



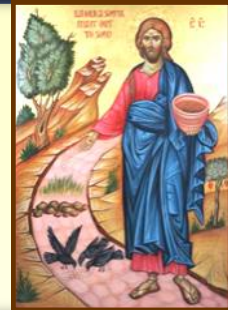
Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception of the BVM & St. Killian

Clonburris ☩ Knockmitten

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 16th July 2023



SOWER, SOIL, SEED

The Parable of the Sower is the first of the parables told by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. It is a story that contrasts frustrated growth, or failed harvest, with abundant harvest. Because there is nothing said about the sower apart from him going out to sow seed, it could be renamed the Parable of the Seed or the Parable of the Ground, the Parable of Failed Growth or the Parable of Abundant Harvest.

The title is not important. What is important is what the parable has to say to us. If a parable is a story that makes us do our own thinking, the Parable of the Sower invites us into self-examination. What kind of soil am I? Is my soil hardened by routine, rocky through non forgiveness and grievances, thorny and choked with cares and worries or yielding a harvest of goodness? What seeds do I scatter and where? The gospel tells us that Jesus got into a boat and taught the people on the shore. Imagine him pointing to the farmer in the upland field scattering the seed with generous abandon. "A sower went out to sow". Jesus does not say who the sower is. What if we are? If we are the sower we must be like the sower scattering the seeds of the Word of God, sharing the Gospel message of love, joy and peace where ever we go. Our concern is not where the seed falls or whether people are ready to receive the message. The sower has only to sow the seed. The Holy Spirit will do the rest. Our world today is in desperate need of good news. People yearn for God whether they admit it or not. Hearts are restless till they rest in Him (St. Augustine).

If our lives and our world are going to flourish it will be because, and only because "a sower went out to sow". We may be the only Gospel people will read. If that is true we better get sowing!

**"Send us out with joy to live the Gospel
Send us out with peace to act as one
Send us out with love to build up hope".**

(Novena Prayer for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin)

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

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Pathways is a two year,
one evening a week,
Adult Faith Development
course run by the Dublin

Archdiocese on Thursday evenings from 7pm to
9.30pm, September to May, in DCU St. Patrick's
Campus, Upper Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9.

Applications for September 2023 are now open.

Contact the director, Eileen Houlahan on
01-8087594 or by email at
pathways@dublindiocese.ie

Summer Offering/Dues

Archbishop Dermot Farrell is inviting parishioners
to continue to support the priests of the parish and
diocese by means of the Summer Dues/Offering
collection over these Summer months.

Envelopes are available on the tables in the
Church.

Thank you for your support.



RECENTLY DECEASED
JOHN MOLLOY
BRENDA WALSH
May They Rest in Peace

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday 20th July	St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
Friday 21st July	St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Saturday 22nd July	St. Mary Magdalene

Sale of Work in Sruleen Parish

Sruleen Church is having a Sale of Work /
Bric-a-Brac Sale this weekend after the
6.30pm Mass on Saturday and after the
10.30am and 12 noon Masses on Sunday
in aid of a Homeless Charity.

Please support.

LOUGH DERG



**Traditional 3 day pilgrimage season open
now until 15th August.**
Booking advised. Cost is €80.

See www.loughderg.org for details

Clondalkin Parish Pilgrimage to Knock



Saturday 26th August 2023

All in fare €50 (non refundable)

If interested in going
please put your name, phone number
and money in an envelope and drop it
into the Parish Office or Sacristy for
the attention of Kathleen Ryder.

SYNOD - October 2023

The *Instrumentum Laboris*, the official working
document for the first session of the 16th Ordinary
General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, was
launched on 20th June.

A large number of people from various parts of the
world with different expertise prepared this
important text which will animate all the work of the
October assembly. See [https://synod.ie/
instrumentum-laboris-for-synod-2021-2024/](https://synod.ie/instrumentum-laboris-for-synod-2021-2024/).

The list of participants in the October assembly has
also been released. See [https://www.vaticannews.va/
en/vatican-city/news/2023-07/vatican-october-
assembly-synod-on-synodality-list-participants.html](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-07/vatican-october-assembly-synod-on-synodality-list-participants.html).

Let nothing disturb you;

Let nothing frighten you.

All things are passing.

God alone remains.

Patience obtains all things.

Nothing is wanting to him who possesses God.

God alone suffices.

