



# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception of the BVM & St. Killian*

## Clonburris ☩ Knockmitten

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 5th November 2023

31<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
of  
Ordinary  
Time

### JESUS AND THE PHARISEES

To-day's Gospel may take us by surprise. Jesus is very scathing of the religious leaders of his time. He warned his disciples against them. The scribes and Pharisees were past masters at telling people what should be done, without doing it themselves. They were anxious to be looked up to and highly esteemed, but they sought only to dominate others, not to serve them, insisting that people give them titles and show them deference.

But Jesus on the other hand was careful to point out to the people and to his disciples that in spite of all their shortcomings the scribes and Pharisees were the official leaders, "occupying the chair of Moses" and as official leaders they should do as they say and observe what they preach but they should not imitate their conduct because they did not practise what they preached.

Effective leadership for Jesus is to lead by example, to walk the talk. During his life Jesus led by example and invited others to imitate him:

*"Learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart".*

*"I came to serve and not to be served".*

Followers of Jesus in every walk of life are called to serve, to love one another, to be helpful and caring and not to burden others unnecessarily. Jesus who said "My yolk is easy and my burden is light" never intended his teaching to be a burden. He invited people who were burdened to come to him and he would give them rest. Matthew, who wrote this Gospel after the Jewish-Roman War in 70AD when Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed and tensions arose between Rabbinic Judaism and the newly formed Gentile Christian community,

clearly has a bee in his bonnet about the scribes and Pharisees. The entire twenty third chapter of his gospel is devoted to condemning their tendency to exaggerate outward observance of the law and neglect the inner meaning. Biblical scholars tell us that the vehemence of this chapter is due more to Matthew's editing than to any hostility on the part of Jesus towards the Pharisees.

Jesus was compassionate to the sinner and gentle with those who had gone astray. He patiently instructed the Pharisee, Nicodemus, who came to him by night, and he willingly accepted dinner invitations from Pharisees, but he was openly angry with those who used religious leadership for their own advantage.

To serve God humbly is the greatest of all callings.

*Sr. Anne*

### 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

**Submissions for  
Newsletter:**

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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*



### Hospitality Team

If you would like to join our Hospitality Team, please come along to the meeting in the Parish Centre after 10am Mass tomorrow, Monday, 6th November or leave your name and phone number in the Parish office.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

### "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*

## Clondalkin Localise



*Localise Youth Group is back  
with a bang!*

We are back to meeting on Monday evenings 7.00-8.00pm during school term and new members are always welcome

If you would like to know more about Localise, please email [cat.scanlon@localise.ie](mailto:cat.scanlon@localise.ie)

### 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, 21<sup>st</sup> of November at 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre.

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)

I trust God's heart unreservedly and this disposes me to embrace whatever the sequence of events and circumstances presents me with day by day.

*St. Francis de Sales*

## Village Church



### Sunday 5th November

**6.30pm Vigil** Hanora Cahill (65th An)  
Frank Cahill (64th An)  
Rita Roberts (49th An)  
Clare Molloy (45th An)  
Garry Connolly (An)  
Tony Brennan (Month's Mind)

**10.30am** James, Magdalen and  
Patrick Robertson (An)

**12noon** Kevin Farrell (12th An)  
Con & Maureen McCarthy (An)  
Joe & Kathleen McConville

### Monday 6th November

**10.00am** Marie Byrne (An)

### Tuesday 7th November

**7.30am** Vincent Kells (20th An)  
**10.00am** Kathleen Murphy (Recently Dec'd)

### Friday 10th November

**10.00am** Aidan Dardis (8th An)

### 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)  
Deceased members of Clondalkin  
Bridge Club

**12noon** Thomas Delaney & Jim McGrath (An)

## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time November 5th, 2023

In teaching about humility, Jesus tells us "The greatest among you must be your servant." We pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life and that those who are discerning to follow the Lord in this way, may be graced with humility and be servants of love.

## 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*

**JEAN DOWNEY**

*May She 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.

**The faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence applicable to the Holy Souls once per day from 1st to 8th November. The usual Confession and Holy Communion conditions apply.**

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](mailto: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](mailto:info@ageaction.ie)**

**crosscare**

**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**

Prayer, in the face of a problem, a difficult situation, a calamity, is opening the door to the Lord so that He will come.

