



# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception of the BVM & St. Killian*

**Clonburris** † **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter Sunday 17th September 2023

FORGIVE  
as you've been  
FORGIVEN

Matthew 18:21-35

## *The Lord is compassion and love*

In response to a question from Peter in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus preaches a parable to the people about mercy and forgiveness. The parable is very straight forward and simple to understand. We must be generous in our dealings with others, with a generosity that we ourselves would like to experience in God's dealing with us. We cannot in good conscience call on God's mercy for our own failings if we are not merciful ourselves towards other people.

The golden rule is to always treat others as you would like them to treat you. This is really at the heart of the Gospel message we hear at Mass this weekend. It can be a challenging and demanding message. It is by no means easy to always live this teaching in our daily lives. It can be quite a struggle at times to let go of anger and resentment and to be merciful and forgiving towards those who have hurt and harmed us in life. Anger and resentment can be a heavy burden to carry. They can control us and often inhibit us from letting go and getting on with life. How often have we read or heard stories of people being liberated by being able to forgive someone who has done them grave harm?

The Psalmist reminds us today that the Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. In his earthly ministry Jesus often forgave people their sins. He associated with known sinners. He called sinners to be his disciples. In his compassion and mercy Jesus could see the potential in human people and offered them the opportunity for a fresh start, a new beginning.

Looking into our hearts and being honest with ourselves, there is not one of us who can claim to have no need for God's mercy and forgiveness. We have all failed in life. We have hurt and harmed people to a greater or lesser extent by our words and actions and likewise at times by our silence and inaction. In our daily prayer, if we are to pray sincerely the words of the Lord's Prayer – forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us – then we must constantly strive to keep an attitude of compassion and mercy to the fore in dealing with other people.

*O God our Father, you are slow to anger and rich in compassion. Keep alive in us the memory of your mercy, so that our angers may be calmed and our resentments dispelled. Give us a heart ready to forgive so that we may have a heart ready to receive mercy and forgiveness from you. Amen.*

*Fr. Kieran Coghlan*

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### **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**

**Sunday 11am**

#### **Knockmitten**

**Sunday 11am**

### **Parish Office Hours**

**Clondalkin:**

**Monday-Friday : 9.30-12.30**

**Please contact through**

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**Submissions for**

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

## FAITH DEVELOPMENT/ TRAINING POSSIBILITIES

### THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

We invite you to an evening of reflection on *what it means to us to be called by Jesus to Discipleship and following God's invitation to serve* in the ever changing reality of our lives and the world around us. The reflection is based on the Joyce Rupp book "*Fresh Bread and Other Gifts of Spiritual Nourishment*" and will include time of prayer, time of quiet, time of sharing and time of refreshments.

We will meet in the Clondalkin Village Parish Pastoral Centre on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of September at 7.30 pm till 9 pm.

**Facilitators:** Catherine Flynn & Saule Cameron (PPW)

### *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.*

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

### NEW ROTA FOR MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Dear Minister of the Eucharist,

Please collect a new rota from the Sacristy for the months of October & November.

*Thank you for your continued commitment to this Ministry!*

### *Diocesan Youth Leadership Course*

Beginning in September, a new Diocesan Youth Leadership Course will take place. This course will equip young adults to take on leadership roles in their parish setting and for peer-to-peer ministry, as well as training those looking to accompany young adults in their parish. Each month, new skills are learned and will be put into practice at the Retreat Day which will be shaped and organised by the course participants.

#### **For more information**

email [natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie)

#### **Register here:**

<https://forms.office.com/e/vnhG5552SW>

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS TRAINING

Our Parish Partnership Parishes Pastoral Councils will gather for the annual training on **Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> of September** in Sruleen Parish Centre.

Please pray for all involved that the Holy Spirit would bless this gathering.

**Pray, hope and don't worry.  
Worry is useless.  
God is merciful and will hear your prayer.**

*St. Pius of Pietrelcina*

### The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

At all Masses on the weekend of 23/24 September, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated in Sruleen Parish Church. It is a profoundly prayerful and symbolic moment during which, with ritual, we recall, acknowledge and celebrate the presence and love of God for us in our fragile experiences of ill-health of mind, body or spirit. Our friends from other parishes are welcome to join with us!

