



# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception of the BVM & St. Killian*

## Clonburris ☩ Knockmitten

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 26th February 2023



### THE WORD OF GOD IN OUR LIVES

On this first Sunday of Lent the Gospel tells us how Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness and there tempted by the devil. Having fasted for forty days and forty nights he was hungry. Where to get food? Turn stones into bread? His food was the Word of God.

*“One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God”.*

When tempted to throw himself from the highest pinnacle of the temple and trust that God would keep him unharmed, Jesus trusted the Word of God:

*“Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”*

When promised the wealth and splendour of the world in exchange for idolatry Jesus again quoted the Word of God:

*“Worship the Lord your God and serve only him”.*

His whole life and ministry was sustained and led by the Word of God.

In our relationship with God, in all our talking and thinking there needs to be times when we are present to him in his Word. Because we are spiritual beings we need spiritual food. Why not begin this Lent trusting that one does not live on bread alone but on the Word of God?

The practice of Lectio Divina offers us this opportunity. But what is lectio divina? It is to read, to listen, to retain, to deepen, to live the Word of God contained in Scripture. It is above all a prayer filled activity which overflows into our everyday lives, a dialogue with God who wishes to enter into a loving relationship with us.

It is a faith filled activity that tells us that God's Word is “alive and active” and can speak directly to our lives today.

Having opened the Word of God in Scripture it is not a question of reading a paragraph, a page or a chapter. It is, rather, sitting down with a Friend, the Lord, and letting him speak to us. We listen and if what he says in the first word or the first sentence strikes us, we stop and let it sink in. We respond from the heart. We enjoy it before we move on. There is no hurry. We are sitting with our Friend and who cannot give his or her best Friend ten minutes in the course of the day? Why not give Jesus ten minutes each day during Lent to speak to us and let us know how much he loves and cares for us?.

*Sr. Anne*

### 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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## LENT 2023

There will be an evening Mass 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](mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie).

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

### **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.

### **FOR THOSE INVOLVED IN THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD & THE EUCHARIST in Clondalkin parish (the Village Church, Knockmitten and Clonburris)**

We are inviting You to come to the Pastoral Centre for an evening of Prayer/Reflection and a cup of tea after the evening Mass:

**Ministers of the Word on Monday**  
13<sup>th</sup> of March from 8 to 9 pm

**Ministers of the Eucharist on Tuesday**  
14<sup>th</sup> of March from 8 to 9 pm

PARISH TEAM

## LENTEN INITIATIVES

### **SHARING FAITH IN SMALL GROUPS 'PEOPLE OF HOPE'**

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

**7 Wednesdays:** Ash Wednesday to Holy Week Wednesday, 7.30 - 8.30 pm in Knockmitten Church Parish Hall.

**6 Thursdays** up to Holy Week, 3.00 to 4.00 pm in Sruleen Parish Pastoral Centre.

### ***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 Patrícia Carroll*

### ***GODLY PLAY for Children: 'The Faces of Easter'***

5 Tuesdays: February 28th, March 7th, 14th, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> from 2.45 pm till 3.45 pm 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 & Rosemary Lavelle

### ***GODLY PLAY for Adults: 'The Faces of Easter'***

4 Wednesdays: 1st, 8th, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> of March in Bawnogue Church, John Bosco room, from 7.30 pm till 8.30 pm.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## Village Church



### Sunday 26th February

**6.30pm Vigil** Mary Martin (nee Kessack) (2nd An)  
Livinus Gallagher (Month's Mind)  
Gintas Alionis (18th An)

**10.30am** Denis & Nora Minogue (An)  
Sr. Maura Casey (1st An)  
Stella Hegarty (2nd An)  
Margaret Ledwidge (5th An)  
Special Intention

**12noon** Marian Doyle (5th An)  
Paddy Hodgins (An)

### Tuesday 28th February

**10.00am** Deirdre Purcell (Recently Dec'd)

### Wednesday 1st March

**10.00am** David O'Sullivan (Birthday Rem)

### Thursday 2nd March

**10.00am** Kathleen Branigan (3rd An)  
and Bill Branigan

### Friday 3rd March - First Friday of the Month

**7.30am** )  
**10.00am** ) Altar List of the Dead  
**7.30pm** )

**7.30pm** - Mass with Anointing of the Sick

### Saturday 4th March

**10.00am** Maeve Keogh (MM)

### Sunday 5th March

**6.30pm Vigil** Mercie Conaghan (Recently Dec'd)  
Charles Harling (1st An)

**10.30am** Patricia Gray (Birthday Rem)  
Anne & John Connolly (An)  
Bridie Naughton (An)

**12noon** Jack Ryan (1st An)  
Niamh Buckley (3rd An)

## 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 last Wednesday  
of the month.  
New members welcome.

### FIRST FRIDAY - 3rd MARCH

We remember those whose names are on the  
Altar list of the Dead.

Anointing of the Sick during the 7.30pm Mass.

### NOVENA OF GRACE

Saturday 4th to Sunday 12th March.  
Novena prayers will be said at all Masses.

### 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 [ugccie@gmail.com](mailto:ugccie@gmail.com)

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



## RECENTLY DECEASED

**MARY KINSELLA**

*May She Rest in Peace*

## Archbishop Martin calls for prayers ahead of first anniversary of war in Ukraine

Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of the holy season of Lent when, each day, Christians offer prayer, charity and sacrifice. The beginning of Lent traditionally involves fasting, and the distribution of ashes on the foreheads of church-goers. Many make Lenten promises or resolutions throughout the forty day penitential period leading up to Holy Week and Easter Sunday, when we mark the Crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As Friday 24 February marked one year since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Archbishop Eamon Martin said, "Our hearts and prayers continue go out to the suffering people of Ukraine. During Lent let our acts of prayer, charity and fasting, each day, be dedicated to the plight of refugees, and for a global peaceful environment. We must always work for peace, pray for peace and make sacrifices for peace. All of us have the capacity to build peace by our words, our actions and our attitudes to others."

