



# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception of the BVM & St. Killian*

## Clonburris ☩ Knockmitten

Parish Newsletter Sunday 3rd December 2023



### ADVENT AND THE PARABLE OF THE DOORKEEPER

Happy first Sunday of Advent to all!

To-day we begin our Advent journey which will culminate in the celebration of God's first coming to us in human form at Christmas. But on this first Sunday of the Church's year our attention is drawn in the Gospel to the final coming of God at the end of time. This may seem odd at first but when we consider life as a circle, we come from God our Creator and we return to God our destiny, everything falls into place. The Advent wreath with its circle of evergreen sprays and four candles, one for each week of Advent, is a good expression of the circular journey of life. The placing of this gospel at the beginning of Advent challenges us to be ready, to be alert, to take heed and above all to watch lest we be found sleeping when the Master returns.

***"Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come".***

The Parable of the Doorkeeper is about being ready for the return of the master of the house who has gone to "a far country" and left his servants plenty of work to do. But the doorkeeper is commanded "to watch". His role was a special one because he held the master's keys, kept out unwanted guests and checked anyone leaving the premises. His job was to open the gate to the master on his return and tend to his needs and the needs of his companions and beasts of burden. The master could return at any time: "evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn."

The doorkeeper had to be alert and watching. He could not be found sleeping. Jesus, who spoke this parable to his disciples expands it to all who follow him when he says: ***"What I say to you I say to all: Stay awake".***

We do not know when he will return but we can live as we ought to live and not fall asleep like the five foolish bridesmaids who were not ready to meet the bridegroom when he returned.

Like the doorkeeper, who was alert for the master's return and considerate of others by attending to their needs, we can enter into the spirit of Advent by looking out for ways and means of showing God's love to others.

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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## The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 8th December

**Thursday 7th:** Vigil Mass at 7.30pm in the Village Church

**Friday 8th:** Mass at 7.30am and 10am in the Village Church

Mass at 10am in Knockmitten

Mass at 11am and 6.30pm in Clonburris

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

**Clondalkin Village Church**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30 am

**Sruleen Parish Church**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm

**Deansrath Parish Church**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm

*ALL ARE WELCOME!*



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

Your support in the past has been vital.

*Thank You*



## CLONDALKIN PARISH CAROL SERVICE

with Knockmitten Youth Choir will take place on

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm in Knockmitten Church**

Voluntary donations for Doctors without Borders welcome on the night.



## 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!*

### 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.

## Village Church



### Sunday 3rd December

**6.30pm Vigil** Kathleen & Johnny Roebuck (An)  
Maura Ledwidge (1st An)  
Joe Ledwidge (6th An)  
All deceased members of the Fitzgerald family  
Robert McDonnell (Month's Mind)  
Mary Ashe (An)

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

**10.30am** William & Bridget Dee (An)  
Matthew Minogue (An)  
James Jnr. & Alice Norton (An)  
Phyllis Ellis (2nd An)

**12noon** Maura Spollen (An) and deceased members of the Spollen family  
Minnie Murphy (An)  
Pat Neville (Month's Mind)  
Rosaleen Delaney (3rd An)

### Monday 4th December

**7.30am** Elsie Naughton (Birthday Rem)  
**10.00am** Deceased members of the Monday Club

### Tuesday 5th December

**7.30am** Peter & Anne Nixon  
**10.00am** John Cassells (2nd An)

### Wednesday 6th December

**10.00am** Eugene McNamara (7th An) and deceased members of the McNamara family

### Thursday 7th December

**10.00am** Special Intention

**Friday 8th December - Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

### 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)

**9.00am** Phyliss McGrath (An)

**10.30am** Mary O'Neill (2nd An)

**12noon** Tommy & Hettie Tobin (An)  
Michael McGreevey (2nd An)  
Marion Corless (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*

**MARY O'CONNELL**  
**MARY (MAY) McCORMACK**  
**MATTHEW WINDSOR**

*May They Rest in Peace*

## MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Dear Ministers,

the new rota is ready for collection in the Sacristy.

Thank you for your Ministry!

Supporting people in Ireland since 1961, its volunteers 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).

**SAMARITANS**



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.**

**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**

**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](mailto: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!*

## **FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

Monday 4th December

**St. John Damascene,  
Priest & Doctor of the  
Church**

Wednesday 6th December

**St. Nicholas, Bishop**

Thursday 7th December

**St. Ambrose, Bishop &  
Doctor of the Church**

Friday 8th December

**The Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Saturday 9th December

**St. Juan Diego  
Cuahtlatotzin**

## **ST. NICHOLAS - Feast Day 6th December**

St Nicholas, Bishop died in the fourth century. He was the Bishop of Myra (Turkey) but nothing more is known about his life. Since the tenth century, widely venerated and frequently claimed as a patron in both East and West, his cult in the West was further ensured when his relics were moved from Myra to Bari (Italy) in the eleventh century. His reputation for generosity led to the custom of giving children gifts on his feast day, and thus to the Christmas figure of Santa Claus.



## 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**.

## GODLY PLAY for Adults this ADVENT

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

We look forward seeing you in  
Sluereen Parish Centre on Wednesday,  
**6<sup>th</sup> of December at 7.30 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



## 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 HOLY FAMILY story**  
**Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> of December straight after school till 4 pm.**

The remaining dates are **TUESDAYS:**  
**12<sup>th</sup> December; 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
straight after school till 4 pm.

## BEAVER MOON 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

There it is: The Beaver Moon visible at 5.30 pm last Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. A semi clear sky showed the moon at its best and no AI needed, just Nature doing its thing in a rhythmical way.

The Beavers are heading into their dens for the Winter now with a very thick fur coat to see them through the harsh winters of the Northern Latitudes. Lewis and Clark in 1804/5 surveyed the North West Passage from St. Louis, Missouri to the mouth of the Columbia River on the Pacific. One of their briefs was to increase the fur trade.

Thankfully, nowadays, we can read the folklore around the names of The Seasonal Moons in wonder at the rhythm of life through history.

Next Full Moon is the Cold Moon on December 27<sup>th</sup> 2023.

No AI required.

In Wonder, *Eddie.*

