



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception of the BVM & St. Killian

Clonburris Knockmitten

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 30th July 2023



Pearl of Great Price

If you were approached by God, as was Solomon, and told, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you," how would you respond? Would you ask for money, a happy family, good health. or world peace? Solomon asked for "an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong." Without minimizing the selfless character of his request, we may remember that, as king, he had no need for more riches. However, he certainly could have sought revenge on his enemies. Instead, he asked for the disposition needed to serve his people well. How would you respond? It takes insight to realize what we should treasure and what is not worthy of us. This is particularly difficult when society assaults us with negative values. Perhaps we should all pray for "an understanding heart."

Today's Gospel contains three parables, three wisdom stories that provide glimpses into the reign of heaven. The first two lend themselves to this reflection. They maintain that it is the reign of heaven that really counts. This reign is characterized as a treasure in a field or a pearl of great price. The parables challenge us to be willing to sell everything we have that this treasure may be ours. What is this reign of heaven, for which we should be willing to give up all else? It is a way of living life here and now, not merely a state of being that will unfold after death. It is a life of faithful commitment; it is a life of integrity, of trust in God and service of others. Paul describes this as a life of conformity to the image of God's own Son. All are given the opportunity to discover the treasure. All will have to sell what they must to acquire it. The cost may be great, but "all things work for good for those who love God."

The pearl is there for everyone. All that we need to sell or to detach from is our own self-will. Only God can give us the strength to let go what we are holding on to that separates us from Him who is the pearl. Our tragedy is not that we cannot find the pearl but that we may be unwilling to pay the price.

Judgment is for later. Right now, it is for us to use the time given to us to go in search of the treasure and the pearl of great price, of the gift to be able to identify, with Jesus, the true, the good and the beautiful, and to help others too in the search.

Jesus is the Way the Truth and the life. Hence, he is the pearl and the way to the pearl.

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

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FAITH DEVELOPMENT/ TRAINING POSSIBILITIES

Young Adult Camino in Summer 2024

Plans are currently being made to host a Young Adult Camino in Summer 2024 for the Archdiocese of Dublin.

It will be the final stage, walking the 110kms from Sarria to Santiago, with a day trip to Finisterre. Upon reaching the Cathedral in Santiago, those walking will get their Compostela.

Three preparation sessions will be held in March, April and May. Register your interest now by fill in the following form: <https://forms.office.com/e/q4xqzF4Vwv/>.

All queries can be sent to natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie.
We look forward hearing from you!

Please share this initiative with your Friends & Family!

Know your Faith – Come to Pathways: Exploring Faith and Ministry

Applications are now open for the next intake of participants for *Pathways*. The programme, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, begins this year in DCU St Patrick's Campus, Upper Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9, on Thursday, September 28 (7pm – 9.30pm).

Places are limited so early application is advised. *Pathways* is a two-year, one-evening-a-week course for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. You can just come along and enjoy! The cost is €400 for the coming year which may be paid in instalments. Some sponsorship may be available for those of limited means.

Places are limited.

For more information please visit www.missionministry.ie or contact Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD, Director, *Pathways* Programme at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie.

Leaflets are available in our Church on the notice boards..

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.

THE SYNOD UPDATE ***Instrumentum laboris***

(Latin for 'working instrument')

We encourage you to read online 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 June 20. 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/>.

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>.



RECENTLY MARRIED

**LAURA WALSH and
JOSEPH DUNNE**

Congratulations!

Ministers of the Word

Dear Ministers of the Word, we invite you to collect a letter from the sacristy which was written as a response to our last gathering.

With gratitude for your commitment and ministry.
Parish Team & Ministers of the Eucharist core group

Village Church



Sunday 30th July

6.30pm Vigil Oswald (Ossie) Murphy (4th An)
Noel Claffey (Month's Mind)
Richie Meehan (21st An)
Thomas Delaney (An)
Maura Millist (18th An)

10.30am Mary Cashin (An)
Mary MacConalogue (Rem)
Pat Walsh (Special Thanks) and
Vincent Slattery (Birthday Rem)
Angela Fitzpatrick (5th An)

12noon Imelda Gilleran (An)
Sheila Kelleher (An)
Eileen Smith (20th An)
Olive Corcoran (11th An)

Monday 31st July

10.00am Ossie Murphy (4th An)

Thursday 3rd August

10.00am John Talbot (Birthday Rem)

Friday 4th August

7.30am)

10.00am) Altar List of the Dead

7.30pm Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Saturday 5th August

10.00am Catherine Bolger (Month's Mind)

Sunday 6th August

6.30pm Vigil Breda Long (1st An) and her son
Darragh

10.30am Liam Heffernan Snr (10th An)
Lyndsey Comer (An)
Ruby Tighe (An)
Matthew Kennedy (Month's Mind)
Tommy Curran (An)

First Friday - 4th August

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
will be available during the 7.30pm Mass.



RECENTLY DECEASED

EDWARD KELLY
MICHAEL HEALY

May They Rest in Peace

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

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 31st July **St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

Tuesday 1st August **St. Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church**

Wed 2nd August **St. Eusebius of Vercelli,
Bishop**

St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Friday 4th August **St. John Vianney, Priest**

Sat 5th August **Dedication of the Basilica of
St. Mary Major in Rome**

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.



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 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.



WORLD YOUTH DAY

Best wishes to our young adults from the Clondalkin area travelling to Lisbon for World Youth Day this coming week.



B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge not weakness. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you.

Next Coping with Life Alone Programme will take place on Saturday 16th September 2023 in Carmelite Community Centre, 56 Aungier St, Dublin 2. D02 T258

Next residential Programme will take place from 3rd to 5th November 2023 in Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village, D24 KA40.

For further information please phone Dublin Team 086 0877379 or email bedublin@gmail.com

Upcoming Retreat at the Dominican Retreat Centre

Repairing our image of God

with Fr. Donagh O'Shea, OP

Saturday 12th - Friday 18th August 2023

Refocusing our image of God, with help from Julian of Norwich. "God endlessly delights in us," she wrote. "God is our clothing, who wraps and enfolds us for love, embraces us and shelters us, surrounds us for love, which is so tender that it will never desert us."

**Cost: Residential €525.00
Non-residential €350.00**

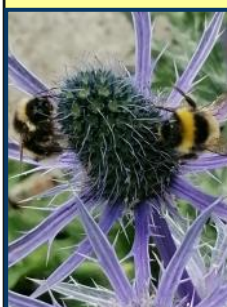
EARLY BOOKING ADVISED

Dominican Retreat Centre
dominicanretreats@gmail.com

BUMBLEBEE SPECIAL

Tracking down to Watery Lane through Castle estate. Oh!! that's a lovely blue thistly kind of plant. Seagrass and would you believe it, Bumblebees buzzing all over it. It's amazing - two Bumblebees feeding off the one flower and no fuss. Maybe, their nest is nearby. Nursing a Java black coffee in Newlands', the Pansies are assailing us on the double, the scent and the kaleidoscope of colour. What great joy. Blue sky this morning and moderate temperatures - oh!! the joys of it all. Magical.

Eddie



The secret of health for both mind and body is not to mourn for the past, worry about the future or anticipate troubles, but to live in the present moment wisely and earnestly.

Gautama Siddharta