## Earthquake Collection

A special collection will be taken up at all Masses this 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.

## RARE DISEASE DAY - 28th February

Rare Disease Day is an observance held on the last day of February to raise awareness about diseases that most people will not know of, as well as to improve access to treatment.

EURORDIS (The European Organization for Rare Diseases) says that treatment for many rare diseases is insufficient, and some people's quality of life is greatly hindered by inequality, simply because people have never heard of their disease, or do not understand the disease and the patient's needs.

Since 2008, EURORDIS has been putting in place social networks to help support individuals with rare diseases and their families, as well as Co-Ordinating events for Rare Disease Day at an international level. 2010 featured balloon releases, marathons, auctions and tree planting events to raise awareness, and each year people affected by rare diseases are encouraged to share pictures and their stories with the world.

Remember that "Help us grow this grass" is a far more effective sign than "Keep off the grass".

Norman Vincent Peale

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 27th February

**St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church**

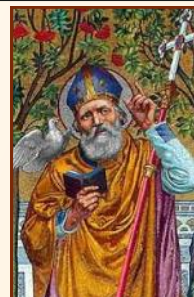
Wednesday 1st March

**St. David of Wales, Bishop**

Saturday 4th March

**St. Casimir**

### St. David of Mynyw in Wales, Bishop (c. 500 – 589) Feast Day 1st March



Accounts of David's life are scarce and based on oral tradition and a 'Life' written by Rhygyfarch (11th century bishop of St David's) at a time when the Norman bishop of Canterbury, Lanfranc, was trying to impose Roman dedications on churches in England and Wales. The tradition is that David was born at Henvynyw (*Vetus-Menevia*) in Cardiganshire. Rhygyfarch, who lived from 1057-1099 and wrote a 'Life of David' in Latin to impress the Normans, called him Sant 'holy' (*sanctus* by name and by merit). David is said to have been baptised by Ailbe, 'a bishop of the Munstermen' who is known to have been in Wales about that time. David studied at the local monastic school and after he was ordained priest, he went to study under Paulinus of Wales near the Brecon Beacons. He remained with Paulinus for several years and is said to have cured him of blindness. Paulinus sent David out to make his own monastic foundations. Rhygyfarch says David founded monasteries at Glastonbury, Bath and Leominster, but these are more likely to be Rhygyfarch's own claims to impress the Normans. But the one monastery we know he founded was that of Mynyw (Menevia) near his own birth place on the extreme south west of South Wales, facing Ireland, and now called St David's. David lived an austere life of prayer and fasting. The monastery had a most austere regime. Instead of oxen to pull the plough, the monks had to pull their plough on their own shoulders. The diet was strict – consisting of bread, bitter herbs and salt with water or a little milk. David was called *Aquaticus*, because he drank only water. Finian of Clonard and Modhomhnoc, both spent time at his monastery. Rhygyfarch says David went to the Holy Land with two other Welsh monks and that he was consecrated archbishop of Wales by the patriarch of Jerusalem – probably another exaggeration! He was bishop (probably not archbishop) of Menevia, the Roman port of Menapia in Pembrokeshire, later known as St. David's, then the chief point of departure for Ireland. He died around 601 but he continued to be remembered in Ireland, and he is mentioned in the Martyrology of Oengus and in the Catalogue of the Saints of Ireland.

(Extract from CatholicIreland.com Archive of the Saints)



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.
- 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](mailto: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 or know of  
someone who does, please do not  
hesitate to email or call.**

### CHURCH CAR PARK

Work is expected to begin on Monday 20th  
February to erect a new boundary wall and rail-  
ing 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.

*Like everyone else, you have moments in your  
life when you are called to stand at the edge,  
where the possibilities before you are immense  
and the challenges mighty.*

*These moments call for creativity, courage  
and hope. At times such as this, put your  
hand into the hand of the Creator and move  
into the future, knowing that you will not be  
tried beyond your strength and the spirit who  
calls you will give you the gifts you need.*

(Taken from "Day by Day" by Sr. Stan)

Sitting on the wall under the clock on Monastery Road.  
At 12.30 pm, facing south west, a gentle mild wind is  
washing over me. So relaxing. It gets better.  
On my left, the bed of Daffodils sweeps into view, also  
immersed in the gentle Spring day.

And you would never know who would pass by.  
Coffee is tugging from across the road.

Fortified and down at the Civic Offices, just look at the  
bare Oak trees, eminently paintable for some but visible to  
all.

Mooching on down Watery Lane, the leaves on the Wild  
Dog Rose are powering ahead and the Blackbirds are in  
concert with the Starlings and all the other little guys.

All facing into our Sun.

Forget the car, soak up the revealed beauty of this special  
time, just sitting and being, echoing Maya Angelou saying  
"Good Morning" as all of Nature is saying to you.

### *Eddie*



### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday in the Church from 10.30 to 11.30am  
and 7.30 to 8.30pm led by Deacon Don Devaney



### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

You are invited to join us for this  
special Prayer service prepared  
by the World Day of Prayer  
Committee in Taiwan, titled

### 'I HAVE HEARD ABOUT YOUR FAITH'

We gather in St. John's Church of Ireland on  
**FRIDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> of March at 7 pm.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**