



Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception of the BVM & St. Killian

Clonburris ☩ Knockmitten

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 10th December 2023



Prepare a way for the Lord

John the Baptist, one of the great Advent figures, makes his appearance in the Gospel this Sunday. Mark presents John the Baptist as the fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah which we read in the first reading. John is the voice crying in the wilderness urging us to prepare a way for the Lord who is coming.

These few weeks before Christmas are often busy weeks of preparation. Our time is taken up with all kinds of preparations so as to be ready to celebrate Christmas when it comes. We can be preoccupied with putting up trees, lights and decorations, buying presents, sending cards, buying in food and drink, cleaning the house, getting ready to welcome guests, attending parties and social events and many other things besides.

In the midst of all the hustle and bustle that characterises the run up to Christmas, the voice of John the Baptist invites us to be prepared. John's call of preparation is different. He invites us to recognise our unworthiness before the Lord, to acknowledge our need for God and to repent of the sins and failings which damage our relationship with God.

While we await the coming of the Lord during Advent, it is not just about passing the time until the day comes. Advent is a time of active waiting, where we busy ourselves with getting ready for the great event that is soon to unfold. In terms of preparing our hearts this Advent to welcome the Christ who comes to us at Christmas, we could spend some time in prayer reflecting on God's great love for us, perhaps read something that grows our understanding of our faith, take the time to examine our conscience and go to Confession, attend a carol service, or reach out in some practical and charitable ways to people in need around us.

The effort we put in during Advent will hopefully be rewarded when Christmas Day arrives. Not only will the day pass as we would want it to, but the joy of knowing God's love for us, made visible in our human nature in Jesus, will give us the inner peace that will strengthen and support us to live fulfilled lives amid all the uncertainties that beset our country and world at this moment in time.

As we wait in expectant hope for the coming of the Lord this Advent, we pray the ancient prayer that opens our hearts to the divine in our midst as we pray "Come, Lord Jesus, come."

Fr. Kieran Coghlan

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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ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Clondalkin Village Church

Saturday 16th December at 10.30 am

Sruleen Parish Church

Wednesday 13th December at 7.30 pm

Deansrath Parish Church

Tuesday 19th December at 7.30 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!



The annual Christmas collection for St. Vincent de Paul Society, Clondalkin, takes place this weekend
9th/10th December at all Masses.

This will be an indoor collection.

Your support in the past has been vital.

Thank You

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION GODLY PLAY

Dear Parents/Guardians of the First Holy Communion children, we invite your children to come along on 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 required before the start of the first session.

**The ADVENT STORY on Tuesday 12th and
Tuesday 19th - straight after school till 4 pm.**

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.**

Parish Shop/Repository

Parish Christmas Mass Cards now available. Intentions will be remembered at Masses on Christmas Day. A nice selection of cribs and other Christmas items now in stock.



FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES' FAMILIES



We invite you and your child/children to the **CONFIRMATION CONNECT RITUAL** in our Parish Church on
Monday 11th December at 7.30 pm.

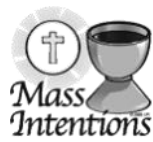
We are looking forward to seeing you!

Sacramental Preparation Team

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

<i>Monday 11th December</i>	St. Damasus 1, Pope
<i>Tuesday 12th December</i>	Our Lady of Guadalupe St. Finnian, Bishop
<i>Wednesday 13th December</i>	St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
<i>Thursday 14th December</i>	St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Village Church



Sunday 10th December

6.30pm Vigil Peggy & Daniel Lynch (An)
and John Lynch (Birthday Rem)
Nancy, Joe & Patsy Murphy
May Adams (An) & Tom Adams (Rem)
Laurence O'Brien & Katie McDonald (An)

9.00am Phyliss McGrath (An)

10.30am Mary O'Neill (2nd An)
Nora & Gay Keogh (An)

12noon Tommy & Hettie Tobin (An)
Michael McGreevey (2nd An)
Marion Corless (An)
Eugene McQuaid (An)
Matthew Farrelly (An)
Matthew Duffy (2nd An)

Monday 11th December

7.30am Elena Grinkiene (5th An)
Marijonas Grinkas (25th An)
10.00am Bill & Molly Dennis (An) and
deceased members of the Dennis family
Brandon Foley & Caroline Foley and
deceased members of the Foley family

