



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception of the BVM & St. Killian

Clonburris Knockmitten

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 19th November 2023

33rd Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

Are We Using Our Gifts?

Today's first reading from Proverbs speaks of the gift that a good wife is to her husband. A good marriage is certainly something to be valued and nurtured.

The second reading from Saint Paul continues with that sense of urgency that we've had in our readings as Advent approaches, a reminder that we all will one day have to give an account of how we've lived our lives. The Gospel ties these themes together in the parable of the talents. Jesus tells his disciples of a property owner entrusting three of his servants with a large amount of money/talents. Two of them go off, and taking some risk, they trade their talents and increase their investment. The third buries his, afraid to lose what he has. The master rewards the first two servants and chastises the third.

Jesus is telling us that we are to use our gifts in the service of the kingdom, not to sit on them or bury them. This might include some risk. When I look back over my life I find it's often the times I stepped out into the deep with my gifts that my life has borne most fruit. The first question is, 'Do we know what gifts we have been given'?

Our purpose is stamped upon our nature, where God in His infinite wisdom has given each one of us a purpose in life or a particular mission that only we can do. To achieve this, He has given each one of us a set of gifts and talents to achieve that purpose. Here we see the value of knowing ourselves, accepting ourselves, being ourselves and finally letting go of ourselves. This final letting go of ourselves is where we make our contribution to building the kingdom.

The good news of the Gospel is that when God's will and our will become one, this is the definition of happiness. This is the reward for developing our gifts. The gifts that God has given us are not collector's items; they are for using in building God's kingdom here on earth.

The tragedy in life is that when a person doesn't discover their gifts or buries them along with part of themselves; they never find true happiness. Sometimes our close friends can help us in discovering our gifts. Do we like working on our own or with people, indoors or outdoors, with our head or our hands? These questions can quickly lead us to a choice regarding what suits us. Sometimes those questions can lead us to what we do not want to do and this can also be helpful in finding our gifts.

To conclude, Jesus wants us to be happy. Doing His will and using our gifts in the service of the kingdom is the pathway to our happiness and to unity with God and our neighbour. To refer also to the gift of a good wife. A good wife with all her love and kindness is indeed using her gifts in the service of the kingdom and the kingdom begins in the family.

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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PARISH PARTNERSHIP PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Please pray for the members of the PPPC as they meet on **Monday, 20th of November at 7.30 pm** in Sruleen Parish Centre. These meetings, which began in June, are a vital part of the *Diocesan Building Hope Pastoral Renewal process*. There were two members elected from each PPC from Clondalkin parish, Sruleen, Bawnogue and Deansrath alongside the Priests, the Deacon and the Pastoral Worker.

WEDNESDAY HOSPITALITY

Thanks to all who are coming to the Parish Centre after the 10am Mass to meet one another and to have a cuppa! Also, a special thanks to our **Hospitality Team** for making it possible! Please note that Wednesday Hospitality is taking place **every Wednesday except the first Wednesday of the month**.

"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**

Epecially recommended for Ministers of the Word

FAITH DEVELOPMENT/ TRAINING POSSIBILITIES

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!

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)

As has now become customary at the end of his weekly General Audience, Pope Francis turned his thoughts to the many nations suffering the horrors of war. He asked for prayers for peace "every day" and "wherever there is war". In particular, on Wednesday (15th November) the Holy Father asked for prayers "for martyred Ukraine, which suffers so much".

Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, over 9,600 civilians have been killed and over 17,500 injured. Pope Francis also asked for prayers for the Holy Land, "in Palestine and Israel". On 7 October, over 1,400 Israelis were killed in attacks perpetrated by Hamas. Since then, in retaliation airstrikes on the Gaza Strip, over 11,000 people have been killed and some 2,500 are missing under the rubble, according to the Hamas-run health ministry in Gaza. Finally, the Holy Father turned his thoughts to Sudan, where an estimated 9,000 people have been killed and another 5.6 million have been forced to flee their homes due to a devastating war between two rival military factions that erupted in April. "Let us think about wherever there is war," concluded the Pope, reminding all the faithful that sadly, "there are so many wars!"

"Let us pray for peace: Every day, take some time to pray for peace. We desire peace," said the Pope.



Village Church



Sunday 19th November

- 6.30pm Vigil** Sheila O'Malley and
Edward O'Malley (An)
Thomas Sheldrick (An)
Nuala Bismilla (An)
- 9.00am** Josie & Eileen Hogan (An)
- 10.30am** Jack & Mary Finlay (Rem)
Pat, Nance & Eilis Nolan (An)
- 12noon** Ann Adair (5th An)
Margaret Robinson (Birthday Rem)
- 2.00pm** Mass for the African Community

Wednesday 22nd November

- 10.00am** Fran Byrne (Birthday Rem)

Sunday 26th November

- 6.30pm Vigil** Joe Fitzgibbon (10th An)
Martin Whelan (An)
Jean Malone (Month's Mind)
- 10.30am** Mary MacConalogue (Rem)
George Browne (10th An)
Catherine Quigley (23rd An)
Frances Bulley (3rd An)
- 12noon** Mary Reilly (An)
Bridie & Jack Murphy (An)
Harry Byrne (1st An)
George Blackburne (26th An)
Kathleen McDonnell (An)
Margaret Doyle (30th An)

A Prayer of Remembrance

God, thank you for the special people in our lives whom we are remembering in a special way during the month of November. We thank you for being a compassionate God who walks with us in the our dark moments of grief and loneliness. We are thankful for all who continue to love and support us through our grief. Lord, continue to be a light for us, giving us hope, direction and courage. May we now live our lives treasuring the memories of those special people we have known and loved and help us to bring light and hope to others. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

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

**ERNEST MARSHALL
DYMPNA SMITH
RICHARD JOSEPH McAULIFFE**

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.

