



# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception of the BVM & St. Killian*

## Clonburris ✚ Knockmitten

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 12th March 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
of  
Lent

### *'Is the Lord with us, or not?'*

In today's first reading from Exodus, the Jews feel that the Lord has brought them into the wilderness. They are suffering and feel abandoned. Does this resonate with you? At times we may feel God is nowhere to be found, and even, without hope! It may happen when we are sitting at the bedside of a loved one and see the ICU monitors telling a story that death is nearing, medical science has done all it can, and we turn to God in desperation - *DO something* !

In the psalm, we see the response 'O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.' In situations where we cannot hear God's voice or see his hand at work, it is easy for our hearts to become hardened.

We can give up on God and say 'you are not there!' Yet, in the second reading from Paul to the Corinthians, we see that 'suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, character produces hope and hope will not disappoint us.' 'Christ died for sinful people. It is not easy to die even for a good person – though of course for someone worthy, you might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.'

In John's Gospel (Ch.4), we are faced with what we really long or thirst for.

The Samaritan woman has not been satisfied by her many relationships, but in Jesus she finds the source of living water: "Give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty." This living water will flow from his wounded side as the gift of merciful love, the gift of the Holy Spirit, on Calvary. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit who enables us to become 'true worshippers of the Father in spirit and truth.' Jesus continues: 'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work.'

As his disciples, can we rise to this challenge?

*Deacon Don Devaney*



### 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  
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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!

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 12th March

**6.30pm Vigil** Mary Corrigan (3rd An)  
and William Corrigan (54th An)  
Greta Priest (An)  
Josephine Keane (2nd An)  
Rose & James McKenna (23rd An)  
Mary McElroy & Dalton McElroy (An)

**9.00am** Billy Hogan (An)

**10.30am** Jack Mahon (22nd An)  
Vera Mahon (3rd An)

**12noon** Jimmy Doyle (2nd An)  
Daniel Delahan (1st An)  
Thomas McLoughlin (2nd An)  
Elizabeth Lawlor (An)

Monday 13th March

**10.00am** Elizabeth & Philip Martin (An)

Thursday 16th March

**10.00am** Special Intention

Friday 17th March - Feast of St. Patrick

**10.30am** Patricia Heffernan (Birthday Rem)  
and George Smith (Rem)  
Jack & Katie Fitzgerald (An)  
Patrick & Mary Cosgrove (An)

Tommy, Della & Bennie Raftery (An), John Raftery  
(Rem) and John McDonagh (Birthday Rem)

Padraig Doyle (Birthday Rem) & Patrick Doyle (An)

Sunday 19th March

**6.30pm Vigil** Sean Harrington (4th An)  
**9.00am** Theresa Green (Rem)  
**10.30am** Joe Craven (1st An)  
Theresa Hyland (2nd An)  
**12noon** Mary Kinsella (Month's Mind)  
Christina Brown (Rem)  
Elizabeth McDermott (Rem)  
Gertie Finn (Rem)  
Cora O'Daly  
Peg Storan (An and Birthday Rem)  
Maisie & Brendan O'Riordan (An)



## St. Patrick's Day - 17th March

### MASS TIMES

#### Village Church

Thursday 16th - Vigil Mass at 7.30pm

Friday 17th - Mass at 9am (in Irish),  
10.30am and 12 noon

#### Clonburris

Thursday 16th - Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

Friday 17th - Mass at 11am

#### Knockmitten

Friday 17th - Mass at 11am

### 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

##### St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Meeting in the Pastoral Centre  
after Mass on the last Wednesday  
of the month.

New members welcome.

##### Charismatic Prayer Group

7.30-8.30pm

#### Thursday

##### 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



### RECENTLY DECEASED

UNA O'NEILL  
HELEN BOGGINS

*May They Rest in Peace*

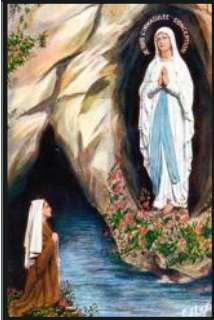
**FRIENDS OF  
NEWCASTLE BURIAL GROUND**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Wednesday 15th March @ 7.30pm**

**Venue:**

**'The Den', St. Finian's Church Grounds,  
Newcastle**

**ALL WELCOME**



**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO  
LOURDES 2023**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May,  
5 nights full board, 4\* Hotel Astrid,  
€800 per person sharing, single  
room supplement €165.

