

# Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception of the BVM & St. Killian

Clonburris # Knockmitten

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 12th November 2023

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

# Stay awake!

The parable in this Sunday's Gospel points to an end of time scenario and the need to be ready when the Lord finally comes. It fits in very well with the time of year we are now in and the uncertainty about so many things in the world

During this month of November we remember especially the Faithful Departed, those whose life's work has been completed and who have been called home by God from their earthly existence. All around us there is the evidence of death in nature. The leaves are falling from the trees, grass growth is easing off, animals are going into hibernation for the coming winter months and the amount of daylight is diminishing by the day.

There is considerable turmoil and unpredictability in the world at present. The effects of climate change are being seen in heatwaves, flooding and stormy weather. There is war and violence in many parts of the world. Israel and Gaza are the focus of attention at the moment, pushing the Ukraine and other conflicts into the background for now. Human beings are suffering in many countries because of natural events such as earthquakes and droughts, or the man-made situations that war, violence, injustice and oppression bring about.

Into all this uncertainty, St. Paul speaks a word of absolute certainty as he writes to the Christian community in Thessalonica in today's second reading at Mass. Paul is addressing the concerns that people have about those who have died and what becomes of them. Paul assures his audience of the resurrection

#### 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 Phone & Email Clonburris & Knockmitten: Contact through Village

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that awaits all who have faith in Jesus Christ. Salvation is utterly certain for those who believe. This is the hope in which we as Christian people live. It is the hope that the kingdom of God will one day come in all its fulness.

Amidst all the challenges that we face in living life today, we are invited to trust in the promise of new life in Jesus. This is the certainty that enables us to live purposeful and meaningful lives. Comforted by this knowledge of what is there for us at the end of our earthly lives, we try our best at living the love of God and neighbour each day. In that sense we stay awake and wait for the Lord's coming. While we may be uncertain about the timing and manner of our earthly demise, we can be absolutely certain that living and dying in the Lord will bring us to eternal life and everlasting happiness sharing God's glory in heaven.

# Fr. Kieran Coghlan

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## FAITH DEVELOPMENT/ TRAINING POSSIBILITIES

WEDNESDAY HOSPITALITY

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

We invite you to come to the Parish Centre on Wednesdays after the 10am Mass to meet each other and to enjoy a warm cup of tea/coffee and a snack



# PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

will take place on *Wednesday*, 15<sup>th</sup> of *November at 7.30pm* in the Parish Centre (in the room upstairs).

We appreciate your prayer for us and our work. May the Holy Spirit be our Source of Wisdom and our Guide and so Yours too!

#### "THE DEEP END: MARK"

A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Mark

Join Jane Mellett and Triona Doherty with special guests and friends to mark the publication of the third in their popular series of Gospel reflections, The Deep End: Mark, with a foreword by Séamus O'Connell.

With music, presentations and refreshments.

All Welcome!

7pm, Tuesday 28th November 2023, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth

Especially recommended for Ministers of the Word

To have courage for whatever comes in life - everything lies in that.

St. Teresa of Ávila

#### TRAINING FOR THE MINISTERS OF THE WORD

### **Clondalkin Parish Partnership initiative**

Dear Ministers of the Word & those who would like to join this Ministry, we invite you for an evening of training on TUESDAY 5th of December, 7.30 - 9.00pm in the Village Church Parish Centre.

Tea/coffee provided from 7.15pm

Training begins at 7.30pm

We look forward seeing You!

#### CONFIRMATION PARENTS MEETING

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We invite you to the meeting with the Parish Team and the Sacramental Preparation Team on *Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> of November at 7.30pm* in the Parish Church.

We hope you can be present!

### THE GIFTS OF LIFE, LOVE AND TIME

November Evening of Reflection

We invite you to the second evening of reflection based on the Joyce Rupp book "FRESH BREAD" on TUESDAY,

21st of November at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

Catherine Flynn and Saule Cameron, Parish Pastoral Worker, are the facilitators for this evening.

The invitation for the month of November is this:

"In the midst of a struggle between generosity and self-centeredness, I have come to believe with all my heart that we need not fear to be generous.

If our priorities regarding life, love and time are centered on the Gospel, our needs will be met" (JR)



# Village Church



#### Sunday 12th November

**6.30pm Vigil** Anne Doonan (8th An)

Kathleen (Kay) O'Brien (An)

**9.00am** Wendy McGrath (An)

10.30am Liam, Babs & Gay Norton (An)

John O'Neill (3rd An) Carmel Creaven (An) May Redmond (An)

Eithne Duffy (Recently deceased)
Deceased members of Clondalkin

Bridge Club

12noon Thomas Delaney & Jim McGrath (An)

Bernie Blackburne (2nd An) Kevin & Annie Kelly (An) Peadar Gaffney (3rd An)

Tuesday 14th November

10.00am Thomas Sheldrick (1st An)

Thursday 16th November

**10.00am** Martin & Ellen O'Donnell (An)

Saturday 18th November

**10.00am** Raymond Dunne (1st An)

Sunday 19th November

**6.30pm Vigil** Sheila O'Malley and

Edward O'Malley (An)
Thomas Sheldrick (1st An)

**9.00am** Josie & Eileen Hogan (An)

Pat, Nance & Eilis Nolan (An)

12noon Ann Adair (5th An)

## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 12, 2023

Our first reading tells us that "Wisdom is found by those who look for her" and the psalm responds "For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God". In the Gospel Jesus tells us to "Stay awake". We pray for those who are discerning a vocation, that they 'thirst for God', that like a dry weary land without water, they pine for God, that they look for Wisdom and that they "stay awake" to watch for the signs of God in their lives.

# WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE

**Monday** The Monday Club

(after 10am Mass & Rosary)

Recovery Self-Help Method Meeting

8.00pm

**LOCALISE** Youth Volunteering

Leader: Cat Scanlon

7.00-8.00pm - during school term (new members always welcome)

**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

**+** 

Recently Deceased

# ROBERT (BOB) McDONNELL PATRICIA (PAT) NEVILLE

May They Rest in Peace

### November Altar List of the Dead

Envelopes are available now on the tables in the Church. Those whose names are on the Altar List are remembered especially at Masses on the First Friday of every month.

Supporting people in Ireland since 1961, its volunteers

# **SAMARITANS**

have had millions of potentially life-saving conversations with callers through its freephone phone helpline, email, face-to-face support and outreach in communities, schools, festivals and prisons.

Samaritans has 24 locations across the island of Ireland which are run independently by a network of volunteers.

Volunteers are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week, on the freephone **helpline number 116 123** and email **jo@samaritans.ie**.

# Age **Action**

For all older people

Age Action operates a busy information service on older people's issues and services throughout Ireland.

Trained information officers provide information or referrals to the appropriate organisations.

The information service is open:

Monday from 9:30am-1:30pm and 2.30-4.00pm Wednesday from 9.30am-1.30pm Thursday from 9.30am-1.30pm.

Tel: (01) 475 6989 Email: info@ageaction.ie



### 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.

We have 16 members of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Clondalkin Village Parish.



We meet every two months. We are inviting people to take the Temporary Pledge for November and/or Advent.

Information and literature available in the Repository at the back of the Church.

Also on the web: www.pioneers.ie or phone 083 861 1618

# FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK



Tuesday 14th November St. Laurence

St. Laurence O'Toole, Bishop

Wednesday 15th November St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday 16th November St. Gertrude, Virgin

St. Margaret of Scotland

Friday 17th November St. Elizabeth of Hungary,

Religious

Saturday 18th November Dedication of the Basilicas of

St. Peter and St. Paul in

Rome, Apostles



#### PRAYER TO ST. LAURENCE O'TOOLE

St. Laurence O'Toole, man of peace, you gave your last ounce of energy in the cause of peace. Give us the gift of tirelessness as we try to live as instruments of Christ's peace, love and tolerance.

Amen.

# St Elizabeth of Hungary (1207-1231) Queen and Franciscan

# Feast Day 17th November

Born in Bratislava in the kingdom of Hungary, Elizabeth was betrothed at the age of four to Ludwig of Thuringia (Germany) in order to reinforce political alliances between the families and sent to live at his father's court in Wartburg. Ludwig's affection for her grew steadily, and their marriage was solemnised when she was fourteen and he twenty-one. They had three children in quick succession,



and seemed to have been happily married. In 1223, Franciscan Friars arrived, and Elizabeth learned about and began to live the ideals of Francis of Assisi. She had a hospital with twenty-eight beds built below the Wartburg castle and visited the inmates every day. Ludwig was supportive of his wife's prayers and works of charity. In 1227, Ludwig died of the plague at Otranto in southern Italy en route to the Sixth Crusade. Elizabeth was devastated. She had decided never to marry again and having buried her husband and provided for her children, she joined the Third Order of St Francis. She settled in a small house outside Marburg, to which she attached a hospice for the sick, the poor and the old. She imposed extreme austerities on herself, and her health gave way after two years of this way of life. She was noted for her good-humoured resilience in adversity and for her humility in menial service of the

Elizabeth died, aged twenty-four, on 17 Nov 1231. She was buried in the hospice chapel, and miracles through her intercession were soon widely reported. Her relics were moved to a new church of St Elizabeth in Marburg, where they remained until the Reformation, when Lutherans removed them to a destination that has never been traced.

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(Taken from CatholicIreland.net - Saint of the Day)

### **Prayer for Peace**

O God, Creator of the universe, who extends your paternal concern over every creature and guides the events of history to goals of salvation, we acknowledge your Fatherly love when you break the resistance of mankind and, in a world torn by strife and discord, you make us ready for reconciliation. Renew for us the wonders of your MERCY; send forth your Spirit that He may work in the intimacy of our hearts, that enemies may begin to dialogue, that adversaries may shake hands and peoples may encounter one another in harmony. May all commit themselves to the sincere search for true peace which will extinguish all arguments, for charity which overcomes hatred, for pardon which disarms revenge.

St. John Paul II

#### THE HEAVENS IN NOVEMBER

The Moon and Jupiter are our companions in November.

The Moon is 384,400 kms away. Jupiter is 596,000,000 kms away. Andromeda Galaxy is 9,000,000,000,000 x2:5,000,000 kms away. And, at a local level, look at the incredible power of our Moon to create the tides, 40 mtrs in Brittany. To understand the Moon's Phases, we need to visualise the Sun's position vs the Earth and Moon and their relative angles to each other. All three bodies are moving around each other. The Moon "rises" 56 mins later each day of the month. So, even though the Moon's trajectory appears to be all over the sky, Thank God, it isn't. If interested, look up Hunter's Moon, Frosty Moon and my favourite, Beaver Moon all in November. Boy, if we ever harness the energy of the tides, a freebie from the Moon, well, it will be transformative.

Ever in Childlike Wonder, Eddie













Fr. John Ryan (Cloyne Diocese)
Fr. Luke DeMasi (Home of the Mother)
Frances Hogan (Scripture Scholar)
Fr. John McEneaney (Waterford & Lismore Diocese)



# Totus Tuus Scripture conference

18/Nov/23 2pm onwards

Listen Via:







