

Clondalkin Village Parish Immaculate Conception of the BVM & St. Killian Clonburris ¹/₁ Knockmitten

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 19th February 2023

'BUT I SAY TO YOU...'

Dear One, what did you hear in today's Gospel when JESUS said these words again and again?... Did you see Him gazing at you as He encouraged you to imitate God in the way you love others? Did I?

JESUS speaks about love in a new way... 'BUT I SAY TO YOU, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU, SO THAT YOU MAY BE THE CHILDREN OF YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN...' Matthew 5:44-45.

JESUS loves and lives by love in a new way inviting us to trust it is the only way.

I will not give in to temptation to talk about how different the world would be if we have heard this invitation and a promise throughout the centuries. There is no need here to judge others or ourselves whom we may have witnessed showing very little love and compassion in the times of need and distress. Our imagination can

overtake us and rob us from this sacred conversation – just You and JESUS, just me and my Beloved.

A few women whom I admire deeply, keep reminding me gently at every occasion when I seem to be losing the sight of what really matters, by saying: 'Everything you need is in today's Gospel!'

When and if we set aside some quality time in our precious day to spend with the Lord, when we listen deeply, when we continue coming back to the daily Scripture and sit with it, reflect, wrestle, imagine, pray, meditate, contemplate and rest with the Word of God, the inner transformation begins. Healing begins. The Word of God becomes alive and active in us, in You, Dear One! My guess is you know what I'm talking about! Masses

Clondalkin Village Sundays: (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm, Sunday 9am (As Gaeilge) 10.30am, 12 noon

<mark>Weekdays</mark> (Mon – Fri) 7.30am, 10.00am (Sat) 10.00am

Clonburris Sat 6.30pm, Sunday 11am

<mark>Knockmitten</mark> 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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As we find ourselves on the threshold of Lent, we may consider to carve out time more regularly to allow the Gospel to speak to us and guide us! You may light a candle and find a comfortable seat when the time seems to be the quietest in your home... this may be the most difficult part! Consider it as a date with God. You cannot miss it, because He will be there for sure! Quietly or aloud entrust this time of prayer by saying or whispering COME, HOLY SPIRIT and enter deeper into the Word and closer to God with each breath...

COME, HOLY SPIRIT ...

JESUS, you said to us clearly how we need to love that we may be children of our Father in Heaven. Help us to shake all excuses and to have courage to love in the new way. COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

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LENT 2023 - Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent, is on Wednesday next 22nd February.

Mass on Ash Wednesday at 7.30am, 10am and 7.30pm.

Blessing and distribution of ashes at all Masses.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.

There will be an <u>evening Mass</u> at 7.30pm on weekdays, Monday to Friday, during Lent.

Trócaire boxes are available in the Church for anyone who wishes to have one in their home during Lent.

ARISE!

Take up something new for Lent 2023!

Workshops for young adults age 18+ on key areas of social justice and how we can get moving on issues that matter!

First workshop - on Friday, February 24th, 'ONE YEAR ON...WHAT DOES WAR ACHIEVE?' Evenings take place in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay, from 7pm each night. Details in poster on the notice boards and parish FB page. Also for more information, email natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie.

Register interest now at: <u>https://forms.office.com/e/</u> <u>rwJkixXMyi/</u>.

Children's Liturgy during Lent

Children are invited to explore the Gospel in a child friendly way on Sundays during Lent.

The Sacramental Preparation Team welcome any children attending the 12 noon Mass in the Village Church to join them in the parish pastoral centre for a short activity during the Mass while the scripture readings and homily take place in the church

Earthquake Collection

A special collection be taken up at all Masses next weekend, 25th/26th February, the First Sunday of Lent to support the victims of the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

Monies will be channelled through Trócaire and their partners working in the affected areas.

LENTEN INITIATIVES

SHARING FAITH IN SMALL GROUPS 'PEOPLE OF HOPE'

We invite you to journey together with us this Lent as we pray and reflect on the Sunday Gospel.

