



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception of the BVM & St. Killian

Clonburris ✚ Knockmitten

Parish Newsletter Sunday 24th September 2023

25th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

The Generous Employer

In our gospel today we see a very human dilemma, the men who worked all day in the heat got the same payment as the men who were hired at the eleventh hour. One can understand their dilemma from a perspective of fairness, we put in more hours and effort therefore we should be paid proportionately. This is what modern day labour law is based on with an hourly rate per person.

God answers this dilemma in the first reading from Isaiah 55. God says, *"My thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts"*.

In the psalm 144:2 - 3 we see "the Lord is close to all who call him"

In Matthew 20:15 we read "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" The Lord's generosity is something that we cannot get our heads around. One denarius was the amount needed for a person to feed their family, and so giving a person one eleventh of this would be worth very little.

The word "mercy" translates from the Hebrew word *Hessed* as "loving kindness". We see God as being a generous employer being loving and kind to all his workers so they can feed their families. God's mercy is awaiting us as soon as we respond.

In this context we can view this story differently, the workers who were given the invitation to work responded positively, they could have said no. The workers who were given the invitation later probably envied the workers who were already employed. God in his generosity responded similarly once the latecomers responded with their yes to God's invitation. The point is God's mercy is for everyone and everyone of us needs God's mercy. He wants our yes response, and this releases his generosity. He waits patiently on us, allowing every opportunity for us to say yes. Thus, the last will be first, and the first, last.' If we understand this parable as God's invitation to work with Jesus in mission in the vineyard of our own lives, then remuneration for this work flows to us in terms of grace which can never be quantified, divided up or stored.

Where are our attitudes in this story? Do we rejoice in God's generosity or feel he was too generous to the late comers. A question worth pondering for ourselves..

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

Sunday 11am

Knockmitten

Sunday 11am

Parish Office Hours

Clondalkin:

Monday-Friday : 9.30-12.30

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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 26TH OF SEPTEMBER** at 7.30 pm till 9 pm.

Facilitators: Catherine Flynn & Saule Cameron (PPW)

SEASON OF CREATION 2023 INITIATIVE Screening of "THE LETTER"

The Letter, released in October 2022, is a powerful, thought-provoking documentary, exploring more about the principles of '*Laudato Si'*, the second encyclical of Pope Francis.

We invite you to the event - screening of The Letter! Come and find out more about this documentary and how its spiritual values call us to take action on the planetary crisis. It focuses on a small group of people from around the world who have an encounter with Pope Francis that gives them new hope.

After we watch the movie, we'll reflect, talk and think about how we can take action.
We'll even have popcorn!

We're meeting on **TUESDAY 3rd of OCTOBER**
at 7pm in Bawnogue Church
CAN YOU MAKE IT?

The event is organised by Clondalkin Parish Partnership

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

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, 30th of September** in Sruleen Parish Centre.

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

PARISH PARTNERSHIP PASTORAL COUNCIL

The PPPC was formed last Spring as a response to the Diocesan Pastoral renewal *Building Hope* process.

Sruleen, Bawnogue, Deansrath and Clondalkin Parish Pastoral Councils have two representatives each. All Parish Priests, Deacon Don Devaney and Parish Pastoral Worker Saule Cameron, with the other representatives, will be meeting for the second time this Monday in Sruleen Parish Centre to begin a new pastoral year.

Please pray for all the members and this new Parish Partnership Pastoral Council that the Holy Spirit would guide them in conversations and decision making.

Village Church



Sunday 24th September

6.30pm Vigil	Paddy Looney (An) Tommy Pernan (2nd An)
10.30am	Brendan Ford Mary MacConalogue (Rem) Jack & Mary Finlay (Rem) Salvacion G. Rosadio (Rem) Gregfaustino G. Rosadio (Rem) Dermot Cronin (35th An)
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) Family of Tom & Kathleen McDonagh Family of John & Nora Reilly

Monday 25th September

7.30am	Special Intention
10.00am	Sean O'Shea (Rem)

Wednesday 27th September

7.30am	Margaret Allman (1st An)
10.00am	Patrick, Sarah, Brandon and Frank Byrne (Birthday Rem)