Flight direct to Lourdes with Ryanair,  
10kg baggage allowance, travel insurance  
included (€20 extra for pilgrims over 85).

Booking form along with a copy of the  
photograph page of your passport required.  
Forms available soon from the Parish Office or  
from Joe at 087 6820338.

*Please check your passport is in date and valid  
until end of August this year.*

Let other people be who they are, for it is a good way in  
which to show respect. Do not limit them or surround  
them with judgements, advice, pressure or hopes about  
how they could or should be.

You do well to trust that others can create their own  
destiny.

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*Think for yourselves and let others enjoy the privilege  
to do so too. Voltaire*

Taken from "Day by Day" by Sister Stan

Dear St. Patrick,

in your humility, you called yourself a sinner,  
but you became a most successful missionary and  
prompted countless pagans to follow the Saviour.

Many of their descendants in turn  
spread the Good News in numerous foreign lands.

Through your powerful intercession with God,  
obtain the missionaries we need to continue the work  
you began. Amen.

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

Friday 17th March

**St. Patrick, Bishop and  
Patron of Ireland**

Saturday 18th March

**St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop  
and Doctor of the Church**

**Extract from St. Patrick's Breastplate**

**I arise today**

through God's strength to pilot me,

God's might to uphold me,

God's wisdom to guide me,

God's eye to look before me,

God's ear to hear me,

God's word to speak for me,

God's hand to guard me,

God's shield to protect me,

God's host to save me

From snares of devils,

From temptation of vices,

From everyone who shall wish me ill,  
afar and near.

Christ with me,

Christ before me,

Christ behind me,

Christ in me,

Christ beneath me,

Christ above me,

Christ on my right,

Christ on my left,

Christ when I lie down,

Christ when I sit down,

Christ when I arise,

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,

Christ in every eye that sees me,

Christ in every ear that hears me.





### *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 underway to erect a new boundary wall  
and railing between the nursing home and the car  
park in front of the Church. The hoarding has  
been 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.

A whole bed of those gorgeous orange-centered  
Daffodils. A raised bed makes them even more  
visual. And 2 minutes walk from the village  
Church, on a sunny day at 1 pm when the sun is  
high in the sky, just look in awe and wonder.  
How brilliant is nature. Nursing a coffee in  
Newlands, those dreamy sweeps of blooms are  
still ever present in my vision and oh so enjoyable  
and rewarding. And look at that dramatic cloudy  
sky with sunny interludes.  
Just find them and enjoy.

### **Eddie**



### **St. Mura of Fahan (550-645 AD) : Feast Day 12<sup>th</sup> March**

The tradition is that Mura was a disciple of St Colmcille and was appointed by him as abbot of Othan Mór monastery at Fahan, near Buncrana, Co Donegal. After the death of the saint it was called Fahan Mura. Mura wrote a rhymed life of St Colmcille, which is quoted in the *Martyrology of Donegal* (1630). He is regarded as the special patron of the O'Neill clan, being a descendant of Niall of the Nine Hostages, through his son Eoghan, who gave his name to Inishowen. Three testimonies of his ministry survive: his crozier (*Bachall Mura*), now in the Royal Irish Academy; a bell-shrine, now in the Wallace Collection, London: and a stone cross preserved at Fahan as a national monument (see image below). A holy well near the cross is called St Mura's well. This can be located in the graveyard of a ruined church at Fahan, beside the road from Letterkenny to Buncrana. This was the site of the monastery founded by St. Colmcille for his disciple St. Mura. This early 7th century cross-slab is 6 1/2 feet: it demonstrates a close connection with Scotland, where the shape is more common. The intertwined ribbon knotwork is thought to represent the Tree of Life and the five circles symbolizing fruit. The Tree of Life with its roots on the earth and its branches high in the air symbolized a connection between heaven and earth. The seasonal cycles of the tree link it with growth, death, and rebirth.

(Taken from CatholicIreland.net)

