

# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception of the BVM & St. Killian*

## Clonburris ☩ Knockmitten

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 5th February 2023

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of  
Ordinary  
Time

### You are the Salt of the Earth

Jesus uses two striking images in this Sunday's Gospel when he tells his disciples that they are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. The disciples are told that they can really make a difference and make a significant contribution to the quality of life of those they interact with.



In a time long before the invention of refrigeration, salt was an essential ingredient for the preservation of food. It also added flavour to the food people ate. It was a valuable commodity that people prized. It really made a difference and people appreciated it for that very reason. When it no longer did what it was intended to do, the salt lost all its value. It became worthless and was quickly discarded.

Similarly a light was a valuable item to have in the house. It made so many tasks and activities possible during the hours of darkness. We have only to sit it out for a while during a power cut to appreciate the value of light and the difference it makes to our lives.

Using these two images Jesus tells his disciples that they too can make a difference. When they live the way of love and when they act with justice and integrity, their words and actions can change and improve the quality of life for others in immeasurable ways. In living this way they give glory to God and truly make Christ present wherever they are.

If we are in any doubt as to what we can do to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, the prophet Isaiah spells it out for us in the first reading at Mass this Sunday: "Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked."

When so many are struggling in Ireland today to properly feed their families with the rising cost of living, when so many have no place to call home, when we have increasing numbers of people sleeping rough on our streets, when we can no longer offer shelter to immigrants seeking protection here, there is ample need for us to be the salt of the earth and the light that brings comfort and hope to others.

In these times we are challenged to be mindful of those in need around us, to be supportive of them in whatever way we can, and to encourage our political leaders to take the necessary steps to address the many pressing needs that confront us in our country today.

*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:**  
[Parishnewsletter1@gmail.com](mailto:Parishnewsletter1@gmail.com)

### Parish Contacts

#### Village

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RECENTLY DECEASED

CATHERINE KEENAN  
KAY HESLIN

May They Rest in Peace

Village Church



Sunday 5th February

6.30pm Vigil John Lynch (An)  
Brendan Foley (3rd An)  
Marie Donoghue (Recently Deceased)  
James McDonagh (Rem)

9.00am Paddy & Theresa Green (Rem)  
The Green & Lynsey families (Rem)

10.30am Gerard Doyle (Birthday Rem)  
Monica Lernihan & Michael Lynch  
Michael Lanney (50th An)  
Michael & Maura Dagg (An)

12noon Rory McDonnell (An)  
John Quinlan (10th An)  
Eamonn Boyce (An)  
Betty Maguire (An)  
Elizabeth Thompson (Month's Mind)  
Noel Loftus (An) & Brandon Loftus (An)  
Pauline Cahill (An)  
John Power (4th An)

Monday 6th February - Bank Holiday

10.00am Kathleen Mucha (15th An)

Tuesday 7th February

10.00am Elizabeth & Timothy Kehoe (An)

Wednesday 8th February

10.00am Thanksgiving

Friday 10th February

10.00am Anthony & Mary Murphy (An)

Saturday 11th February

10.00am Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during Mass

Sunday 12th February

6.30pm Vigil Bernard Mulholland (Month's Mind)

10.30am Belinda & James Fitzsimons (An)  
Kitty Lannin (21st An)

12noon Sheila Barry (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.

Bank Holiday - Monday 6th February

Mass at 10am only today.

World Day of the Sick - Saturday 11th February

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place during 10am Mass. All are welcome.

Accord - Catholic Marriage Care Service

The annual collection to support the work of Accord will take place at all Masses next weekend, 11th/12th February.

CLONDALKIN VILLAGE PARISH

Planned Giving 2023

Envelopes are now available and may be collected from the Parish Office.

The office is open each day Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 6th February	St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
Tues 7th February	St. Mel of Ardagh, Bishop
Wed 8th February	St. Jerome Emiliani, Priest St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Fri 10th February	St. Scholastica, Virgin
Sat 11th February	Our Lady of Lourdes St. Gobnait, Virgin

God, please give to your Church today  
many more priests after your own heart.

May they be worthy representatives of Christ the Good  
Shepherd.

May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer  
and penance; be examples of humility and poverty;  
shining models of holiness; tireless and powerful  
preachers of the Word of God; zealous dispensers of  
your grace in the sacraments.

May their loving devotion to your Son Jesus in the  
Eucharist and to Mary his Mother be the twin fountains  
of fruitfulness for their ministry.

Amen

St. John Vianney

### 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.

*Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly  
and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner  
peace for anything whatsoever, even if your  
whole world seems upset.*

St. Frances de Sales

# seniorline

National Confidential Listening Service  
for Older People

**Freephone 1800 80 45 91**

Lines open every day from  
10am to 10pm

## Age Action

Age Equality

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: [info@ageaction.ie](mailto:info@ageaction.ie)**

## Aware

Your supporting light through depression

### 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](http://www.aware.ie)**

**NATIONAL SUPPORT &  
REFERRAL LINE FOR  
OLDER PEOPLE**



YOU'RE NOT ALONE

**0818 222 024**

If you are over 60 years old and in  
need of advice, support or information,  
please call our National Support and  
Referral Line, seven days a week from  
8am – 8pm.



