



Parish Newsletter

# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception of the BVM & St. Killian*

**Clonburris**  **Knockmitten**

Sunday 31st December 2023



## FAMILY MATTERS

Today's Gospel takes us to the magnificent Temple in Jerusalem. A little child is brought in as all first-born males were brought. There is nothing uncommon or striking about that. His parents are with him, poor people, bringing the offering of pigeons or doves, for the purification of the mother. They are met in the temple by an old man who takes the child in his arms, offers a thanksgiving to God and blesses the parents. They are joined by a widow of eighty-four years, who gives thanks also, and speaks to others concerning the child. Then all retire. There was nothing exciting about this scene yet it was the solemn fulfilment of an ancient prophecy:

*"The Lord whom you seek shall suddenly come to his temple".*

The infant in arms was Jesus, the Son of God, Mary and Joseph were his parents. Together they formed the Holy Family, whose feast we celebrate today. Their home was in Nazareth, a small village in lower Galilee, a long way away from the holy city of Jerusalem. Religious life there did not revolve around the Temple and its sacrifices. Like all Jews of the time, twice a day, morning and last thing at night, the families of Nazareth confessed their faith in one God by reciting the Shema Israel:

"Hear O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your might". This prayer was deeply engraved in Jesus' heart. Later in life when asked by a scribe which was the greatest commandment, Jesus quoted these words.

In that home in Nazareth Jesus grew to maturity and was filled with wisdom. Like his mother Mary, God's favour was with him. She gave him his humanity, his looks, his ways. With Joseph, she *"Fed him when he needed feeding, taught him when he needed teaching, pushed and held him back when he needed them both"*.

(Peter Steele SJ).

Jesus' faith grew in the religious environment of Nazareth. The Sabbath was a day of rest. Families went to the synagogue to pray and listen to the Hebrew text of the Scriptures translated in Aramaic. Religious festivals and weddings were joyous occasions for eating, drinking, dancing and singing. Later when his disciples were accused of not fasting like John's disciples, Jesus defended them by saying that while they were with him, life should be a party like the days of a wedding (Mark 2:19). When he left home to announce the coming of the reign of God, did Mary ponder in her heart and recall that day in the Temple when she offered him to God and Simeon prophesied that he would be "A sign to be rejected and a sword would pierce her soul."

As his mother, she probably did.

*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  
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# 2024

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish all parishioners every blessing as we begin the New Year.

### New Year's Day

New Year's Day is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

It is also a World Day of Prayer for Peace.

### MASSES DURING THE WEEK

*Bank Holiday - Monday 1st January*

Mass at 10am.

*Weekday Mass*

The early morning weekday Mass at 7.30am resumes on Tuesday 2nd January.

*First Friday - 5th January*

Friday is the First Friday of January. We remember at Mass all whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.

*Epiphany of the Lord - 6th January*

**Friday 5th**

Vigil Mass at **7.30pm** in the Village Church.

**Saturday 6th**

Mass at **10am** in the Village Church

Mass at **11am** in Knockmitten and Clonburris.

### Christmas Offerings

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

*Thank you for your continued support.*

### FEAST DAYS



Monday 1st January

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday 2nd January

St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

Wednesday 3rd January

St. Munchin of Limerick, Bishop

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Saturday 6th January

The Epiphany of the Lord

### A PRAYER FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

Consult not your fears, but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern not yourself with what you tried and failed in, but what it is still possible to do. Now is the time to put aside past and present setbacks and failures and look with confidence to the new day called tomorrow.



*Pope St. John XXIII*

### RECENTLY DECEASED



**Betty McGregor**

**Kay Curran**

**Joseph Gleeson**

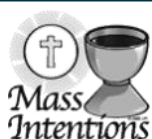
*May They Rest in Peace*

### 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*

## Village Church



### Sunday 31st December

- 10.30am** Percy Reeves (An)  
Patrick & Mary Kinane (An)  
Francis Bradley (12th An)
- 12noon** Skelton family, Twyford family and Kelleher family  
Tony O'Neill (An)  
McKittrick family  
Madeleine Hodgins (20th An)  
Georgina Grey (2nd An)  
Johnny Delaney (An)  
Bernard & Nora Sheridan (An)  
Brenda Brennan

