

CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburris

Parish Newsletter - Sunday 18th February 2024

(Working in partnership with Bawnogue, Deansrath and Sruleen parishes)

1st Sunday
of
Lent

Dealing with temptation

On this First Sunday of Lent, we read in the Gospel about the temptation of Jesus in the desert. Mark's description of it is very brief. At the end of the forty days Jesus then begins his public ministry with a call to repentance and to belief in the Good News.

Temptation is part of the universal human experience. We all have to deal with temptation in life. Temptation distracts us and lures us away from living as we would wish to. Giving in to temptation often leaves us with feelings of guilt and remorse afterwards. We recognise our own particular weaknesses and how difficult it can be for us at times to resist whatever temptations come our way.

In the humanity of Jesus we see that it is possible to rise above temptation. As Jesus stood up to and resisted the temptations of Satan, so too we can deal effectively with temptation aided by God's help and grace at work within us.

The season of Lent invites us to be reflective about our lives. It challenges us to take a good honest look at ourselves. We examine our life and daily living in light of the Gospel command to love God and love our neighbour. Acknowledging our faults and failings is the first step on the road to being a more Christ-like person. Taking positive action then to implement the necessary changes in our lives will hopefully follow this.

Jesus was not totally abandoned and alone in his temptations in the desert. Mark tells us that the angels looked after him. When we ourselves struggle with temptation, it is good to remember that we have the support of the heavenly hosts, the angels, to guide us and guard us when we are tempted to go astray.

Ultimately Lent reminds us of the overwhelming love of God for us all. The Good News we proclaim is that through his life, death and resurrection, God in Jesus reveals the depth of his love for us. Jesus gave his life on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins. In rising from the dead Jesus offers us all the hope of salvation and sharing in the fulness of life one day with God in heaven.

As we live these Lenten days in preparation for Easter, may the Lord be with us as we strive to turn away from sin in our lives and to be more faithful witnesses to the Gospel.

Fr. Kieran Coghlan

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Mass Times and Services

Clondalkin Village

Sunday: Saturday Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday 9am (in Irish), 10.30am & 12 noon
Weekdays: Monday to Friday 7.30am & 10am
Saturday 10am
Confessions: Saturday 10.30am to 11am

Knockmitten

Sunday: 11am
Weekdays: Mon, Wed & Fri - Liturgy of the Word at 10am

Clonburris

Sunday: 11am

Dear Parents/Guardians, please find information about your children's Sacramental preparation:



CONFIRMATION CONNECT

A gathering in the **Village Church**
Tuesday 20th February at 7.30pm

This gathering will be a short prayer service and includes the presentation of the **OUR FATHER** prayer to each boy or girl.

Details have been emailed to all those registered with the parish for Confirmation.



FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

PARISH PARENT TALK (PPT)

Zoom meetings for the Parents/Guardians of the children preparing for **First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion**

The Zoom link will be emailed to parents on the day.

Second PARISH PARENT TALK Zoom meeting on Reconciliation (Choices) on **Tuesday 27th February** at 7pm & 8pm.

Third PPT Zoom meeting on First Holy Communion - **Wednesday 13th March** at 7pm & 8pm.

Fourth PPT Zoom meeting on First Holy Communion - **Wednesday 17th April** at 7pm & 8pm

We will be offering **the same repeated session at 7.00pm & 8.00pm** each evening to give you more flexibility to join the meeting.

Sacramental Preparation Team

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 1st March 2024

This year Christian women all around the world gather to unite in prayer for Palestine/Israel.

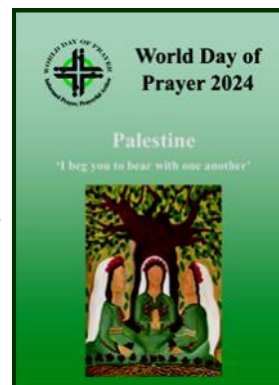
Since the early nineteen seventies, Christian women have been gathering together in Clondalkin (alternate years in St. John's Church of Ireland or the Church of the Immaculate Conception) for this annual Day of Prayer on the first Friday of March. This year is so special. For at least the past four years, the Christian women of

Palestine have been praying and discerning the format of this Service as it happened to be their turn to submit a Service to be translated and used worldwide. Their message is a beautiful one - and so apt for our times - of forgiveness, peace and reconciliation, quoting from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians
"I beg you, bear with one another in love"

Come and pray along with us this beautiful Service of Reflection and Intercession for Peace in the Holy Land and Palestine.

