

CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburris

Parish Newsletter - Sunday 3rd March 2024

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

3rd Sunday
of
Lent

Commanding us how to Live

The first reading we listen to at Mass this Sunday contains words we should all be familiar with. We know them as the Ten Commandments.

The commandments are a framework intended to guide and regulate human behaviour. As presented to us in the Book of Exodus, the commandments are written in a negative format, e.g. You shall not kill, You shall not steal etc. They state baldly the kind of behaviour that ought to be avoided. In contrast the approach we are more likely to use today would be a positive format of expression with the emphasis being on what we ought to be doing if we are to be truly loving people. For this reason, the commandments are often viewed today as being old-fashioned, out-moded expressions that are no longer relevant to life and living today. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Rules, regulations and guidelines permeate all aspects of human life. They are there to manage human behaviour. They outline how we, as people, relate to one another and conduct ourselves. They provide a structure and bring a sense of order to our society so that people can live in harmony with one another. They set out the values that people are expected to live by and impose penalties for those who disregard them.

For Christians, the principle that guides all our actions and behaviour is love. This love is embodied in the person of Jesus Christ who is our role model for how to live. Jesus didn't abolish the Ten Commandments. Instead he summarised and expressed them more succinctly in a positive way in the twin commandment to love God and love our neighbour. At the Last Supper, as he washed the feet of his disciples, Jesus said to them that he had given them an example so that they could imitate him in their service of one another.

In these Lenten days, when we are invited to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel, the commandments of old can be a help to us in reflecting on our lives, in examining our consciences and in forming an honest assessment of our lives before God. The challenge then, of course, is to address those areas of our lives where the love of God and neighbour is not as we would want it to be. This is the task of every Christian during Lent.

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



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 & 8pm.

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

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 **5th March** Theme: Faces of Easter

Tuesday **12th March** Theme: Faces of 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**

NOVENA OF GRACE to Saint Francis Xavier

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



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 6820338**

- 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.

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 3rd March

6.30pm Vigil Marian Campbell (Month's Mind)
Kathleen Crowley (1st An)
Michael Lawlor (An)
David O'Sullivan (B'day Rem)
John Joe and Sarah Brady

9.00am Joe Keane (An)

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

12noon Gary Brady (1st An)
Ann Delaney (An)
Sadie Courtney (Month's Mind)
Colm Murphy (3rd An)
Kathleen Branigan (4th An)
Paul Guidon
Laura Ferris

Monday 4th March

10.00am Mary O'Donnell (6 month Rem)

Tuesday 5th March

10.00am Niamh Buckley (4th An)

Wednesday 6th March

10.00am Patricia & Georgina Gray
(Birthday Rem)

Thursday 7th March

10.00am Bill and Norah Rumgay (2nd An)

Friday 8th March

10.00am Eileen Holohan (58th An)

Saturday 9th March

10.00am Padraig Doyle (Rem) and
Patrick Doyle (An)

Sunday 10th March

6.30pm Vigil Caroline Foley Das (An)

9.00am Theresa Green (Mothers' Day Rem)

10.30am (Mothers' Day Rem)
Christina Brown
Cora O'Daly
Gertie Finn
Sadie Courtney
Elizabeth McDermott

12noon Jimmy Doyle (3rd An)
Carmel McDermott (Mothers' Day Rem)

Referendums - 8th March

The Irish Catholic Bishops and the Archbishop of Dublin, Dermot Farrell, have issued Statements about the upcoming referendums next Friday.

Copies of these Statements are available on the home page of the parish website, www.clondalkinparish.com
Printed copies are also available in the church.

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

Bernadette Lennon
Michael (Mick) Mullen

May They Rest in Peace

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



Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs (3rd Century)

Feast Day : 7th March

Perpetua was a young married woman of twenty-two and Felicity a slave-girl, far advanced in pregnancy. They were still catechumens when they were arrested at Carthage (near Tunis in present-day Tunisia) with four male catechumens under an edict of Emperor Septimius Severus (193-211) that forbade fresh conversions to Christianity. They were all baptised while they were kept under guard in a private house awaiting execution. Asked to offer a sacrifice for the prosperity of the emperors, she refused. When asked, "Are you a Christian?" she replied, "Yes, I am," and so condemned herself to death. Meanwhile, Felicity, fearing she would not have a martyr's death with the rest, because Roman law forbade the execution of pregnant women, prayed her child would be born while she was still in prison. It was. A Christian couple promptly adopted it.

Having survived the animals, the women were to be executed. A nervous gladiator tried to kill Perpetua, but failed to finish the job until she guided the knife to her throat. Although the execution was intended as entertainment for the jeering crowd, some spectators, inspired by the martyrs' fearlessness, became converts to Christianity. They died in 203 AD in Carthage.

A magnificent basilica was erected over their tomb, the *Basilica Majorum*; that the tomb was indeed in this basilica has been proved by Père Delattre, who in 1907 discovered there an ancient inscription bearing the names of the martyrs.

Scripture Themed Intercessions for Vocations

Third Sunday of Lent – 3rd March 2024

To proclaim your faith and belief in God in today's society is counter cultural. So too in St Paul's day – proclaiming belief in Jesus who was crucified was an obstacle to the Jews and madness to the Greeks. We pray that those who the Lord calls to follow Him as a priest, deacon or religious to proclaim the Gospel, will have the courage to place their trust in God.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 4th March

St. Casimir

Tuesday 5th March

St. Kieran, Bishop

Thursday 7th March

St. Perpetua & St. Felicity, Martyrs

Friday 8th March

St. John of God, Religious

St. Senan, Bishop

Saturday 9th March

St. Frances of Rome, Religious

MONTHLY COLLECTION

The Church Gate collection for the local St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be held next weekend, 10th/11th March, after all Masses.

THE SUN ILLUMINATES

Sitting at the back of the Village Church, look how the Sun illuminates the stained-glass window behind the organ and casts coloured shadows on the limestone window frames.

Equally evocative is the Sun illuminating that very graceful tree, the Weeping Willow, just now so delicate in its blooms at this time of year that the Sun shines through the tree.

The Lesser Celandine is awesome in its deep but yet light yellow colour.

So, if only to soak up the Sun on your face in the mornings and then absorb these Spring illuminations go for it.

Eddie

