

CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburris

Parish Newsletter - Sunday 25th February 2024

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

2nd Sunday
of
Lent

Lessons from the Transfiguration

The Transfiguration gives us a glimpse of who Jesus really is. During his time on earth people wondered who he was. Some thought he was John the Baptist, others Elijah or one of the prophets. Peter speaking on behalf of the disciples declared Jesus as the Messiah but instead of the All-Mighty, All-Conquering Messiah that Peter wanted he was asked to accept a suffering, vulnerable Lord who would be crucified and rise from the dead.

Jesus allowed Peter, James and John to witness his transformation. During their years with him they saw his power over wind and sea, fish and fig tree, human suffering and evil spirits. Now they were to see Jesus as they never saw him before. His appearance changed dramatically. The veil was pulled back and they saw the glory of God shining through him.

With the appearance of Moses and Elijah they saw Jesus as the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets. He was not just another prophet. He was God's Beloved Son. They were to listen to him.

The Transfiguration aimed at strengthening the faith of the disciples in anticipation of the passion and death of Jesus, but not for long. Peter, out of fear, denied Jesus three times. All deserted him and fled. John alone stood by the cross. But with the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost their faith and trust in Jesus grew stronger. The same lesson applies to us. The more we learn about Jesus the more we become like him. The more we listen to him the more we learn about him.

When the vision of the Transformation of Jesus ended, when Moses and Elijah disappeared and the voice of God the Father was silent, Peter, James and John saw "only Jesus". He alone was their focus. They had been commanded to listen to him. The lesson for us is to make Jesus our focus and to listen to him. He is our Way, our Truth and our Life.

The good news is that one day we will experience our own transformation. In John's first letter chapter 3 we read:

"We are God's children now, what we will be has not yet been revealed. When it is revealed, we will be like him for we will see him as he really is".

Sr. Anne



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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



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.

PARISH PARENT TALK Zoom meeting on Reconciliation (Choices) on Tuesday 27th February 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

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 remaining dates are as follows:

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.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

<i>Tuesday 27th February</i>	St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church
<i>Friday 1st March</i>	St. David of Wales, Bishop

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.

For more information, contact the Parish Office on (01) 459 3520 or office@clondalkinparish.com

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 1st March 2024

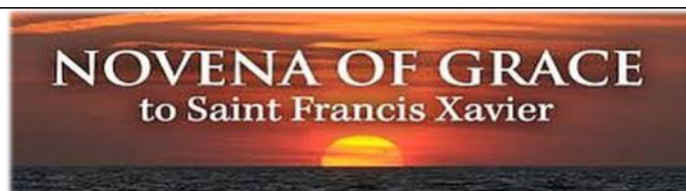
This year Christian women all around the world gather to unite in prayer for Palestine/Israel. Come and pray along with us this beautiful Service of Reflection and Intercession for Peace in the Holy Land and Palestine.

World Day of Prayer 2024 will take place in the **Church of the Immaculate Conception, Clondalkin Village, at 11.00am on Friday 1st March** and all men, women and children are invited to join us.

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.



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



Recently Married

MARY SHAKIRA COFFEY and JOHN FLYNN

Congratulations!

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 25th February



6.30pm Vigil George Mulholland (Month's Mind)
Sandra Boyne (Month's Mind)
Dick Barcken (Recently Dec'd)

9.00am Green & Lynsey families (Rem)

10.30am Denis & Nora Minogue (An)
Mary Martin (3rd An)
Gintas Alionis (An)
Harry Molloy (Birthday Rem)

12noon Marian Doyle (6th An)
Esther Delaney (Month's Mind)
Stella Hegarty (3rd An)

Monday 26th February

7.30am Sr. Colombiere (Recently Dec'd)

Tuesday 27th February

7.30 am Claire McKenna (RIP)

10.00am Special Intention

Thursday 29th February

10.00am Renaldo Da Lisa (An)

Friday 1st March - First Friday of the Month

7.30am) Altar List of the Dead

10.00am)

7.30pm) Mass with Anointing of the Sick

11.00am Women's World Day of Prayer

Sunday 3rd March

6.30pm Vigil Marian Campbell (Month's Mind)
Kathleen Crowley (1st An)
Michael Lawlor (An)

9.00am Joe Keane (An)

10.30am Bridie Naughton (An)
Anne & John Connolly (An)

12noon Gary Brady (1st An)
Ann Delaney (An)



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

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

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.



