



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception of the BVM & St. Killian

Clonburris ✚ Knockmitten

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 4th December 2022



The Straight Way

Before the motorways, a journey took ages, with twists and turns, corners and hills. Now much has been made straight. John's message was that we would live along a path where words and actions match, and where kindness matches convictions.

John the Baptist was a man on one mission - to be the messenger of the one he did not know. His life had a vision and a purpose, like when we are really committed to people or to causes or to the poor or to peace in the world. John was the man of desert food and desert dress; he took time out to find what the biggest thing in life was and then kept following it, often not knowing where it would go.

The human heart is complicated and we know that. We need that one who will touch our hearts with love and forgiveness and guide us himself in ways that are straight, and whose hand will guide us along straight paths when we need it.

God's guiding is gentle. John found that Jesus was a gentler guide: no name-calling, no bringing the axe to the tree, but calling each of us his friend, and nourishing the tree rather than cutting it down.

Jesus would melt the snow to make a path, not hack at it and destroy in the process. Our hearts can be melted by the love of God and love of others.

Think of or remember a time when you made a decision to follow the way of Jesus. Offer this to him again.

Lord God, make our hearts like yours

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**

Clonburris & Knockmitten:

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.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Annual Appeal will take place
on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th
December.

Your ongoing support is vital and
appreciated.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER

Village Church: Vigil Mass on Wednesday 7th at 6.30pm.
Mass on Thursday 8th at 7.30am and 10am

Knockmitten: Mass on Thursday 8th at 11am

Clonburris: Mass on Thursday 8th at 11am and 6.30pm

RECENTLY DECEASED

HARRY BYRNE, JAMES (SHAY) DOYLE

BRENDAN DUNNE, PHILOMENA FAY

MAURA LEDWIDGE

May They Rest in Peace



Village Church



Sunday 4th December

6.30pm Vigil

Phyllis Ellis (1st An)

Peg & Daniel Lynch

Desmond Cummins (1st An)

Mary Ashe (An)

Martin Whelan (20th An)

Kathleen & Johnny Roebuck (An)

Dec'd members of the Fitzgerald family

9.00am

Paddy McDonnell (RD & BR)

10.30am

Elsie Naughton (Birthday Rem)

David Brennan (Recently Dec'd)

Gertie Finn (14th An) and deceased
members of the Finn family

Special Intention

12noon

Brian Donohue (MM)

William & Bridget Dee (An)

James Whelehan (50th An)

Eugene McNamara (6th An) and dec'd
members of the McNamara family

Monday 5th December

7.30am

Martin Gerard Stokes (21st An)

10.00am

John Cassells (1st An)

Tuesday 6th December

10.00am

Pete Rath (Rem)

Wednesday 7th December

10.00am

Henry & Theresa Nolan (An)

Thursday 8th December

7.30am

Brian Donohue (Birthday Rem)

10.00am

Evelyn Jones (Birthday Rem)

Saturday 10th December

10.00am

Brian Conheady (Month's Mind)

Sunday 11th December

6.30pm Vigil

Sheila O'Malley (30th An)

9.00am

Phyllis McGrath (An)

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)

Padraig Faughnan (7th An)

Eugene McQuaid (2nd An)

Maura Spollen (10th An) and dec'd members of
the Spollen family

We are here for You!
PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE UPDATE

Whilst the Parish Office closes at 12.30pm daily, our Pastoral Centre does not.

It is becoming more alive with groups coming back and hopefully new ones starting!

We would like to use this opportunity to let you know that our Parish Pastoral Worker, Saule, is available to meet with you in the afternoons if you happen to have a query or a suggestion or are just simply looking for someone to talk to and pray with.

Saule's contacts are on the front page of the newsletter.

**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
LISBON, AUGUST 2023**

'Mary arose and went with haste' Luke 1:39

Registrations for **World Youth Day** Lisbon 2023 have opened. The registration process for the Archdiocese of Dublin is currently being finalised and in order to connect with those who wish to travel, those who are interested in going are invited to fill in the form linked below.

Please note, places are limited and are for those 18 years or older

<https://forms.office.com/r/CeLDQsRFiK>

**Parish Pastoral Worker,
Saule Cameron,
is the contact in our parish.
Get in touch for the fundraising opportunities
and support on 085 875 0995**

The Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat will be taking place in Newbridge College, Newbridge between 9th -11th December. This retreat is for anyone aged 16-35. Great CRAIC!!, Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, Prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! Donation only.

Free buses leaving from all over Ireland.

Register now on www.youth2000.ie

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

Church Repository/Shop

The Parish Christmas cards have arrived.

This year a photograph of the stained glass window depicting the Nativity is on the inside of the card. Recipients of these cards will be remembered at Masses on Christmas Day.

We also have in stock Advent calendars, Christmas cards, Cribbs, 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.

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.

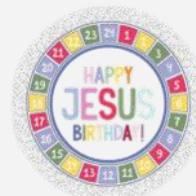
PRAYER MEETING

Every Wednesday in the Parish Centre
at 7.30pm.