### Monday 1st January Day of Prayer for World Peace

- 10.00am** Catherine Delgado (An)

### Tuesday 2nd January

- 10.00am** Florence Moloney (An)

### Thursday 4th January

- 10.00am** Gerry, Fran, Jim, Daniel and Lily Doran (An)

### Friday 5th January - First Friday

- 7.30am** ) Masses offered for the Altar List  
**10.00am** ) of the Dead

- 7.30pm** Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany

### Saturday 6th January - Epiphany of the Lord

- 10.00am** Denis Tuomey (3rd An)

### Sunday 7th January

- 6.30pm Vigil** James Stynes (An)  
Bridget Leydon (Am)  
Frank Kennedy (An)
- 10.30am** William Mannion (2nd An)
- 12noon** Dolores Sheridan (10th An)  
Rosaleen Gill (8th An) and Agnes Coyle (7th An)  
Christopher Kearns (3rd An)

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National Confidential Listening Service  
for Older People

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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

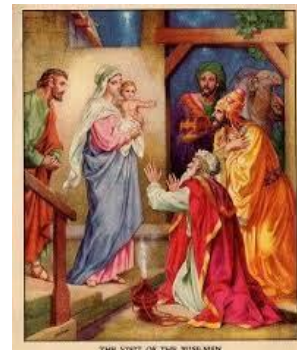
Monday from 9:30am-1:30pm  
and 2.30pm - 4.00pm

Wednesday from 9.30am - 1.30pm  
Thursday from 9.30am - 1.30pm.

**Tel: (01) 475 6989 Email: [info@ageaction.ie](mailto:info@ageaction.ie)**

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - January 6th

Traditionally in the West we associate the feast of the **Epiphany** with the three wise men from the East coming to bring gifts to the infant king. But there are other themes – baptism and Cana – originating in Egypt associated with this feast.



The word epiphany, means "appearance" or "manifestation" was used in traditional Greek religion to indicate the appearance or manifestation of a god or goddess in human form, along with the suggestion that the person or persons who had experienced the epiphany would be delivered from danger and/or their enemies defeated.

The Christian feast of Epiphany first appears in Egypt commemorating the Baptism of Jesus, but besides this it later gathers round it other themes, such as Jesus's birth, the miracle of Cana and the coming of the Wise Men. In the West it is the coming of the Wise Men that became the dominant theme of this day, while in the East it is Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan which remains to the fore of the celebration.

(Taken from CatholicIreland.net Saint of the Day)



"Softly, deftly, music will caress you. Hear it, feel it secretly possess you. Open up your mind, let your fantasies unwind in this darkness which you know you can not fight.

The darkness of the music of the night"  
(The Music of the Night sung by Michael Crawford).

Breathtaking in the extreme.

"Morning has broken like the first morning, Blackbird has spoken like the first bird"  
(Morning Has Broken sung by Cat Stephens)

Perfection.

They are here up in Corky Park between the Arboretum and the River : The Snowdrops are out.  
They sing out of Hope, with no notes, just inspirational presence.

Wordsworth cracked "Hope" in his poem "To A Snowdrop".

Take all three together like a well-stirred cocktail. I have called you friends,

*Eddie*



 **COLÁISTE BRÍDE IS PROUD TO PRESENT**

**SIX: TEEN EDITION**

By Toby Marlow & Lucy Moss

The story of the wives of Henry VIII told like you've never heard before! The wives come together as a pop band to tell their side of the story!

**WHERE: COLÁISTE BRÍDE**  
**WHEN: JAN 17TH, 18TH & 19TH**  
**TIME: DOORS 6.30PM, SHOW 7.30PM**

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**PETER PANTO**





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Village  
Hardware**

Moyle Park College, Clondalkin  
Adults - €10  
Children - €5  
Family (2 adults, 2 kids) - €25

Sat 13th Jan - 2:30pm, 7pm  
Sun 14th Jan - 2:30pm  
Fri 19th Jan - 7pm  
Sat 20th Jan - 2:30pm, 7pm  
Sun 21st Jan - 2:30pm

### A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again  
Thank you for this new year  
For all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us  
A mighty flame  
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of  
God  
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

*Author Unknown*