*Pope Francis*



**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](mailto: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.**

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](http://www.pioneers.ie) or phone 083 861 1618

### **FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

<i>Monday 6th November</i>	<b>All Saints of Ireland</b>
<i>Tuesday 7th November</i>	<b>St. Willibrord, Bishop</b>
<i>Thursday 9th November</i>	<b>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome</b>
<i>Friday 10th November</i>	<b>St. Leo the Great, Pope &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>
<i>Saturday 11th November</i>	<b>St. Martin of Tours, Bishop</b>





## Pope's November prayer intention: For the Pope

In "The Pope Video" for November, Pope Francis asks the faithful to "Pray to the Lord that He will bless me," saying, "Your prayer gives me strength and helps me to discern and to



accompany the Church, listening to the Holy Spirit. Each month the Pope offers a specific prayer intention, inviting men and women of good will to pray with him for a particular cause. Recent intentions have included prayers for the Synod, for people living on the margins, and for World Youth Day.

Pope Francis reminds the faithful in this month's video that "The fact that someone is Pope doesn't mean they lose their humanity. On the contrary, my humanity grows each day with God's holy and faithful people."

He adds, "Being Pope is also a process. The person becomes aware of what it means to be a pastor. And in this process, he learns how to be more charitable, more merciful, and, above all, more patient, like God our Father, who is so patient."

Knowing that popes are often "judged harshly" and will have to render "a serious account" of their ministry to God, Pope Francis asks his listeners "to judge benevolently" and "pray that the Pope, whoever he might be – today it is my turn – may receive the help of the Holy Spirit, that he may be docile to that help."

Specifically, he asks for prayers for the Pope "so that in the exercise of his mission, he may continue to accompany in the faith the flock entrusted to him by Jesus, always with the help of the Holy Spirit." And, hearkening back to the night of his election ten years ago, Pope Francis repeats his request for a "silent" prayer over him, concluding "And pray for me! Favorably!"

## SYNODAL HALLOWEEN

Sunny mornings and  
A tincture of heat.

Be attentive to the thickets of  
leaves, autumnally crispy and  
boy, how they capture the early  
morning sunlight. Joyous.

It's a crispy night and Our Moon  
and Jupiter are in tandem in the  
Celestial mosaic at 3am.

Spooky and a perfect canvas for  
Our Celtic Festival of Lúnasa, the  
wonder there for all age groups.

Be minutely attentive and Hey  
Presto!!.

In awe. *Eddie*



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**Website: [www.scoilaine.ie](http://www.scoilaine.ie)**

### Enrolling Now!

Scoil Áine Enrolments for the School Year 2024/25  
open on **Tuesday 3rd October 2023** and close on  
**Monday 8th January 2024**

**Applications via our Website [www.scoilaine.ie](http://www.scoilaine.ie)**

All children who have reached four years of age on  
or before 31st May 2024 are eligible.

## Our Lady Queen of the Apostles (Clonburris) N.S.

is accepting enrolments for September 2024 from  
**1<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

**The closing date is 31/01/2024.**

Applications can be made online on the school  
website: [www.clonburrisns.ie](http://www.clonburrisns.ie)  
or from Clonburris School - Tel: 01 4573636

*Places will be allocated in February 2024*

## ALL SAINTS OF IRELAND

Feast Day 6th November

Pope Benedict XV beatified Oliver Plunkett in 1920 and during his papacy also (1914-22) the Feast of All the Saints of Ireland was instituted.

Oliver Plunkett was canonised in 1975, thus becoming the first new Irish saint for almost seven hundred years. It recalls especially the seventeen Irish Martyrs of the 16th and 17th centuries who were beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1992 and many others who died as a result of persecution during what in Ireland are known as the "Penal Times".

Only four Irish saints: Ss Malachy (1094-1148), Laurence O'Toole (1128-80) Oliver Plunkett (1625-81) and St Charles of Mount Argus (1821-93), have been officially canonised. All the other Irish saints, such as Ss Patrick, Brigid, and Colmcille, are saints, as it were, by *acclamation* of the local Church, before the official Papal canonisation process was established.

*Let us praise illustrious men and women,  
our ancestors in their successive generations.  
The Lord has created an abundance of glory,  
and displayed his greatness from earliest times.*

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