Seven Wednesdays:

Ash Wednesday to Wednesday of Holy Week, 7.30 - 8.30pm in Knockmitten Church Parish Hall.

We invite you to consider participating in these evenings especially if you are a Minister of the Word. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Building Hope through Servant Leadership

Five sessions on Monday Evenings in Lent to introduce you to the practice of servant leadership:

February 27, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27, all 7.30pm to 9.00pm in St. Paul's Centre for

Mission and Ministry, Arran Quay.

This is especially for all those in Parish Ministries and Pastoral Councils.

Led by **Peter Síney and Patrícía Carroll**.

GODLY PLAY for Children 'The Faces of Easter'

5 Tuesdays: February 28th, March 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th from 2.45pm till 3.45pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre.

Godly Play: making meaning through story, wonder, and play. Nurturing spiritual lives by honouring the centrality, competency, and capacity of children.

FACILITATORS:

Saule Cameron, Parish Pastoral Worker and Rosemary Lavelle

Víllage Church



Sunday 19th February

6.30pm Vigi	Mary O'Reilly (An)		
	Hugh Daly (1st An)		
	Peter Caffrey (Month's Mind)		
	Bunnie & Sean Stynes (An)		
	Ite O'Gorman (An)		
	Tony Doherty (Month's Mind)		
	May Kelly (Month's Mind)		
Nora Mchugh (10th An)			
	Tom McHugh (rem)		

9.00am Denis O'Leary (RD)

- 10.30amMary MacConalogue (Rem)Agnes Nixon (1st An)
- 12noon Sheila Brunkard (1st An) Maisie & Tom Delaney (An) Anne Ryan (Month's Mind) and David Ryan (Rem) Maisie & Tom Delaney (An) William Jenkins (An)
 - Frank (Jnr) (60th Birthday Rem), Mary Keane (An) and Frank Keane (Snr) (Rem) Hugh Daly (1st An)

2.00pm African Chaplaincy Mass

Monday 20th February

10.00amHarry Molloy (Birthday Rem)

Wednesday 22nd FebruaryAsh Wednesday10.00amPatrick Riordan (An)

Thursday 23rd February

7.30amVera McDunphy (5th An)10.00amMary & John O'Neill (An)

Saturday 25th February

10.00am Chris Stapleton (Birthday Rem)

Sunday 26th February

6.30pm Vigil Mary Martin (nee Kessack) (2nd An) Livinus Gallagher (Month's Mind)
10.30am Denis & Nora Minogue (An) Sr. Maura Casey (1st An)

Stella Hegarty (2nd An) 12noon Marian Doyle (5th An)

Paddy Hodgins (An)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacra-



Every Thursday in the Church from 10.30 to 11.30am and 7.30 to 8.30pm

led by Deacon Don Devaney

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE

Monday

The Monday Club (after 10am Mass & Rosary)

LOCALISE Youth Volunteering Leader: Cat Scanlon 7.00-8.00pm - during school term (new members always welcome)

Recovery Self-Help Method Meeting 8.00pm

Tuesday

Lectio Divina Led by Sr. Anne (after 10am Mass & Rosary)

Wednesday

Charismatic Prayer Group 7.30-8.30pm

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Meeting in the Pastoral Centre after Mass on the <u>last Wednesday</u> of the month. New members welcome.

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

Fr Vasyl Kornitsky is Chaplain to the Ukrainian community and curate in Donnycarney Parish. He can be contacted at 086 2359561 or <u>ugccie@gmail.com</u>

Ukrainian Mass (Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom, Byzantine rite) is held every Sunday at 1pm in Our Lady of Consolation Church, Donnycarney.

Day of Prayer for survivors and victims of abuse

This is an initiative of Pope Francis and is held on the First Friday of Lent.

A short prayer service will take place in the Village Church on Friday 24th February after the 7.30pm evening Mass. All are welcome to attend.



Age Action operates a busy information service on older people's issues and services throughout Ireland. Trained information officers provide information or referrals to the appropriate organisations.

The information service is open from 9:30am -1:30pm and 2.30pm - 4.00pm Monday to Thursday. Tel: (01) 475 6989 Email:<u>info@ageaction.ie</u>



SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, consider using Aware's phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or support mail.