When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed

Maya Angelou

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**.

AgeAction

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

crosscare

Community Café

Our community café in Portland Row is open to the public for breakfast and lunch from 8 am Monday to Friday. We serve affordable, healthy meals in a friendly community setting.

Community Café

35 Portland Row, Dublin 1. D01 T102

01 8555577

cafe@crosscare.ie

St. Colman of Cloyne (522-604) Patron of Cloyne Diocese - Feast Day 25th November

Colman trained for twelve years as a bard and became the Royal Bard of Munster at the court of King Aodh Caomh at Cashel. Brendan (of Birr/or Clonfert) and he were said to have settled a dispute about the succession that led to the inauguration of King Aodh Caomh. When Brendan visited Cashel for the inauguration of the new king, both Colman and Brendan were said to have discovered the lost burial place of Ailbe of Emly. Brendan demanded that Colman, having touched the sacred stone, should continue in his prominent position. Colman was so impressed by how

Brendan conducted the service that he asked to be instructed in the rudiments of Christian faith. After initial instruction, Brendan baptised Colman and sent him to St Jarlath of Tuam for further formation and was ordained a priest. Colman's principal foundation (560) was at Cloyne, *Cluain Uamha*, "Meadow of the Caves".



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@quarryvalefc.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.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK



<i>Tuesday 21st November</i>	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<i>Wednesday 22nd November</i>	St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
<i>Thursday 23rd November</i>	St. Columban, Abbot
<i>Friday 24th November</i>	St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
<i>Saturday 25th November</i>	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr St. Colman of Cloyne, Bishop

PRAYER OF ST. COLUMBAN

Lord, kindle our lamps, Saviour most dear to us, that we may always shine in your presence and always receive light from you, the Light Perpetual, so that our own personal darkness may be overcome, and the world's darkness driven from us. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM



This new initiative in the Village Parish is an exciting opportunity to offer our children a space not only to pray and to sing together at the Sunday Mass, but also to grow in faith and love of Jesus in a very joyful way.

For this to become possible, we ask you today to join our Team not only if you are able to play an instrument and sing but also if you can be a support to the music leaders in assuring a safe and friendly environment during the practices and in preparation for the liturgies.

If you would like to be a part of this exciting voluntary Ministry, please contact the Parish Pastoral Worker Saule on **085 875 0995**.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION GODLY PLAY

Dear Parents/Guardians of the First Holy Communion children, we invite your children to four Tuesday afternoons for **Godly Play Advent** series of stories. It's a unique opportunity for your child to delve deeper into the Mystery of Christmas as they listen to the stories being told and participate in the activities afterwards, led by the facilitators:

Storytellers: ROSEMARY LAVELLE & SAULE CAMERON
Door Persons: CATHERINE FLYNN & FIONA MINOGUE

A Parental Consent Form will be sent to your email, please return it to us before the start of the first session.

The dates are as follows: **TUESDAYS:**

**28th November; 5th December;
12th December; 19th December**

straight after school till 4 pm.

GODLY PLAY for Adults this ADVENT

Join us for two evenings this season as a preparation for Advent

WEDNESDAYS: 29th November in the Village Parish Centre & 6th December in Sruleen Parish Centre, 7.30 - 8.30 pm

Godly Play: making meaning through story & wonder as we gather in a circle and take time to pause from the business of life. Reflection time and light refreshments are part of the session too.

Disclaimer: No previous experience needed as it is not a play (or a drama) in that sense of the word!

Facilitators: Rosemary Lavelle & Saule Cameron

NOVEMBER WONDERS 2023

K218. Hubble telescope has just discovered a water laden atmosphere around K218 (124 Light Years from Earth. 1 light Year = 9.461×10^{12}). So, activate your wonder nose. Today The Moon rises at 12.01 at 143° SE and sets at 1803 217° SW.

The Earth spins at 1670km/hour at the Equator. The Moon spins at 3683kms/hour elliptically around The Earth. At a mean distance of 384,399 kms from Earth. From 1 moonrise to the next is 24 hours. And, bearing in mind the relative speeds of the Earth and Moon, from our Earthly vantage point the Moon's trace across the sky may seem a bit random.

Progressively, from today 16th November to 30th November, the Moon's daily above the Horizon time increases from 6.20 hours today to 17.40 hours on 30th November. (This is a measure of presence, not visibility).

So, look up the Charts and on 26th November, the Moon will rise at 15.48 pm and set at 7.08 am the following morning.

Meanwhile the 20,000 Brent Geese on Bull Island are lapping up the Eel Grass. If you get really lucky, you may see them right over your head returning from feeding on the grass in St. Anne's Park.

And hey, there's a few stars up there as well.

In awesome wonder.

Eddie



Light Bellied Brent Goose Migration

How long is a day on the moon?

29.5306 Earth days

A mean solar day on the Moon, a lunar day for short, is **29.5306 Earth days**. Local lunar days can vary even more than solar days on Earth, over 6 hours shorter or 7 hours longer than the mean. The 100 lunar days celebrated by LRO in October of 2017 are mean lunar days. 6 Oct 2017

