

# CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburriss

Parish Newsletter - Sunday 14th April 2024

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
of  
Easter

## *You are witnesses*

We continue with the post-resurrection stories in the Scripture readings at Mass this Sunday. Jesus appears again to his disciples in the Gospel and greets them with his familiar words, "Peace be with you". The disciples are far from being at peace and are in fact quite agitated. They are having great difficulty grasping the reality of the resurrection of Jesus. None the less, Jesus is very patient with them. He opens their minds to understand the scriptures and helps them to see all that he had foretold would take place. Jesus reminds them that they are witnesses to all that has happened and are now tasked with preaching the Good News of salvation to all the nations.

In the first reading, we see the disciples engaged in this task of preaching the Good News. Peter is preaching to the people of Jerusalem. Like Jesus with the disciples, Peter is now helping the people grasp the context in which the recent events of the death and resurrection of Jesus are to be understood. Peter echoes the words of Jesus and finishes by calling the people to repentance.

The common theme in both readings is that the disciples of Jesus are called to be witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus. That's as true for us today as it was for the first disciples all those years ago in Jerusalem. Like the first disciples, we must patiently present the Good News to the people of our own time and place. In so doing we can help people to understand the sacred Scriptures in the context of today's world and invite them into a new and ever deeper relationship with Jesus. Our faith is centred on having a personal relationship with Jesus. It is based on realising that we are infinitely loved by God despite the many faults and failings of our human lives.

As we rejoice in these Easter times, we are invited to reflect on our own personal relationship with Jesus. I suggest three questions that might be worth taking some time to think about. How do I nurture and sustain my faith in Jesus? Do I read my Bible and allow Jesus to open my mind to understand the Scriptures? How do I fulfil my baptismal calling and witness to Jesus in living my everyday life?

May you know the peace of Christ in your heart and life this Easter season.

*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

#### Clonburriss

**Sunday:** 11am

## Village Church



### Sunday 14th April

**6.30pm Vigil** Tony Tighe (An)  
Rita O'Sullivan (Birthday Rem)  
William Corrigan Jnr. (An)  
Anne Byrne (3rd An)

**9.00am** William Beesley (An)

**10.30am** Joseph & Monica Lernihan (An)  
Michael & Ann Lynch (An)

**12noon** Adrian Gaffney (Month's Mind)  
Michael Heffernan (An)  
Peter Sherry (An) and Kathleen  
Sherry (An)

### Monday 15th April

**10.00am** Guihen family

### Tuesday 16th April

**10.00am** Jimmy Gavin (Birthday Rem)

### Wednesday 17th April

**10.00am** Tom Adams (21st An) and  
May (Rem)

### Sunday 21st April

**6.30pm Vigil** Aoibhe Martin Quinn (Month's Mind)  
David, Marie & Tony O'Brien (An)  
Philo Fitzpatrick (15th An)  
Brenda Whelan (4th An)

**10.30am** Mary Mac Conalogue

**12noon** Michael Delaney (An)  
Kathleen O'Neill (An)  
Martha Glynn (17th An)  
Liam Callaghan (An)  
Ann Dunne (2nd An) and James  
Dunne (An)

**2.00pm** Mass for the African Community

*Wisdom, compassion and courage are the  
three universally recognized moral qualities  
of men.*

Confucius



The monthly Village Church Gate  
collection for St. Vincent de Paul  
takes place this weekend,  
13th and 14th April,  
after all Masses.

## PARISH OF CLONDALKIN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2024

**16th to 20th June**

### REMINDER

- If you expressed an interest in participating in the pilgrimage, your completed Booking Form should be returned to the Parish Office or to the Sacristy *without delay*. A copy of your Passport (photograph page) should accompany this.
- 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*.

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

### GODLY PLAY

First Holy Communion children are invited to  
Godly Play in the Parish Centre on  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April from 2.45pm to 3.45pm.

### Easter Offerings/Dues

Envelopes for Easter Offerings are  
available on the tables in the Church.

Thank you for your continued support

### Ministers of the Eucharist

New rosters for April, May and June are now  
available for collection in the Sacristy.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY THIS EASTER

We invite children to the Children's  
Liturgy this Easter on Sundays during the  
12pm Mass

### Trócaire Boxes

If you had a Trócaire box in your home for Lent,  
please return it to the Church as soon as  
possible. Alternatively, you can send a cheque for  
the amount in your box directly to Trócaire or pay  
directly through the Trócaire website.

## All Ireland Rosary Rally : Knock - June 1st

The All Ireland Rosary Rally is back this year on Saturday, June 1st in Knock. The day begins with a Marian Conference at 9.30 am in St John's Centre. Speakers include: Fr Michael Donnelly, Sr Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM, and Fr Joseph Maria Deane CFR.

Then there will be an opportunity to meet over 20 apostolates from around Ireland from 1130 am in St John's Centre. A well-renowned speaker from Miami called Mother Adela Galindo will deliver the keynote Rosary talk at 1 pm in the Basilica. Then there will be the Stations of the Cross outside at 2 pm, followed by the Rosary Procession. Bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the Main Celebrant of the 3 pm Concelebrated Mass which will include Anointing of the Sick. Confessions are available throughout the day, and there will be rosary and scapular-making workshops in the marquee.