RECENTLY DECEASED

**PAULINE BRENNAN
DENISE DEVOY
CATHERINE FASSNIDGE**

May They Rest in Peace

Judgements prevent us from seeing the good that lies beyond appearances.

Wayne Dyer

St. David, Patron of Wales (c. 500-589)

Feast Day 1st March

Accounts of David's life are scarce and based on oral tradition and a 'Life' written by Rhygyfarch (11th century bishop of St David's) at a time when the Norman bishop of Canterbury, Lanfranc, was trying to impose Roman dedications on churches in England and Wales. Rhygyfarch was keen to impress on the recently arrived leaders the importance of the Welsh saint and was not above a little exaggeration. David studied at the local monastic school and after he was ordained priest, he went to study under Paulinus of Wales near the Brecon Beacons. He remained with Paulinus for several years and is said to have cured him of blindness. Paulinus sent David out to make his own monastic foundations. Rhygyfarch says David founded monasteries at Glastonbury, Bath and Leominster, but the one monastery we know he founded was that of Mynyw (Menevia) near his own birth place on the extreme south west of South Wales, facing Ireland, and now called St David's. David lived an austere life of prayer and fasting. The monastery had a most austere regime. Instead of oxen to pull the plough, the monks had to pull their plough on their own shoulders. The diet was strict – consisting of bread, bitter herbs and salt with water or a little milk. David was called *Aquaticus*, because he drank only water and his monks became known as the *Aquatici* or "watermen". Finian of Clonard and Modhonnoc both spent time at his monastery. Rhygyfarch says David went to the Holy Land with two other Welsh monks Teilo and Padarn and that he was consecrated archbishop of Wales by the patriarch of Jerusalem – probably another exaggeration! He was bishop (probably not archbishop) of Menevia, the Roman port of Menapia in Pembrokeshire, later known as St. David's, then the chief point of departure for Ireland. He died around 601 but he continued to be remembered in Ireland, and he is mentioned in the Martyrology of Oengus and in the Catalogue of the Saints of Ireland.

(Taken from Catholic Ireland Archive of the Saints)



Scripture Themed Intercessions for Vocations

Second Sunday of Lent – 25th February 2024

In our first reading we read that "God put Abraham to the test". Abraham responds with complete trust "Here I am". We pray for those discerning a vocation that they may have the grace and strength to trust in God and respond like Abraham – "Here I am".

A LENTEN PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, may our Lenten fasting turn us toward all our brothers and sisters who are in need. Bless us all in the sharing of your gifts. Send us through Lent with good cheer and bring us at last to the all-embracing joy of Easter.
Amen

(Taken from "Giving Thanks at the Table" compiled by Elizabeth Hoffman Reed)

TOUCHES OF SPRING

Where is he? What a pure note.
There he is, so intent on hitting those cracking notes, that he is oblivious to my presence close to him. All his needs are met in the bushes at Riversdale Bridge at 16.30 pm as the Sun is casting sloping shadows across the trees and grass. Enjoy these few weeks as the trees are budding but not yet hiding the presence of our Robin and Blackbird. Our orange-centered Daffodills are also catching the extra light of the Sun in our back garden. Nature is pulsing ahead in wonderful expression : joy, hope and optimism - catch the vibe. *Fogra Eile* : that spectacular yellow early Spring flower with perfectly heart shaped green leaves is now starting to bloom. They only last for a few weeks - - the Lesser Celandine. Enjoy.

Eddie