St. Teresa of Ávila

Village Church



Sunday 16th July

6.30pm Vigil Anne Morris (10th An)
10.30am Nora Gordon (2nd An)
12noon Gabriel Ennis (Month's Mind)
 Thomas & Maisie Delaney (An)
 Bridie & Sean Foran (An)

Monday 17th July

10.00am Teresa Flanagan (An)

Thursday 20th July

10.00am Linda O'Toole (1st An)

Friday 21st July

10.00am Tom Kinane (Birthday Rem)

Sunday 23rd July

10.30am Bridget Fitzsimons (An)
 Jack & Mary Finlay (Rem)
12noon Desmond Mellon (1st An)

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE

Monday

The Monday Club
 (after 10am Mass & Rosary)

**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

NELSON MANDELA INTERNATIONAL DAY 2023 18th July

Nelson Mandela International Day is celebrated on 18 July every year in honour of the first democratically elected President of South Africa, the late Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. The day was officially declared by the United Nations in November 2009 and was first officially celebrated in 2010. The call to action for Nelson Mandela International Day 2023 is "Climate, Food & Solidarity" and reflects some of the most urgent challenges facing people worldwide. This year we will focus on dismantling poverty and inequality by taking action against climate change and creating resilient food environments.

Nelson Mandela: Born July 1918 - Died December 2013

St. Mary Magdalene - Feast Day 22nd July

There are various Marys mentioned in the New Testament. None receives as much attention as Mary, the Mother of Jesus, but close behind her is Mary of Magdala. The Catholic Church, in the Calendar of Saints, distinguishes between Mary of Magdala, Mary the sister of Lazarus, and the sinful woman who weeps over the feet of Jesus (Lk 7:36-50). Nor is she to be confused with the nameless woman caught in adultery (Jn.8:3-11).

Mary of Magdala was a disciple of Jesus. It was unknown at that time for women to be disciples of Rabbis and yet all four Evangelists mention her, while Luke and Matthew specifically state that she and some others looked after Jesus and his closest disciples. Her message here is one of service, for she considered it an honour to minister to the Lord. This she did to the end, when she came with others to anoint his crucified body as it lay in the tomb. We are told that Mary had 'seven demons' cast out of her by Jesus. We don't know if these were spirits of a sinful nature, or if they refer to some sickness from which Jesus freed her. In another passage, Jesus mentions a man who was freed in a similar way, but who later succumbed to seven other demons. Mary, once freed, never fell prey again to the power of her former problems, and followed Jesus resolutely, even to the foot of the cross on the hill of Calvary. You could say she was a fragile person, but what a beautiful lesson for us to know that Jesus can use us even when we are damaged and have known sin or distress or sickness.

(Taken from CatholicIreland.net)



**Church Gate
 collection at Village
 Church after all Masses
 this weekend in aid of Our Lady's
 Children's Hospital, Crumlin**

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 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.

For every sunset, there is a sunrise.
For every dream that ends, one is born.
For every door that closes, another one opens.
For every love that ends, another begins.
For every end there is a new beginning.
For every departure there is an arrival.
For every defeat there is a victory.
Nothing is ever finished, as long as there is life.

Paulo Coelho



Fógra Eile:

The Bumblebees are opposite Áras Chronáin mopping up in the bushes with white "Lilac-style blooms". Enjoy.



Youth 2000 Summer Festival

Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare

Thursday 10th to Sunday 13th August 2023

For young people 16 to 35 years

The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass.

Donation only and we have buses going from all over Ireland.

For more information and to book your place go to www.youth2000.ie

THREE IN ONE

The process has started with heavy rain chased by dazzling sunbursts. All our natural friends in the hedges are in full expression.

Later on, heads down in the hunt for little cup mushrooms, savouring them roasting on a dry pan with a pinch of salt.

Right now, our trusty friend, the Blackberry bush is presenting a "three face"--blooms, green berries and oh!! look at that one red one. Carefully watched to be savoured "like thickened wine" (Seamus Heaney).
Over to Seamus:

"Late August, given heavy rain and sun
For a full week, the blackberries would ripen.
At first, just one, a glossy purple clot among others, red,
green hard as a knot.
You ate that first one and its flesh
Was sweet like thickened wine.
Summer's blood was in it
Leaving stains upon the tongue
And lust for picking"

(Seamus Heaney Blackberry Picking)

So, hit the hedges and maybe try a red berry from the Blackberry bush. **Eddie**