For more information and to see a list of buses going from around Ireland please visit [www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com](http://www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com)

## APRIL COLOURS

After the rain on Monday, out come the Bluebells. They take advantage of the light in the floor of the forest before the canopy closes over. They are in full bloom at Riversdale Bridge right now. The Dandelions are grabbing the early April Sun as well. At 1pm, on a sunny day, snap some photos. The light will give you great definition. On your way, maybe visit a church and get a different take on Easter. The Jonquils are still in bloom and have a lovely scent. Search them out.

Bring your umbrella.

*Eddie*



## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday 18th April St. Laserian of Leighlin, Bishop

### ST. LASERIAN (d. 639) - Feast Day 18th April

Laserian was the son of Cairel de Blitha and Gemma, a Scottish princess and may have spent his early years in Scotland. He was also said to have been a disciple of St Munnu. He is said then to have spent fourteen years in Rome and studied under St Gregory the Great, who ordained him and sent him back to Ireland (?). At any rate he was a strong proponent of the Roman method of calculating Easter. When he came back to Ireland, he took over an already established monastery from St Gobban at Leighlin (*Leth-glen*, half-glen, a fold in the hills), Co Carlow. Leighlin then became a strong centre of support of the Roman method of calculation. However, his former teacher Munnu at the Council of Maigh Ailbe on the borders of Kildare and Carlow challenged Laserian to a contest of miracles. He suggested they would throw the books containing the old and new calculations of Easter in the fire to see which burned. Laserian declined this as unfair, saying: "If you, Finta, told Slieve Margy over there to move to Magh Ailbe, and Magh Ailbe over to where Slieve Margy is, God would do it for you." It took some decades for the Roman way of computing Easter was finally accepted and approved at the Synod of Whitby (664).

Another story about Laserian is told in the *Life of Maighnean of Kilmainham*. Maighnean found Laserian lying crossways in a hovel suffering from thirty diseases. "My sinfulness goes like a flame through my body, for I want to have my purgatory in this life and find eternal life in the next. For the grain of wheat must be threshed and beaten before it is sown in the earth. So it is with me before I am laid in the grave. I want my body threshed with infirmities." In the end Laserian asked Maighnean to preside at his funeral.

Laserian is the patron saint of Leighlin diocese. The present Cathedral in Old Leighlin was begun by Bishop Donatus of Leighlin (1152-81) and completed by the end of the 13th century. One of the oldest items in the Cathedral is an 11th century font. The cathedral was taken over by the Anglican Communion (Church of Ireland) at the time of the Reformation. A new Roman Catholic Cathedral (Cathedral of the Assumption) designed by Thomas Cobden was completed in Carlow town in 1833.

*(Taken from CatholicIreland - Archive of the Saints)*

A sat-nav system is for when you really need to go somewhere but when you are just taking a trip for the adventure of it, enjoying not knowing what you may find around the next bend, an electronic system that directs your journey is more of a hindrance than a help. Getting lost is part of the fun. It's the same with life. It's the spirit in which we make the journey that counts, not where we arrive.

*We are not human beings on a spiritual journey, we are spiritual beings on a human journey.*

**Paulo Coelho**

*(Taken from "Day by Day" by Sister Stan)*

Organised by the Council for Life  
of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference

KNOCK

# NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE

**SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024**

Knock Shrine, County Mayo

Join the National Pilgrimage for Life to pray  
for the protection of all human life.

- 2.30pm Anointing of the Sick
- 3.00pm Mass
- Rosary Procession after Mass



*You give hope to your people in a time of distress  
and comforted them in sorrow.*

IRISH CATHOLIC  
BISHOPS' CONFERENCE [www.councilforlife.ie](http://www.councilforlife.ie)

On 4 May next, the first ever National Pilgrimage for Life, organised by the Bishops' Council for Life, will be celebrated at Ireland's International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine in Knock, Co Mayo, which is located in the Archdiocese of Tuam.

This novel pilgrimage will begin in the Knock Basilica at 2.30pm with Anointing of the Sick, followed by Mass at 3.00pm and Rosary Procession after Mass, subject to weather conditions. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy of Tuam.

Everyone is invited to join this pilgrimage to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

Welcome to Library Labs by South Dublin Libraries!

South Dublin Libraries is thrilled to announce the launch of Library Labs, a year-long STEAM events programme aimed at promoting digital learning and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) resources across the county.

Library Labs represents a significant step forward in our commitment to fostering innovation, creativity, and lifelong learning within our community. This programme is designed to engage individuals of all ages and backgrounds, including schools, the general public, and neurodiverse groups.

The objective of Library Labs is to showcase the richness of STEAM subjects through a diverse range of activities and events. Using already established festivals such as Engineer's Week, Biodiversity Week, Eco Week, Tech Week, Dublin Climate Action Week, Space Week, Maths Week, and Season of Science, Library Labs will offer an array of experiences that highlight the intersections between science, technology, art, and society.

For more information about Library Labs and upcoming events, please visit [www.southdublinlibraries.ie](http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie) or contact Libraries Programming & Communications at [librarycomms@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:librarycomms@sdblincoco.ie)



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## Library Labs Science for All

April/May 2024



When upon life's billows you are tempest-toss'd  
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings, name them one by one  
And it will surprise you what the Lord had done.

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small  
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;  
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,  
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

*Johnson Oatman, Jr*

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DOWNCAST	ISRAEL	FOOLISH
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BREAD	BLESSING	RECOGNISED



**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Lord Jesus, Explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.**

**Alleluia!**

**Luke 24: 35-48**