



Parish Newsletter

# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception of the BVM & St. Killian*

**Clonburris**  **Knockmitten**

Sundays 17th & 24th December 2023



## GAUDETE SUNDAY

Isaiah 61:1-2.10-11 reading begins with a promise of salvation and ends with a prayer of thanksgiving for the salvation granted. It contains several prophetic themes: - God cares for the afflicted; - God saves through the agency of human beings; - God fulfils promises; - all things are accomplished through God's grace.

In 1 Thess 5:16-24 Paul concludes this letter to the Thessalonians with exhortation, encouragement, and blessing. His admonitions are crisp and concrete: rejoice, pray, give thanks, and asks the community to be unceasing in these three practices. In John the Evangelist's Gospel he is preparing for one who is already amid the people, John the Baptist, but unrecognised. This unrecognised individual will far exceed anything that John Baptist might do because he far exceeds anything the Baptist might be, he is content to be the first witness, herald, and nothing more.

Today is Gaudete Sunday - Gaudete is the Latin word for Joy.

We light the third candle which is a pink one to mark a turning point in our preparation for the arrival of Jesus on Christmas Day. We are called in the first reading to be the arms and mouth of Jesus in today's world. He sent us, that is you and me, to bring the Gospel to people who don't yet know Jesus; to set prisoners free; to set the downtrodden free; to make the blind see; and the deaf hear. God saves through the agency of human beings; - God fulfils promises; - all things are accomplished through God's grace. That is God's promise to us.

In the second reading Paul encourages us to rejoice, pray, give thanks, and asks the community to be unceasing in these three practices. Incidentally, all miracles are preceded by giving thanks and praise to God. Isaiah is calling us to work miracles in God's name and Paul is telling us how.

In John's Gospel, John the Evangelist is telling us that John the Baptist is the first herald of Jesus coming among us and he is not fit to tie his sandals. A statement of truth and humility, also needed in working miracles is to acknowledge that we are not the healers - we are merely the instruments that Jesus may choose to use in His mission.

This is surely good joyful news - that you and I are called to mission, He is not looking at our ability or inability only our availability. He is looking for us to say yes to His invitation, He will work through us by giving us all the graces and power to achieve His purposes. To prepare us for this work He has invited each of us to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, because grace flows easier through a clean vessel, and He invites us as his disciples not to keep this good news to ourselves but to invite our families, friends, neighbours, and work colleagues to come back to the sacraments this Christmas.

*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

**Please contact through  
Phone & Email**

**Clonburris & Knockmitten:**

Contact through Village

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## Christmas Schedule 2023

### CONFESSIONS

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December after 10am Mass in the Village Church.



### CHRISTMAS MASSES

#### Christmas Eve – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December

|             |                         |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| Village     | Mass at 6.30pm and 10pm |
| Knockmitten | Mass at 6pm             |
| Clonburris  | Mass at 9pm             |

#### Christmas Day – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December

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| Village     | Mass at 9am (in Irish),<br>10.30am and 12 noon |
| Knockmitten | Mass at 10am                                   |
| Clonburris  | Mass at 11am                                   |

#### St. Stephen's Day – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December

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| Village | Mass at 10am |
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#### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December

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| Village | Mass at 10am each day |
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### Christmas Offerings

Envelopes for Christmas Offerings are available on the tables in the Church.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

### TAP & GO

The Tap & Go machine at the back of the Church, near the Parish shop, is a simple, secure and safe way to donate to the Mass collections if you don't carry cash and wish to use your card. Thank you.

### A PRAYER BEFORE CHRISTMAS DINNER

Most merciful Father, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite. On this Christmas Day we come before you with gratitude for your kindness. Open our hearts to have concern for others so that we may share your gifts with all your people. We ask your Blessing upon this meal that we now share together. Bless those who prepared the meal, those whom we share it with and all your people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## FEAST DAYS

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| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December    | St. Flannan, Bishop                               |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December | St. Fachanan, Bishop                              |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December  | St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church |
| Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December  | St. John of Kanty, Priest                         |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December    | The Nativity of the Lord                          |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December   | St. Stephen, First Martyr                         |
| Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> December | St. John, Apostle and Evangelist                  |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> December  | The Holy Innocents, Martyrs                       |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> December    | St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr              |



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

### PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December. It will reopen on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

You can contact the Parish on **01-4593520** or by email at **office@clondalkinparish.com** or by calling to the sacristy at Mass times.

### 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 are now in stock.



### St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for a very generous €8043 collected at Mass last weekend. Your support for people in need in the Clondalkin area is much appreciated.

