

CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburris

Parish Newsletter - Sunday 10th March 2024

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

4th Sunday
of
Lent

“God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.” This verse is the very heart of the Gospel! These words are the Gospel in a nutshell. If by some tragedy, all the pages of all the Bibles in the world were destroyed, and this one verse alone survived, it would be more than enough to summarise the entire history of salvation. All that is recorded in the Old Testament is but a preparation for the coming of Jesus as our Saviour; all that follows in the New Testament is but a completion of that saving plan.

It speaks first of God’s love; it then deals with eternal life and finally, it ends with judgment. *“God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.”* God loved the world. He created the universe to share His goodness. Even more, God loves each one of us and excludes no one. St. Augustine says: “God loves each of us as though we are the only one to be loved.” He pours his infinite love into our littleness; his infinite power into our weakness; his infinite wisdom into our foolishness; his infinite holiness into our sinfulness. Saint or sinner, good or evil, right, or wrong, God loves us. No matter what we do; no matter what we become, no matter how far we may stray from him, God loves each one of us as he lovingly awaits our return. His love is a gift: we cannot demand it; we do not deserve it; we can only gratefully receive it. “It is when we deserve love least that God loves us most!” The turning point in our spiritual life will come about not when we know how much we love God, but when we experience how much He loves us.

Together with God’s love and the joy of eternal life that comes when we accept that love, today’s gospel also teaches us about judgement. When we refuse God’s love, when we reject his grace, when we prefer darkness to light, when we choose evil rather than good, we are passing sentence on ourselves. It is not God who is judging or condemning us; it is rather we who are judging and condemning ourselves. We resemble the person who shuts the windows and draws the curtains preferring to remain in darkness when the sun is shining brightly outside. Or as St. Augustine puts it: *“The patient who refuses the prescription of his doctor harms and destroys himself.”* Come and receive God’s healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Invite your family and friends to come back to the sacraments and this is the greatest act of love you can do for anyone. None of us know the day nor the hour when we are called out of this life to meet our final judgement, we don’t need to know, but we do need to be ready. That is what Lent is about; preparing us to encounter Jesus’ love in a new way.

Deacon Don Devaney

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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**

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

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

The Zoom link will be emailed to parents on the day

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

Apologies to children and parents for having to cancel Godly Play at short notice last Tuesday due to illness of one of the team members.

Regrettably the Godly Play Team are unable to continue with the Godly Play sessions at present. Hopefully we can resume sessions after Easter.

Godly Play Team: Rosemary Lavelle, Fiona Minogue and Saule Cameron PPW.

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.

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.

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

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2024



16th to 20th June

4 Nights Full Board - €820 per person sharing
Single Room Supplement - €160
4* Hotel Padoue

Flights Direct To and From Lourdes with Ryanair
(10k Baggage Allowance)

Travel Insurance Included
(Pilgrims aged over 85 - €20 extra)

Coach Travel To/From Airport included

**Contact Parish Office/Sacristy for Booking Forms or
phone Joe at 087 682 0338**

- We need to get completed Booking Forms in as soon as possible, together with a COPY of your Passport (Photograph page).
- Please make sure your Passport is valid until at least the end of September this year.
- The name on your Booking Form should be the same as that on your Passport.



RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret (Rita) Quinn
Collette Kenny

May They Rest in Peace



The Village Church monthly collection for the local St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be held after all Masses this weekend.

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 10th March



- 6.30pm Vigil** Caroline Foley Das (1st An)
Charles Harling (2nd An)
Josie Murphy (Month's Mind)
- 9.00am** Theresa Green (Mothers' Day Rem)
- 10.30am** Eamon McDonagh (Rem)
Madge & Joseph Sheerin (An)
(Mothers' Day Rem):
Christina Brown, Cora O'Daly,
Gertie Finn, Sadie Courtney
Elizabeth McDermott
- 12noon** Jimmy Doyle (3rd An)
Martin Corrigan (1st An)
Collette Murphy (Month's Mind)
Carmel McDermott (Mothers' Day Rem)

Monday 11th March

- 10.00am** Special Intention (Get Well)

Thursday 14th March

- 10.00am** Special Intention

Friday 15th March

- 10.00am** Frank Cleary (Rem)

Saturday 16th March

- 10.00am** Patricia & Johnny Heffernan (B'day Rem)

Sunday 17th March - St. Patrick's Day

- 6.30pm Vigil** Mary Furlong & Mary O'Shea (An)
Tony & Benny Raftery (An)
Della & John Raftery (Rem)

- 9.00am** Billy Hogan (An)

- 10.30am** Mary MacConalogue
Jack & Katie Fitzgerald and
deceased family members
Patrick & Mary Cosgrove and
deceased family members

- 12noon** Thomas McLoughlin (3rd An)
Doreen McKittrick (1st An)
Mary Corrigan (4th 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

NOVENA OF GRACE

The Novena continues on Monday 11th
and concludes on Tuesday 12th March.



**St. Patrick's Day
Sunday 17th March**



Mass at the usual Saturday Vigil and
Sunday Mass times.

Village Church

Saturday: Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday: 9am (As Gaelige), 10.30am and 12 noon

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Sunday 11am

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HAPPY MOTHER'S Day!

*There are times when only a mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappointments
And calm all of our fears.
There are times when only a mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.
There are times when only a mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.
For a mother's heart and a mother's faith
And a mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the angels
And sent from God above.*

Author Unknown

(Taken from jesuitresource.org)



We wish
all mothers every
blessing this
Mothers Day

SPRING BLOOMS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE IN THE BOTANIC GARDENS

Walking into the entrance to The Botanic Gardens, turn strictly right and what a stunning contrast of hedges; red on my left and white on my right, in full bloom in early March, totally unexpected and magic in its presence before me.

Just up from it towers a huge pink flowered tree, again in all its majesty. A rewarding wander around the glasshouses follows - - geraniums in one and exquisitely delicate flowering shrubs in the others. For me, pride of place goes to the red and white hedges, totally in the open. Number 83 or 9 bus from College Green.

So unexpected, so early,

Eddie



Scripture Themed Intercessions for Vocations

Fourth Sunday of Lent 10th March 2024

In our Gospel, St. John tells us that God sent His Son so that the world might be saved through Him and Jesus is the light in the darkness of the world. We pray for those whom the Lord calls to bring the light of faith to those in darkness, that they will respond to the call of Jesus to follow as a priest, deacon or religious.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, 7th March St. Aengus, Bishop & Abbot

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"JUBILEE 2024 - 800 YEARS OF THE
DOMINICAN ORDER IN IRELAND"