**Fr. Vincent**

# Village Church



## Sunday 17th September

**6.30pm Vigil** John & Nora Keogh  
 Gretta Gallagher (5th An)  
 Kathleen Nolan (4th An)  
 James & Kathleen Gallagher (Rem)  
 Paddy Kelly (3rd An)  
 Frank Andrews (Rem)  
 Elizabeth (Betty) Clarke (17th An)  
 Sean O'Shea (Month's Mind)  
 Margaret Robinson (Month's Mind)

**9.00am** Patty Curtis (1st An)

**10.30am** Willie Cashin (An)  
 Michael Fitzsimons (An)  
 Terence (Terry) McDermott (5th An)  
 Evelyn Jones (23rd An)  
 May Stynes (2nd An) and Patrick Stynes (An)  
 Brian & Bridge McArdle (Ruby 40th An)

**12noon** Niamh McDonnell (An)  
 Peg Dooley (25th An)  
 Eileen & Gerry Nolan (An)  
 Donal O'Sullivan (5th An)  
 Michael Fitzgerald and  
 Billy Nolan (An)  
 Tadhg O'Neill (14th An)  
 Maureen Scahill (1st An)

## Monday 18th September

**10.00am** William Nevin (10th An)

## Tuesday 19th September

**10.00am** Joseph Cleary (Rem)

## Wednesday 20th September

**10.00am** Kathleen Handley (An)

## Thursday 21st September

**10.00am** Patricia Gordon (22nd An)

## Sunday 25th September

**10.30am** Brendan Ford  
 Mary MacConalogue (Rem)  
 Jack & Mary Finlay (Rem)  
 Salvacion G. Rosadio (Rem)  
 Greg Faustino G. Rosadio (Rem)

**12noon** John Cullen (4th An)  
 Aidan & Mary Cullen  
 Nancy, Aidan, Seamus, Rita,  
 Phyllis & Peter Keogh  
 Michael Gillick  
 Mary Brierty (1st An)  
 Rita O'Neill (9th An) and Robert  
 Georges Smith (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**  
 (after 10am Mass & Rosary)  
 Led by Sr. Anne

**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

*Tues 19th Sept* **St. Januarius, Bishop and  
 Martyr**

*Wed 20th Sept* **St. Andrew Kim Taegön, Priest,  
 St. Paul Chöng Hasang and  
 Companions, Martyrs**

*Thurs 21st Sept* **St. Matthew, Apostle and  
 Evangelist**

*Sat 23rd Sept* **St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

## Lunchtime Alpha Online Course begins at 1pm on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

It is a great opportunity to experience this  
 worldwide-spread course, which explores  
 foundations of our faith and offers an  
 opportunity to meet new people.

If you'd like to register, please email:  
 Julie O'Donnell, at [Julie@alphaireland.org](mailto:Julie@alphaireland.org)

## Monday Club : September 2023

Hello parishioners and readers of the newsletter.



We are meeting every week in the Pastoral Centre and everyone is welcome. We have chats, Quizzes, Bingo, Music and sometimes Crafts.

During the Summer, we had three outings to different places. We visited Kildare Outlet Village, Mount Usher Gardens and our last trip was to the Vintage Tea Rooms in Arklow.

All our trips have been interesting but this last one was our most interesting trip and we had great fun being dressed up in the dresses of the Victorian style. Then we had our photographs taken of each other. The dresses were removed and then we were served tea/coffee and the Afternoon Tea fare.

This coming week is the annual Coffee Morning for Our Lady's Hospice when different groups will be hosting coffee mornings. We will be having ours on Monday 18th after the 10am Mass. We will also be having a Raffle. Proceeds will be forwarded to the Hospice.

Until next week, take care.