All Are Welcome

ADVENT CALENDAR

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





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-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

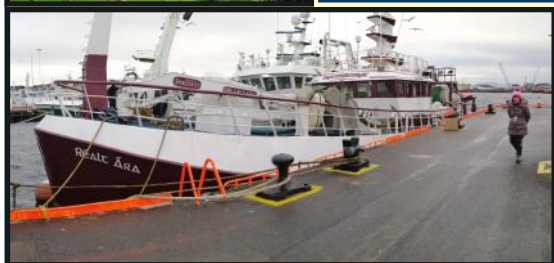
Oh!! To have a fishing rod and catch a little silver trout. Look at the River Eske crashing into Donegal Harbour, being consumed by the North Atlantic. All straight in front of me. Hazel trees left and right, probably spread from Lough Eske upriver. Drumlins are popping up in the bay all the way to the horizon.

Look, a gentle lapping tide nudges in inexorably to max out at 3pm today. So delicate and rhythmic and then go to Bundoran and the waves are thundering in (no drumlins here). Yeats may have been here around 1890 in this hazel wood heaven in poetic mode.

The Irish Red Squirrel lives here in the trees. Next September, be here, when the hazel nuts are ripe and the Red Squirrel is filling the winter larder.

Oh!! Man.

Eddie



LECTIO DIVINA

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



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tues 6th December	St. Nicholas, Bishop
Wed 7th December	St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Thurs 8th December	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri 9th December	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
Sat 10th December	Our Lady of Loreto

We will pray for your Petitions

The Sacred Space is created at Our Lady's Altar where we invite you to place your petitions in the prayer basket during the weekend and the following week. Your prayer requests will be remembered in our daily Rosary after Mass.



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

TUESDAYS 6th & 13th December 2.45 to 3.45pm.

Godly Play for Adults

THURSDAYS 8th & 15th December at 7.30 to 8.30pm.

Facilitators: *Saule Cameron* (PPW) and *Rosemary Lavelle*

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

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



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!

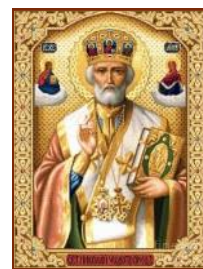
Our Lady of Kyiv, pray for us!

St. Nicholas (Santa Claus!)

Feast Day 6th December

In the Middle Ages, St. Nicholas was very popular. His cult was particularly strong in Russia, where he became the national patron, and several of the Tsars were called after him.

He is also patron of Greece and Sicily and Lorraine in France. He also became known as the patron of travellers, since it was claimed that in his early life he had travelled to Egypt and the Holy Land. It was for his kindness and charity, however, that Nicholas became well known, and these



in turn gave rise to the modern stories and fables. His parents had died when he was young, and Nicholas determined to devote his inheritance to works of charity, for he had been left fairly comfortably off. An opportunity soon arose, for a citizen of the local area had three daughters. This man was unable to raise the necessary dowries in order to marry them off, for he was extremely poor. The danger was that they would be sold off into the world of prostitution. Nicholas heard of this and at night he threw a bag of coins in the open window of the man's house.

The eldest girl was soon married. At intervals, when the time came, he did the same for the second and third daughters. It was on the last occasion that the father spotted his benefactor, and overwhelmed him with his gratitude. Interestingly, the

story of the three bags of gold or money gave rise to the tradition of the three gold balls outside a pawnbroker's shop! The real Nicholas was indeed generous with the goods of this world, as we have seen, and so, in time, his name became

legitimately associated with the whole Christmas tradition of gifts and giving. He contributed to defending the great message of Christmas, however, in another, totally different, way. The

story is that Nicholas was present at the great Council of Nicea, which debated the issue of the nature of Christ. A priest of that era, Arius, had denied the divinity of Christ. Jesus was not God in the same way as the Father was God, he said, but was created by him. Nicholas saw that the message of Bethlehem and Calvary was being diluted. He called the heresy of Arius, which

had given rise to the Council, 'death-dealing poison'. It is said that he even slapped Arius in the face, so strong was his feeling about this dogma. The Council Fathers temporarily deprived

Nicholas of his Episcopal insignia and placed him in prison for many years, but Our Lord and Our Lady appeared to him there. He felt vindicated, and would have regarded the imprisonment as a minor privation for having been able to save the true message of Christmas.

Nicholas died and was buried in his episcopal city of Myra, and by the middle of the fourth century there was a magnificent cathedral in his honour at Constantinople. When Myra and its great shrine passed into the hands of the Saracens, however, several Italian cities saw it as an opportunity to acquire the relics of the saint for themselves. There was great competition between Venice and Bari, and the latter won. On 9 May 1087, the remains of St. Nicholas came to rest in this Italian city, which had a large Greek colony. A new church was built to shelter them, and Pope Urban II was present at their enshrining.

(Taken from Catholic Ireland - Archive of the Saints)