## THE PRIORY INSTITUTE Tallaght Village

**Study Theology, is this for you?**  
The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home.

**Register before February 8th**

Find out more on our website [priorynstitute.com](http://priorynstitute.com)

### St. Mel, Bishop - Feast Day 7th February

Mel, a Briton, companion and relative, possibly a nephew of St Patrick. He may have been the son of Conis (or Chonis) and Saint Patrick's sister, Darerca.



Saint Darerca was known as the "mother of saints" because most of her children entered religious life, some were later recognized as saints, and some became bishops. Mél and his brothers Melchu, Munis and Rioch accompanied their uncle Patrick to Ireland and helped him with his missionary work there. After St Patrick built the church at Ardagh, he appointed Mél as Bishop of Ardagh. According to the *Life of St. Brigid*, Mél is said to have had no fixed See for most of his life in ministry, which fits with other accounts of his being a traveling missionary and evangelist. Acting upon the apostolic precept, Mél supported himself by working with his hands; what he gained beyond bare necessities, he gave to the poor. He is the patron saint of the combined diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois.

The Catholic Cathedral in Longford, destroyed by fire on Christmas Day 2009 but now rebuilt, is dedicated to St Mel, as is the nearby Diocesan college. A crozier believed to have belonged to St Mel was found in the 19th century at Ardagh, near the old cathedral there. It is now kept in St Mel's College.



### 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.

### The Pope's Intention for Parishes February 2023

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need,

#### Have you ever dreamed of doing the Camino de Santiago?

[Breakthrough Cancer Research](#) are taking on the Camino Ingles from the 15<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023. Enjoy this amazing adventure with our experienced guide and help us Make More Survivors.

For more information please contact [Mary@breakcancer.ie](mailto:Mary@breakcancer.ie) or phone 021 422 66 55 for more details.



#### SET DANCING

In Áras Chronáin,  
Watery Lane,  
Clondalkin,

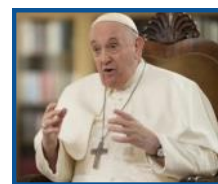
every Tuesday 7.30 - 9.30pm.

No partner needed. All welcome.

For further information : 083 8611618

### Great excitement in Democratic Republic of Congo for Pope Francis' visit

On the dusty streets of Kinshasa, crushed by the traffic of yellow lorries impeding the passage of women with baskets of fruit on their heads and motorbike taxis with four passengers on board, Pope Francis' face appears everywhere, accompanied by the words 'Bienvenue. Welcome.'Flags, posters, panels (many with the Pope's face together with those of local politicians), but also stalls with flags, t-shirts and other gadgets celebrate the Pope's arrival, expected on Tuesday 31st January at 3pm, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, 37 years after Pope St. John Paul II's visit. The trip marks the Pope's first Apostolic Journey in 2023, which will continue in South Sudan. The visit has been long-desired by Pope Francis, and was originally for July 2022, but was postponed for health reasons. The Pope kept his promise to visit this population of some 100 million people, 49% of whom are Catholics, plagued by endemic poverty that takes the form of worn-down shops and food markets and houses submerged in mud, as well as pollution.



*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.**

**Trócaire is 50!**



Believe it or not, this year Trócaire celebrates 50 years working for justice.

One date for your diary is the **St. Patrick's College Maynooth annual Trócaire Lent Lecture** which takes place on **March 7th at 7pm** in person in Maynooth College and also online.

*“How can Catholic Social Teaching (CST) help us to navigate fragility and lead us to local power and global justice in times of unprecedented crises.”*

**Speakers: Dr. Ethna Regan CHF** (Associate Professor of Theology and Ethics, Dublin City University) and

**Cardinal Michael Czerny, S.J.**, Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.

*Registration details will be released shortly*

**VACANCY**

**Cleaner position available in Coláiste Bríde.**

**For more information please call (01) 4591 158**

There it is. St Brigid's Cathedral in Kildare. Walking down from the train, it keeps popping up into view and then you are in the centre of Kildare and it's beside you. Just sitting, sipping a coffee in the Square, it dominates the area.

Buzzing to walk to St. Brigid's Well, embraced in the whole dynamic, I'm off.

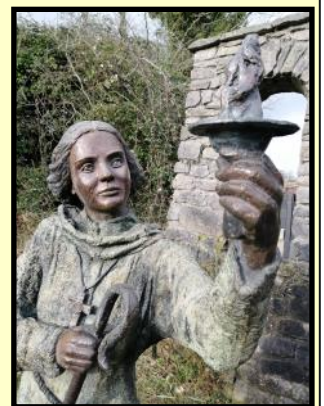
Relaxing into the 40-minute walk and nourishing the effort, past the National Stud, we turn right down a narrow road. And then left for a few hundred yards and heavenly relaxation on a bench, rewarded with the ancientness around me.

The well, the stream, the stunning statue of St. Brigid holding the eternal flame in admiration, just amazing.

Floating back, Solas Bride of The Benedictine Nuns embraces the torch of St. Brigid in joy and hospitable to all visitors.

And we didn't go inside the Cathedral yet back in Kildare.

Got the 726 back to Red Cow - a Mercedes bus with leather seats. Stretched, rewarded and content.



*Eddie*



Education does not happen only in the classroom. You can learn in almost any situation, at almost every moment of the day. Anyone you meet can be your teacher: a person who has lived through a situation you are going through can light the way for you; other people are often happy to share their experience with you, if you are willing to listen. The teacher, it is said, will appear when the student is ready.

Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.

*Aristotle*

*(Taken from 'Day by Day' by Sister Stan)*