This year our annual local link-up with this world-wide Day of Prayer will be in the **Church of the Immaculate Conception at 11.00am on Friday 1st March** and all men, women and children are invited.

Come along and join us and pray with us - please.



We remember in our prayers the people and intentions we have been asked to pray for during this week.



Let nothing disturb you; let nothing frighten you.
All things are passing; God alone remains.
Patience obtains all things.
Nothing is wanting to him who possesses God.
God alone suffices.

St. Teresa of Ávila

The Pioneers are inviting people to take the temporary pledge for Lent.



Information is available in the Repository in the Church or by telephone:
083 8611618.

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Saule Cameron, our Parish Pastoral Worker, following the death of her mother recently. We will keep Saule and her family in our thoughts and prayers at this time of great loss.

Village Church



Sunday 18th February

- 6.30pm Vigil** Nora McHugh (An) and Thomas McHugh (An)
Hugh O'Daly (An)
Sean & Bunnie Stynes (An)
Ita O'Gorman (An)
- 10.30am** James Tynan (Month's Mind)
Belinda & James Fitzsimons (An)
Mary MacConalogue
Jack & Mary Finlay (Rem)
Mary Kinsella (1st An)
- 12noon** Maisie & Tom Delaney (An)
Agnes Nixon (An) and
Carmel Robinson (Recently Dec'd)
Maria Bubel (Recently Dec'd)

Monday 19th February

- 10.00am** Pat Sharkey & Michael Kennedy (An)

Tuesday 20th February

- 10.00am** Christy Kearns (Birthday Rem)

Wednesday 21st February

- 10.00am** Joanie Byrne (1st An)

Friday 23rd February

- 10.00am** Mary & John O'Neill (An)

Saturday 24th February

- 10.00am** Chris Stapleton (Birthday Rem)

Sunday 25th February

- 6.30pm Vigil** George Mulholland (Month's Mind)
Sandra Boyne (Month's Mind)
- 10.30am** Denis & Nora Minogue (An)
Mary Martin (3rd An)
Gintas Alionis (An)
- 12noon** Marian Doyle (6th An)
Esther Delaney (Month's Mind)
Stella Hegarty (3rd An)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY THIS LENT

We invite your child/children to the Children's Liturgy this Lent once again and we are very excited to see you on Sundays at 12 pm Mass.

Children's Liturgy Team:

Eilish O'Leary, Catherine Flynn & John Kearney.

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

GODLY PLAY for the children preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

GP sessions will take place on Tuesdays from 2.45 pm – 3.45 pm in the Parish Centre (PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES!)

The dates are as follows:

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| Tuesday 20th February | Theme: The Mystery of Easter |
| Tuesday 27th February | Theme: Faces of Easter |
| Tuesday 5th March | Theme: Faces of Easter |
| Tuesday 12th March | Theme: Faces of Easter |

Godly Play Team:

Rosemary Lavelle, Fiona Minogue and Saule Cameron PPW.

WEDNESDAY HOSPITALITY

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Parish Centre on Wednesday, 21st of February, after the morning Mass!



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wed 21st February

St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Thurs 22nd February

The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

Friday 23rd February

St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST LENTEN TRAINING FOR CLONDALKIN PARISH PARTNERSHIP

Dear Ministers of the Eucharist, we invite you to the training on **Monday, 19th of February at 7.30 pm** in the Village Parish Centre (room upstairs).

We look forward seeing you ALL!

If you are new to this Ministry but considering to be part of it, please join us as well.

Parish Team



RECENTLY DECEASED

EITHNE MELEADY

DANIEL COWAP

JOSEPHINE (JOSIE) MURPHY

May They Rest in Peace



The annual collection for **Accord Dublin**, the Catholic Marriage Care Service, will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, **17th/18th February**.