# Village Church



## Sunday 17th December

**6.30pm Vigil** Robert & Joan Crookes (R.I.P.)  
Bridie & Paddy O'Brien (An)  
Sammy McDonnell (An)  
Kathleen & Danny O'Neill (Rem)  
Elizabeth & Nicholas West and  
deceased family members (Rem)  
Mary & Patrick Hendley (Rem) and  
deceased family members

**10.30am** Eugene Garrigan (6th An)  
Jim Minogue (Birthday Rem)  
James Norton Snr (An)  
John Scully (An)  
Bridget, Edward & Mary Brannigan  
John (50th An), Lucy, Olive &  
Michael Corcoran (An)

**12noon** Eilish Hynes (An)  
Aon Shiel (An)  
Eileen Hynes (An)  
Padraig Faughnan (8th An)  
Betty (Elizabeth) Maguire  
Paddy Delaney (An)  
Agnes McHale (An)  
Conan Kelly (3rd An)  
Dympna Smith (Month's Mind)  
Liam Callaghan & deceased  
members of the Callaghan family  
Kathleen & Michael Shannon &  
deceased family members  
Doreen & William McKittrick &  
family and the Skelton family  
John Fleming (10th An) &  
Lilian Fleming (4th An)

## Monday 18th December

**10.00am** Paddy & Lily Hanway (An)

## Tuesday 19th December

**10.00am** Patrick, Sarah, Brendan &  
Frank Byrne (An)

## Wednesday 20th December

**10.00am** Patrick Smith (1st An)

## Thursday 21st December

**10.00am** Charismatic Prayer Group  
(Special Intention)

## Friday 22nd December

**10.00am** Pat Nolan (100th Birthday Rem)

## Saturday 23rd December

**10.00am** Seamus Egan (16th An)

## MASS INTENTIONS (contd)

### Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve

**6.30pm Vigil** Michael Taylor (4th An)  
Seamus Egan (16th An)

**9.00am** Paddy & Theresa Green (Rem)

**10.30am** Pauline Murphy (7th An)  
Mary MacConalogue (Rem)  
Jack & Mary Finlay (Rem)  
Mary & Patrick Cosgrove &  
deceased Family members  
(Christmas Rem)  
Mary Kirwan, Geraldine Larnihan  
& Mary Larnihan (An)  
Katie, Jack & Michael Fitzgerald  
and deceased family members  
(Christmas Rem)

**12noon** Joseph Cleary (Christmas Rem)  
Bridie and Sean Foran  
Jennifer Lawless

### Monday 25th December - Nativity of the Lord

**6.30pm Christmas Eve** )  
**10.00pm Christmas Eve** ) Masses offered for  
**9.00am (As Gaeilge)** ) the intentions of  
**10.30am** ) the Parish  
**12 noon** )

### Tuesday 26th December - Feast of St. Stephen

**10.00am** Moya Riordan (An)

### Wednesday 27th December

**10.00am** Gerlinde Will (An)

### Thursday 28th December

**10.00am** Christopher, Lillian and Brendan  
Behan (An)

### Friday 29th December

**10.00am** Fran Mulholland (An)

### Saturday 30th December

**10.00am** Michael & Bridie McDermott (An)  
& deceased family members



Seniorline is a confidential  
listening service for older people  
by trained older volunteers.

Freephone **1800 80 45 91**

**Our lines are open every day from 10am to 10pm,  
365 days a year.**

## THANK YOU

Kathleen Doherty would like to thank  
all those who offered prayers and sent  
good wishes to her during her recent  
illness. Mass will be offered for  
your intentions.



# Beithilín Beo Live Crib

ÁRAS  
CHRÓNÁIN  
Gaeilphobail

Following on the wonderful success of Ireland's only LIVING CRIB, BEITHILÍN BEO, Aisteoirí Chrónáin, with support from Tower Credit Union, Newlands Garden Centre, South Dublin County Council, South Dublin Chamber of Commerce and Foras na Gaeilge, proudly present **AN BEITHILÍN BEO - LIVE CRIB on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023** in Áras Chrónáin, Ionad Cultúir - Irish Cultural Centre, Clondalkin, D22X856. Once again it promises to be an uplifting, entertaining and spiritual experience with choreographed movement to a specially collated musical soundtrack.

16/12/2023 & 17/12/2023

*"Mary did you know that your Baby Boy is Heaven's Perfect Lamb? That Sleeping Child You're Holding is The Great I Am"*

Absorbing all the lyrics of this Song, sung to perfection by Pentatonix (oh!! Boy, the Harmonies). Here comes Enya, fleeting in and out of the mists of the eighth century, singing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel", hauntingly beautiful in Latin and English,

*"O Come O Bright and Morning Star  
And bring us Comfort from afar!  
Dispel the Shadows of the night  
And turn our Darkness into Light"*

Thus transcended and full of awesome wonder in the Upper Room, that same Boy Child said: "I now call you Friends" (John 15:15). It gets even better. Cardinal Christoph Schonborn took as his Episcopal Motto: "I now call you Friends" Don't miss his interview with HTB Church 12th June 2016 where he explains his Episcopal Motto. I have listened to it umpteen times. Each time, it just floats my boat. I have called you friends, **Eddie**



As 2023 draws to a close, the newsletter team takes this opportunity to wish all our readers, both local and further afield, the blessing of the newly born Lord. We hope you will have a happy and restful Christmas celebration with your families and friends. May the new year bring peace, contentment and good health to all our readers.

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where  
He lay  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*