

CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburris

Parish Newsletter - Sunday 17th March 2024

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



St. Patrick



This Sunday is St. Patrick's Day, the feast of our patron saint and our national holiday. While the national days in many other countries mark wars and victories in battle, our national day celebrates the person credited with bringing and spreading the Christian faith throughout our country. Notwithstanding this, celebrating our Irishness and all that is good in Irish culture and tradition is an important feature of the day itself.

St. Patrick was born around the beginning of the 5th century and in all likelihood began his missionary work in Ireland about the year 432. While stories and legends about St. Patrick abound, we are fortunate to have some first hand accounts of Patrick's life and work from the very man himself. Two works from the hand of Patrick have come down to us over the centuries, one entitled the *Confession*, the other his *Letter to Coroticus*. In his *Confession*, written towards the end of his life, Patrick reflects back on his life and recalls the highs and lows of his mission and ministry in Ireland. He comes across as a humble man, describes himself as a sinner and attributes his success in proclaiming the Christian faith to the grace of God.

As we remember the life of St. Patrick today, let us not forget the primary legacy he left us which is the joy of knowing our salvation in Jesus Christ. Today is a day of gratitude for the life of St. Patrick and indeed for all those who have followed in his footsteps over the centuries, faithfully living and handing on the faith that Patrick brought to Ireland, right down to our own time. It is now our task to continue this work and to pass on the Christian faith to the generations yet to come.

Irish culture, and especially the Irish language, is infused with a rich Christian heritage, so much so that Christianity and Irishness have been almost inseparable until relevantly recent times. With the growing diversity in our population and an ever-increasing demise in the practice of the Christian faith, there is a real risk of losing our connection with St. Patrick as a man of faith. Let us honour the memory of St. Patrick by renewing our efforts at sincerely living the Gospel so that it may continue to touch the hearts of our people and be a visible presence in Irish society today.

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

Reconciliation for Easter

Wednesday 20th at 7.30pm
in Sruleen parish

Saturday 23rd at 10.30am
in Clondalkin Village

Tuesday 26th at 8.00pm
in Bawnogue parish



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 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

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**

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.*

PARISH OF CLONDALKIN 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.

Have patience with all things but, first of all, with yourself.

Do not wish to be anything but who you are and try to be that well.

True progress quietly and persistently moves along without notice.

St. Francis de Sales



RECENTLY DECEASED

CARMEL SHANNON
RAFAL CICHOSZ
ADRIAN GAFFNEY

May They Rest in Peace



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

Village Church

Sunday 17th March - St. Patrick's Day



6.30pm Vigil Mary Furlong & Mary O'Shea (An)
Tony & Benny Raftery (An)
Della & John Raftery (Rem)
Mary McCarthy (An)
Nora Keogh & John Francis Gallagher (An)
Declan Whith (An)

9.00am Billy Hogan (An)

10.30am Mary MacConalogue
Celia & P.J. Doran (50th Wedding Anniversary)
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)

2.00pm Mass for the African community

Monday 18th March - Bank Holiday

10.00am Sean Harrington (5th An)

Wednesday 20th March

10.00am Nuala O'Connor (Birthday Rem)

Friday 22nd March

10.00am Nuala O'Connor (13th An)

Saturday 23rd March

10.00am Chris Stapleton (An)

Sunday 24th March

6.30pm Vigil Betty Millea (An)

10.30am Maria Warren (An)
Jack & Mary Finlay (Rem)
Liam, Babs & Gay Norton (An)
Joseph (Joe) Craven (2nd An)
Donal Dunne (An)

12noon Peg Storan (2nd An)
Dalton McElroy (36th An) and
Mary McElroy (3rd 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

Bank Holiday - Monday 18th March

Mass at 10am only in the Village church.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 18th March

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Tuesday 19th March

St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

Thursday 21st March

St. Enda of Aran, Abbot

Saturday 23rd March

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

MID-MARCH GRACEFULNESS

Mid-March sweeping beauty of the twin flowering cherries, at their pinnacle of bloom right now beside the Village Church, just transfigures us. The leaves of the Wild Dog



Rose are powering ahead on Watery Lane, umbrella-like on their arching briars. Those exquisitely delicate blooms will follow in the next while and give off an equally delicate scent. John Montague's poem "The Wild Dog Rose" is elemental and enchanting all at once.

Our "Gertrude Jekyll Pink Rose" already has 4 rose buds and has a wonderful Old English Rose scent. It blooms early and then right through Summer and Autumn.

This time is special. Be nurtured by it.

Eddie



Scripture Themed Intercessions for Vocations

Fifth Sunday of Lent: 17th March 2024 Solemnity – St. Patrick

In today's Gospel some Greeks came "to see Jesus". In reply Jesus tells them that "unless a wheat grain falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain; but if it dies it yields a rich harvest". We pray for those who are called to follow the Lord as a priest, deacon or religious, that like St. Patrick, they may "Take the Risk for Christ" and give of their lives and follow in the Way of Jesus.

We wish all our readers,
both at home and
abroad, a very happy
Feast of St. Patrick,
Patron of Ireland.



HAIL, GLORIOUS ST. PATRICK

Hail, glorious St. Patrick, dear saint of our Isle,
On us thy poor children bestow a sweet smile;
And now thou art high in the mansions above
On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love.

On Erin's green valleys, on Erin's green valleys,
On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love.

Ever bless and defend the sweet land of our birth,
Where the shamrock still blooms as when thou wert on earth,
And our hearts shall yet burn, wherever we roam,
For God and St. Patrick and our native home.

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For God and St. Patrick and our native home.

'Hail Glorious St. Patrick' is from the pen of a woman named "Sr. Agnes" in her Religious Community. The text above is an abridged version of the original.

(Taken from "The Spirituality of St. Patrick" by
John J. Ó Ríordáin, CSSR)



One kind word
can
change
someone's
entire day

Little Church Mouse
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