Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception of the BVM & St. Killian

Clonburris | Knockmitten

Sunday 7th January 2024



Baptism, a time to begin anew

On the Sunday immediately after the Epiphany of the Lord, we celebrate the in what we call the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year, when no particular aspect of the life of Jesus is given prominence and the focus is on the general teaching and preaching ministry of Jesus.

The baptism of Jesus takes place when Jesus is about thirty years of age. Up until now, Jesus has been living quietly in Nazareth. As he prepares to begin his public ministry, Jesus leaves home and makes his way to where John the Baptist is already at work, preparing the way of the Lord. John is baptising people in the river Jordan, inviting them to a way of repentance and telling them that someone is coming after him. Jesus is baptised in the river Jordan by John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit comes upon him, and he is now ready to begin his ministry.

Baptism marks the beginning of a new chapter in the earthly life of Jesus. Similarly when we ourselves are baptised, the event marks the beginning of something new in our lives. Baptism initiates us into the Christian family. It brings us into a new relationship with Jesus Christ our Saviour. It promises us the wonderful gift of eternal life. It invites us to begin living life in a new way based on the commandment of Jesus to love God and love our neighbour.

As we begin the New Year, we often make resolutions or renew our intention at working on and improving various aspects of our lives. Perhaps there is an

opportunity here for us to focus on the spiritual dimension of our being. What can I do or what steps can I take to enhance my relationship with Jesus? Is there some practical way in which I can be a more authentic witness to Jesus in my daily life?

There is often an enthusiasm as the New Year begins to be better people in so many ways. While we might focus on eating more healthily, exercising more, losing weight or tackling some bad habit, there is ample space too for being a better Christian person. So, carpe diem, seize the moment. As we mark the baptism of Jesus at Mass today, recall your own baptism and resolve this week to do something to fulfil the potential within you to be a more faithful disciple of Jesus as we begin 2024.

Baptism of Jesus. This feast brings the Christmas season to a close and ushers

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

Newsletter: Parishnewsletter1@gmail.com

Submissions for

Fr. Kieran Coghlan

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A STUDENT'S PRAYER AT THE START OF THE NEW YEAR

Loving Father, as the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way.

Let us serve all who are in need, remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May our year be filled with peace, prosperity and love.

May God's blessings shower down and bestow upon each of us a bright, healthy and peaceful new year. Amen.

(Taken from <u>www.ceist.ie</u>)

We ask God's blessing on all students and their teachers as they prepare to return to school at the start of this new year.

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



Freephone 1800 80 45 91

Seniorline is a confidential listening service for older people by trained older volunteers,
Our vision and mission is that every older person in Ireland would know the Freephone number, call if they need us and receive an empathic response.

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

Age Action believes that we should have a choice to age in place which means having the ability to live in one's home and



community safely, independently and comfortably regardless of age, income or ability level. The vision of Age Action Care and Repair is to enable older people to remain in their own homes, in their own communities, living as independently as possible, through the improvement of their housing conditions and their level of comfort, security and wellbeing.

Care & Repair is run by Age Action from our offices in Dublin, Cork and Galway and by our 33 Community Partners nationwide.

Contact any of our Age Action offices to get details of your nearest service.

Care and Repair - Dublin office Phone: 01 4756989

Fax:

Email: careandrepairdublin@ageaction.ie

CLONDALKIN PARISH PLANNED GIVING

Envelopes are available for collection from the Parish Office, Monday to Friday, between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

Thank you.



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

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Saturday 13th January

St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Christmas Offerings

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

Thank you for your continued support.



RECENTLY DECEASED

JOSEPH GLEESON
BABY MILLIE HEFFERNAN

May They Rest in Peace

Village Church



Sunday 7th January

6.30pm Vigil James Stynes (An)

Michael O'Connor Bridget Leydon (An) Frank Kennedy (An)

Owen Mansfield (Month's Mind)

Bridie & Jim Mulhalley Tony Doherty (1st An)

Matthew Windsor (Month's Mind)

Bernard Mulholland (1st An)

10.30am William Mannion (2nd An)

Larry Doody (Birthday Rem)

12noon Dolores Sheridan (10th An)

Rosaleen Gill (8th An) and

Agnes Coyle (7th An)

Christopher Kearns (3rd An)

Monday 8th January

7.30am Special Intention10.00am Christopher Kearns

Tuesday 9th January

10.00am Mary & Joe Coghlan and

Kathleen Henry (An)

Wednesday 10th January

10.00am Sr. Mary Holohan (10th An)

Sunday 14th January

6.30pm Vigil Jennifer Lawless (3rd An)

Harry Grimes (An)

10.30am Vincent & Bobbie Norton (An)

Marie Hegarty (7th An)

Rita Carr (1st An) Bernie Dwyer (1st An) Mary Cronin (21st An)

Joe & Josephine O'Connor (An

Mary O'Higgins (3rd An)

Gay & Nora Keogh (An)

Sr. Claire O'Dwyer (Month's Mind)

Luke Barry (An)

Elizabeth Thompson (1st An)

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family.

Amen.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE

Monday The Monday Club

(after 10am Mass & Rosary)

Recovery Self-Help Method Meeting

mq00.8

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

St. Charles of Mount Argus (1821-93)

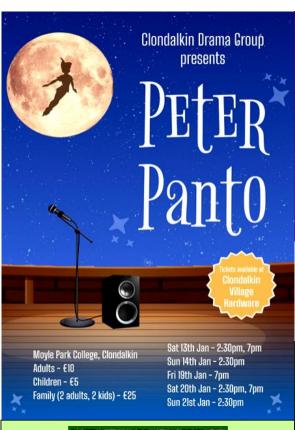
Feast Day 5th January

As Archbishop of Dublin, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin was what is called the Actor in the cause of Blessed Charles. He and many Passionists along with many lay people attended the canonisation in St Peter's in Rome by Pope Benedict XVI on Sunday 3rd June 2007.

Prayer to St. Charles

Saint Charles, you knew what it is like to live with sickness and pain. We ask you to intercede for those who are sick. May they know that, in their sickness, the loving hand of God reaches out to them with healing and hope for body and spirit. May they learn to trust God and place their lives in his hands. Amen.

(Taken from CatholicIreland.net)

















There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humour.

Charles Dickens

GRATITUDE AND HOPE

"Heaven and Earth are full of the Majesty of Thy Glory"

(See Te Deum Laudamus sung by The Benedictine Monks, 5th Century Hymn)

> "Soft as the Voice of an Angel Breathing a lesson unheard Hope with a gentle persuasion Whispers a comforting word"

> > (Whisperiing Hope)

"Little darlin', it's been a long, cold, lonely Winter. Little darlin', it feels like years since it's been here"

(Here Comes The Sun--The Beatles)

Find Gratitude whatever way you can and a deep, durable, delicate Hope emerges.

"Hope is a thing with feathers
That perches in the Soul
And sings the tune without the words,
And never stops--at all."

(Hope is a Thing with Feathers by Emily Dickinson)

In Gratitude,

Eddie