity of human life. In Jesus we see our full potential as human people.

The message of Christmas is a message of love that brings joy and hope to the world. It is Good News. As disciples of Jesus we strive to make this love of God a visible reality in the world today through words and actions that reflect the commandment to love God and love our neighbour.

While Christmas is a happy time for most people, it is not so for everyone. There are people who will be lonely as they mourn the loss of loved ones who are no longer with them for the first time this Christmas. There may be family members absent because they live and work elsewhere in the world. There will be families divided and split because of rows and arguments. There will be domestic violence in some homes. Many of the help and support services will receive calls over the Christmas period from people needing someone to talk to about their troubles, worries or concerns.

Let us remember in our prayers all those who will find the Christmas season a difficult time of year.

I wish all parishioners every joy and blessing as we celebrate at Christmas. May the love of God, made visible in the infant Jesus, bring you peace of mind and heart. May the Lord bless you, your families and friends in every way this Christmas.



*Fr. Kieran Coghlan*



### 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:**

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# CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2022

## Confessions

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December after 10am Mass in the Village Church.



## Christmas Masses

### Christmas Eve – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December

**Village** Mass at 6pm and 10pm  
**Knockmitten** Mass at 6pm  
**Clonburris** Mass at 9pm

### Christmas Day – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December

**Village** Mass at 9am (in Irish), 10.30am and 12 noon  
**Knockmitten** Mass at 10am  
**Clonburris** Mass at 11am

### St. Stephen's Day – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December

**Village** - Mass at 10am

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December

**Village** - Mass at 10am each day

## PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December, reopening on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January at 9.30am.

You can contact the Parish Office on  
**(01) 459 3520**  
or by email at

**office@clondalkinparish.com**

## Christmas Offerings

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

## Tap & Go

The Tap & Go machine at the back of the church, near the Parish shop, is a simple, secure and safe way to donate to the Mass collections if you don't carry cash and wish to use your card. Thank you.

## Village Church



### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**6.30pm Vigil** Sammy McDonnell (An)  
Kathleen & Danny O'Neill (Rem),  
Bridie & Paddy O'Brien (An), Sandra Oduinn (1st 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 MacConalogue, Mary Kirwan (An), Geraldine Lernigan (An), Mary Lernigan (An), Bridget Brannigan (An), Peggy & Maria Ging (An)  
Katie & Jack Fitzgerald & deceased members of the Fitzgerald family  
Patrick & Mary Cosgrove & deceased members of the Cosgrove family

**12 noon** 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), Philip Duffy (An)

**2.00pm** African Chaplaincy Mass

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

**10.00am** Patrick, Sara, Brendan & Frank Byrne (Rem)

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

**10.00am** Joseph Cleary (Rem)

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

**7.30am** Seamus Egan (15th An)  
**10.00am** Pauline Murphy (6th An) & deceased members of the Byrne & Murphy families

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December

**10.00am** Seamus Egan (Rem)

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December - The Nativity of the Lord

**6pm Christmas Eve** )  
**10.00pm Christmas Eve** ) Masses offered for  
**9.00am (As Gaeilge)** ) the intentions of  
**10.30am** ) the Parish  
**12 noon** )

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December

**10.00am** Fran Mulholland (An)

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December

**10.00am** Christopher, Lillian & Brendan Behan (An)

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December

**10.00am** Doreen Rackley (An)

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December

**10.00am** Gerlinde Will (An)

### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December

**10.00am** Moya Riordan (An)

### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December

**10.00am** Percy Reeves (An)



RECENTLY DECEASED

**THOMAS CONROY**

*May He Rest in Peace*

## FEAST DAYS IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Tues 20th December	St. Fachanan, Bishop
Wed 21st December	St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Fri 23rd December	St. John of Kanty, Priest
Mon 26th December	St. Stephen, First Martyr
Tues 27th December	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Wed 28th December	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Thurs 29th December	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Fri 30th December	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sat 31st December	St. Sylvester 1, Pope

Skimming cold in Dundrum now in the foothills of the mountains. Thank God, the lift at the Luas is working (no careering on ice). And then, wha is da.!! A 7 foot high red bauble, lighting internally and externally (fairy light central). Off you go, kids in tow.

Our deers in Castlecomer and our coal carriages spell it out. "It's Christmas. Crack it open."

Our Sun does not need fairy lights to illuminate our communal Roses in Riversdale. Be minutely attentive.

Tanking up on pulsing coffee, Marie's windowsill is immersive.

Immersed last night in our Carol Service in the Village Church, echoes of our early childhood flooded in. Clondalkin Youth Band, Knockmitten Youth Choir and our church group, Shared Spirit. Thanks a million.

Awesome stuff. *Eddie*



## SENIORLINE - Freephone 1800 80 45 91

Lines open every day from 10am to 10pm

*This is a national confidential listening service for older people.*

**Loving God,  
help us to remember the birth of Jesus,  
that we may share in the song of the angels,  
the gladness of the shepherds,  
and the worship of the wise men.**

**Robert Louis Stevenson**

## LECTIO DIVINA

will take place on Tuesday next (20th) in the Parish Pastoral Centre after 10.00am Mass



## 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](mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie)

For the info leaflet please check Parish Facebook page.

## An Irish Blessing



*God grant you lightness in your step  
A smile on every face you meet  
Loved ones gathered at your hearth  
And at your door, good friends to greet.  
A holy hymn upon your lips  
A window candle burning bright  
And may the Good Lord bless your heart  
And come to dwell here Christmas night.*





We wish all our readers, both local and further afield, a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and God's blessing on all your endeavours in 2023. We are always happy to receive your comments as well as contributions to the newsletter.

Email us at [\*\*parishnewsletter1@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:parishnewsletter1@gmail.com)

**A Happy Christmas and a Blessed New Year To All**

**Gaudete, Gaudete,  
Christus est natus  
Ex Maria Virgine, Gaudete**

**Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Christ is born of the Virgin Mary  
Rejoice!**