For more information visit www.aware.ie

CHURCH CAR PARK

Work is expected to begin on Monday 20th February to erect a new boundary wall and railing between the nursing home and the car park in front of the Church. The current hoarding will be temporarily moved further into the Church car park to facilitate the construction work over the coming weeks.

Some disruption and reduced parking will be inevitable while this work is taking place.

Fairtrade Fortnight! 27 February – 12 March

Cllr FrancisTimmons says "I would encourage people to buy at least one Fairtrade item during Fairtrade Fortnight and to learn more about Fairtrade.

Fairtrade is kept going in Clondalkin by Paula Gavin and students of Clonburris National School. Myself and Paula hope the organised events will encourage and promote Fairtrade.

For two weeks each year at the end of February and start of March, hundreds of individuals, companies and groups across the world, including Ireland, come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food, people who are often exploited and underpaid. Fairtrade is our chance to help those exploited and underpaid. By choosing Fairtrade you are choosing to help some of the poorest in the world and choosing the world you want. Fairtrade is a simple way to make a difference to the lives of the people who grow and create the things we love. It's all about making trade fair. When you buy products with any of the FAIRTRADE Marks, you support farmers and workers as they improve their lives and their communities. By choosing Fairtrade you are helping to create a fairer world, helping fight exploitation and creating sustainable villages around the world"

Clondalkin Fairtrade Town presents the following events for Fairtrade Fortnight (27 February – 12 March)

Wed 1st March

Fairtrade and Climate Justice: A Talk by Paula Galvin 7-8 Clondalkin Library (<u>https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/fairtrade-and-climate-justice-a-talk-by-paula-galvin-tickets-530585163507)!</u>

Tues 7th March Business event on Fairtrade in Clondalkin Civic Offices.

Thurs 9th March

Fairtrade Bake Off @ 7pm in Áras Chrónáin, Music by Local Vocals and Taylor Dowling. Bring your Fairtrade baking to enter free competition!

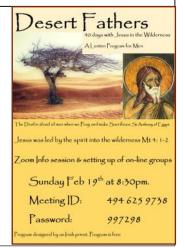
Fri 10th March

Fairtrade Art Competition - leave your entry into Clondalkin Library before 10th March - Presentation of prizes!

Desert Fathers : A Lenten Program for Men

A Lenten program for men has been developed by an Irish priest to help men make this Lent different. The program contains 4 pillars - Prayer, Penance, Spiritual reading & Charity.

To find out more and join an online group, a Zoom information meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Feb 19th at 8:30pm. Meeting ID 494 625 9738 Password: 997298.



Email <u>desertfathers40@gmail.com</u> for a copy of the program.

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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.

Clondalkin Cares

- 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: <u>https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-our-food-</u> <u>bank</u>

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 or know of someone who does, please do not hesitate to email or call.

Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse - February 24th, 2023

Candle of Atonement Prayer

Lord, forgive us our many sins. We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you, for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable. We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother. Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word.

May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church. Amen.

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tues 21st February

St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thurs 23rd February

St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr Wrapped around a mug of coffee in the Botanic Gardens' Restaurant, the view is awesome.
The herbaceous borders, the stunning glasshouses and a bonus, a lovely sunny day.
A treat for us all, a small glasshouse of flowers blooming ahead of their outdoor time.
The sun delicately shines on the plants resulting in wonderful light and shade and, even better, translucence echoing the Wild Dog Rose in late May. What a treat for the minutely attentive.
The Mallard ducks are parading around the grounds in Springtime mode under the tall sunlit trees of all colours

and textures and heights.

The seats in The Rose Garden face the afternoon sun and the Tolka weir chimes in the background.

The Wild Dog Rose is budding and arching over as only it can.

Maybe, another coffee on the way out.

Eddie









Cast yourself into the arms of God and be very sure that if He wants anything of you, He will fit you for the work and give you strength.

St. Phílíp Nerí

You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.

Ralph Waldo Emerson