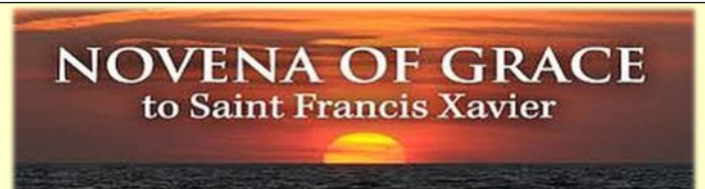
It replaces the Share collection on the day.

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

Can you share some of your precious time with the Parish community by becoming part of a new team? We all would like to see our Parish Church cleaned regularly and to take pride in how it is maintained. Please consider this invitation.

If interested please leave your name and contact details in the Parish Office..

More information on **VOLUNTARY MINISTRY MATTERS** will be shared soon.



4th to 12th March

**Church of the Immaculate Conception,
New Road,
Clondalkin Village Parish Church.**

Led by Fr. Bernard Mc Guckian S.J
10am & 7.30pm Mass and homily each day.

Also available on the Parish webcam
www.clondalkinparish.com

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*



Instead of wanting more, give thanks for the blessings you already have.
Let us try to recognize the precious nature of each day.

HH The Dalai Lama

(Taken from "Day By Day" by Sr. Stan)

RIVER WALK CITYWEST

Mix an enormous oak tree with a bit of Wordsworth and then an all-encompassing wander through a delicately crafted river walk bookended by buildings painted in "Marrakesh Brown". This is very special and is only a few stops on the Luas from The Red Cow. Look at that fiddler enthralled in his music and hey, there's a Spar so here comes Insomnia Coffee. Bring a book and pick your spot.

Eddie

(Apologies to Eddie for our inability to print his photos this week due to a glitch in our system)

POPE AT ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

At the beginning of Lent, Jesus invites each one of us to "go into our inner room," Pope Francis said in his homily for Mass on Ash Wednesday. "Going into your inner room," explained the Pope, "means returning to the heart... going from without to within, so that our whole life, including our relationship with God," reflects the reality of our inner being. The Pope said that Lent offers us the opportunity to "go back" to our authentic selves, removing all the masks and illusions that we too often wear. This, he said, is why "in a spirit of prayer and humility, we receive ashes on our head"—the ashes remind us we are dust, but dust that is loved and preserved by God: "The ashes placed on our head invite us to rediscover the secret of life" and allow us to feel ourselves to be loved by God "with an eternal love."

The Pope went on to explain that the recognition that we are loved by God will in turn help us to see that we are called to love others in turn. The traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, he said, "are not mere external practices," but "paths that lead to the heart, to the core of our Christian life." Pope Francis invited everyone to listen to the voice of the Lord calling us to "go into your inner room," to "return to your heart. "Too often, he said, "we find ourselves no longer having an inner room," especially in a world where everything has become "social." But it is precisely in the secret chamber within each one of us "that the Lord has descended in order to heal and cleanse you." "Let us enter into our inner chamber," Pope Francis pleaded. "There the Lord dwells, there our frailty is accepted, and we are loved unconditionally."

(Taken from vaticannews.va)

Background to the Stations of the Cross

The earliest sources of the Stations of the Cross can be traced back to an account in the year 384. It is from a Spanish anchorite nun who reported the practice of people walking the Via Dolorosa, the path which Jesus carried the cross from the Praetorium in Pontius Pilate's palace to the hill of Golgotha.

The Crusaders, returning from the Holy Land, introduced the practice of the Stations of the Cross to Europe. This developed into the emergence of art works and paintings that elaborately depicted the important moments of Christ's journey being placed in churches.

Initially the depicted paintings numbered between five and forty-five. Over time the series of fourteen stations was established.

Nine of the stations are mentioned in the Gospels from accounts relating to the passion of Jesus. The other five stations have their origin in stories and traditions that have been handed down over time.

Our Celtic High Crosses portray the story of Christ's suffering. They led people through this visual to pray and ponder the passion. A fifteenth station has emerged in the twentieth century. It is the Resurrection. God lives where we let him love and lead us to life.

On our pilgrim path as God's beloved and chosen people, may we recognize him and say, "It is the Lord" (John 20:18)

(Taken from "A Calvary Covenant - The Stations of the Cross" by Fr. John Cullen)