Wednesday 13th December

7.30am Molly & Christopher Hannon (An)
10.00am Lisa Sexton

Saturday 16th December

10.00am Christopher Stapleton
(Christmas Remembrance)
10.30am Reconciliation Service

Sunday 17th December

6.30pm Vigil Bridie & Paddy O'Brien (An)
Sammy McDonnell (An)
Kathleen & Danny O'Neill (Rem)
Elizabeth & Nicholas West and
deceased members of the West family (Rem)
Mary & Patrick Hendley (Rem) and
deceased members of the Hendley Family
10.30am Bridget, Edward & Mary Brannigan (An)
Eugene Garrigan (6th An)
Jim Minogue (Birthday Rem)
James Norton Snr (An)
John Scully (An)

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

Sr. Claire (Presentation Sister)
Owen Mansfield

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions - Sunday 17th December (contd)

12 noon Eilish Hynes (An)
Aon Shiel (An)
Eileen Hynes (An)
Padraig Faughnan (8th An)
Paddy Delaney (An)
Agnes McHale (An)
Conan Kelly (3rd An)
Liam Callaghan and deceased
members of the Callaghan family
Kathleen & Michael Shannon and
deceased members of the Shannon family

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

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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

NANO NAGLE ASSOCIATES/FRIENDS MEETINGS

There are two groups of Nano Nagle Associates/Friends in the Village Church.

Sr. Stacia meets with her group on the **THIRD FRIDAY** of every month at 4.00pm in the Parish Centre.

Sr. Kathleen meets with her group on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month after the 10.00am Mass & Rosary.

ANYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN, YOU ARE WELCOME!



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

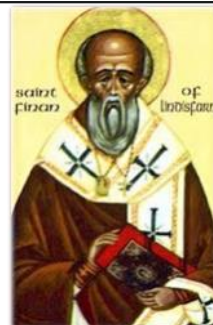
To register for food, or for any other information, please email manager@quarryvalefc.ie or call 085 202 0300 during normal office hours.

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.

St. Finnian, Abbot of Clonard Feast Day 12th December



Finnian was born in the latter part of the fifth century at Myshal in County Carlow, on the slopes of Mount Leinster. His father was Rudraigh, an Ulsterman of noble lineage. His mother was a Leinster woman called Telach.

Finnian was educated first locally by Bishop Fortchernn. He soon travelled to monasteries in south Wales and may also have been at Tours in France. In Wales he was in contact with the early British saints – Cadog at Llanccarfan in Glamorganshire, David and Gildas.

Although he may have intended to go to Rome, Finnian returned instead to Ireland, first to Aghowle near Shillelagh in County Wicklow, where King Oengus of Leinster gave him a site to build a church. From here he went north to Dunmanogue on the river Barrow, in County Kildare, and established another church. From here, he went to the town of Kildare, studying and teaching at St Brigid's monastery. Finnian was held in high regard by Brigid, who presented him with a gold ring on his departure.

Finally, around the year 520 Finnian arrived at Clonard, "Erard's Meadow", between the kingdoms of Meath and Leinster. Here he got a large tract of land to set up his own ascetic community, where there were up to 3,000 monks. Finnian himself had a great reputation for his knowledge of the Scriptures and Clonard became a centre of Biblical studies.

Finnian is said to have died in the great plague of 549-550.

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**.

MOVEMENT DURING EARLY ADVENT

Wonder and Awe in the Universe and on Earth. Being wonderfully receptive to the Mysteries of The Universe situates us to receive the real Magic of Christmas, The Boy Child.

We light the graduated candle in the predawn and enjoin with that wonderful medieval hymn, sung exquisitely by Enya

"Come, oh!! Come Emmanuel", sung in English and Latin. And then followed by Michael Crawford singing "O Holy Night" in The Shepherds Fields in Bethlehem. Go on, try it.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday next 12th December at 1pm. in Christchurch Cathedral, Wood Quay, Dublin 8 there is A BLESSING OF THE ANIMAL SERVICE, complete with a Carol Service and 5 star Hospitality. It is free but there will be a voluntary collection.

See you there. *Eddie*



*Christmas Carol Concert with
Clondalkin Youth Band in the
Village Church on
Monday 18th December at 8pm*