Friday 29th September

10.00am	Thomas Smyth (An)
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Sunday 1st October

6.30pm Vigil	Gerard Doyle (An) David & Rita O'Sullivan (Rem)
10.30am	Edward Norton (An) Maura Heffernan (An)
12noon	Maeve Coby Liam O'Shea (Recently deceased) Eamonn Boyce (Birthday Rem) Seán McConnell (An)

Recently Deceased

VIOLET SMITH
NICHOLAS PENDERGAST

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 (after 10am Mass & Rosary) Led by Sr. Anne
Wednesday	St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Meeting in the Pastoral Centre after Mass on the <u>last Wednesday</u> 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

<i>Monday 25th Sept</i>	St. Finbarr, Bishop
<i>Tuesday 26th Sept</i>	St. Cosmas and St. Damian, Martyrs
<i>Wednesday 27th Sept</i>	St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
<i>Thursday 28th Sept</i>	St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs St. Wenceslaus, Martyr
<i>Friday 29th Sept</i>	St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael, Archangels
<i>Saturday 30th Sept</i>	St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor.

We need to include the excluded and preach peace.

Pope Francis

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 24th September 2023

The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. Every year the WDMR is the last Sunday of September; in 2023 it will be celebrated on **24th September**. As the title for his annual message, the Holy Father has chosen **"Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay"**.

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PRAYER

God, Father Almighty,
grant us the grace to work tirelessly
for justice, solidarity and peace,
so that all your children may enjoy
the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay.

Grant us the courage to denounce
all the horrors of our world,
and to combat every injustice
that mars the beauty of your children
and the harmony of our common home.

Sustain us by the power of your Spirit,
so that we can reflect your tender love
to every migrant whom you place in our path,
and to spread in hearts and in every situation
the culture of encounter and of care.

Fr. Bala

A little belatedly, we extend a warm welcome
back to our parish to Fr. Bala from India.

It's been a few years since Fr. Bala was last here
so it's good to have him back among us again.

We appreciate his participation in parish life
during his time here and we hope that he gets a
chance to relax as well.



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.**

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**

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.*

VILLAGERS SENIOR GROUP

The Villagers Senior Group meets in Quinlans every Tuesday from 10.30am to 12.00 noon. We have Quizzes, Bingo and speakers on subjects of interest. We go on outings during the Summer and twice a year we have 3 day trips away. Our trips this year include one to Belfast and the North Coast of Ireland. We hope to travel to Clonakilty in October.

We expect to move to the new Orchard Lodge Meeting Centre when it is completed in the coming months and will be available to all senior groups who wish to use it. Contact the Committee if your Group would be interested.

Geraldine

INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Clondalkin Indoor Green Mat Bowling Club are looking for New Members to join their Club.

We meet in the Scout Hall on Watery Lane, Clondalkin Village, every Wednesday from 8pm to 9.30pm and on Saturdays from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. We welcome age groups from 18 onwards up to Seniors.

If this is something you might be interested in trying, please come along on either of these nights and give it a go. Who knows? You might enjoy it!

We look forward to meeting you.

Contact: Liam, Secretary, on 087 6409225



Blessing of the Animals will take place in the car park of the Village Church here in Clondalkin, next Sunday, 1st October, at 3pm.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Sunday week, 1st October, at 3pm, in The Immaculate Conception Church Car Park, New Road, Clondalkin (D22VW58), we are holding a Blessing of The Animals Ceremony. Deacon Don Devaney is performing the ceremony. We will have appropriate music and after the ceremony, we will have great sandwiches, fruit cake etc. And lashings of tea and coffee outdoors. So, bring your pet or a picture of your pet, if your beloved pet has passed away and Don will bless your cherished memory.

As a little added extra, scan the QR code on the promotional fliers and you will receive the blessing ceremony on your phone to share with your family abroad. To achieve this, just download a QR Code reader app from the Playstore.

The Echo will be there taking pics and we have invited the Mayor as well.

Really looking forward to meeting you all. And all The Animals will get a treat on the way home.

Wellness will be all embracing.

God Bless,

Eddie