*Kathleen R*



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.**

## ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (1887-1968) PADRE PIO

**Feast Day 23rd September**

Francesco Forgione was born of agricultural worker parents in the village of Pietrelcina, north-east of Naples. He joined the Capuchins, taking the name Pius and was ordained priest in 1910. He began to experience pains and what he called "invisible stigmata". During military service in World War I, he was sent on convalescent leave. In 1918 he contracted double pneumonia and was sent to a monastery at San Giovanni Rotondo, near Foggia, where he stayed for the rest of his life. The stigmata on his hands and feet became visible and a wound in his side bled for the rest of his life. The Capuchins made no attempt to hide his condition. The Vatican had him examined and he had to say Mass in private for a number of years. Pius, always a humble man, and always dedicated to the passion of Christ would only say he was a mystery to himself. People for whom he prayed left donations. A new hospital complex was built and the place became a centre of pilgrimage and healing.



A story of his being in two places at the one time is told by his superior, Padre Carmelo da Sassano. There was a concert one evening in the monastery. During the intermission Padre Pio folded his arms on a chair in front of him and rested his head. No one disturbed him and when the intermission was over Padre Pio sat upright and gave his attention to the rest of the performance. Next day Padre Carmelo called to see a sick villager. He found the patient fully recovered and the family delighted as Padre Pio, they said, had visited them the night before. Padre Carmelo said that wasn't possible, as Padre Pio had been at the concert. But the family insisted he had come and when asked at what time, Padre Carmelo recognised it was at the time of the intermission.

On the fiftieth anniversary of the day he received the stigmata, while Padre Pio was saying Mass, people in the congregation noticed that the stigmata had vanished. He died the next day.

### MESSAGE FROM CROSSCARE



You may come in contact with people who experience food poverty through your work. We help families and individuals with food supplies, and through our caseworkers, with any other issues that have brought them into poverty.

We have food collection and casework centres across Dublin – in Finglas, Ronanstown, Jobstown, Nutgrove, Bonnybrook, Blanchardstown, and Dublin 1 – with plans to establish more where needed.

*Please do not hesitate to get in touch.*

**Yvonne Fleming, Senior Manager at Crosscare**

*Please share details of this service (below) through your networks so we can reach as many people in need as possible.*

**Email: [foodcaseworkservice@crosscare.ie](mailto:foodcaseworkservice@crosscare.ie)**

**Phone: 01 8913022**

## A LITTLE FLOWER

Anyone for Peck's Lane, this is your stop. Up and out of my reverie, I cross all the complications of the major junction at Blanchardstown and leg it up along Dunsink Lane doing a rekkie for Culture Night on the 22nd Sept. It is a lovely walk once its proximity to the M50 is passed.

Click, smack from behind the hedge. Golf balls being launched in various unintended directions.

Look at the high horizon of the reclaimed Dunsink Dump, silhouetted by a herd of wild horses on the brow of the hill. But the real jewel of the journey is one piece of Fern, purple in colour, which transfixed me. In my 73 yrs. I have never seen this, either here or abroad.

Dunsink Observatory is in situ since the 1800's. So, this ground is largely undisturbed. Who knows the reason for the colour? The joyful wonder of it.



## Eddie



### Sod-turning ceremony for the Regeneration Works at Corkagh Park

On Tuesday 12 September 2023, the Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Cllr. Alan Edge officially turned the sod to mark the commencement of works on the Corkagh Park Regeneration Project. The Mayor was joined by Mr. Colm Ward, Chief Executive, Ms. Teresa Walsh, Director of Services, Staff of South Dublin County Council and guests to celebrate this event.

Speaking at the event Mayor Cllr. Alan Edge said: "The works about to commence will include the creation of a new 'hub zone' with a Café building, public toilets, a multi-use events space with a stage, plaza area, seating and new planting. As part of this project the existing carparks at St. John's Road and the Green Isle Road will be improved; to include re-surfacing and upgraded pedestrian and cycling links. The Fairy Woodland Trail will be enhanced to include new play features, seating and a footpath to the lakes. Wayfinding and signage will also be upgraded throughout the park."

This project is funded by South Dublin County Council's 3-year capital budget. The Public Realm Section in South Dublin along with Building Design Partnership Limited have carried out the planning and design work on this project to date. Construction work on site will be carried out by McAvoy Contracts Ltd. For further information contact the Communications Unit, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 on [communications@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:communications@sdblincoco.ie)

A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.

St. Francis of Assisi

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You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Never regret a day in your life: good days give happiness, bad days give experience, worst days give lessons and best days give memories.

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Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself.

St. Francis de Sales

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