

CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburris

Parish Newsletter - Sunday 21st April 2024

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



LOOKING TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Today, the fourth Sunday after Easter, is known as Good Shepherd Sunday or Vocation Sunday. In the Gospel today Jesus speaks of himself as “The Good Shepherd” who knows his sheep and they know him. The Divine Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep, makes them feel safe, leads them to new pastures and when they fail to follow seeks them out and joyfully carries them home. Today we remember in prayer all who follow in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd and willingly lay down their lives for the people in their care. We pray also for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

There is no vocation without mission. Whether we are ordained or lay, professional in the church or an ordinary Christian seeking to more faithfully serve God’s mission in our daily life, we are committed to spread the love of God to all.

At a general audience in January 2023 Pope Francis said that Christians must develop a pastoral heart to care for those who have not heard the Gospel or who are no longer members of the Church. He encouraged all Christians to model themselves on Jesus the Good Shepherd who longs for the return of those who have left the Church just as a shepherd longs for the lost sheep.

“The Lord suffers when we distance ourselves from him but he does not withdraw, rather he risks. His pastoral heart always beats for the person who is confused, lost, far away. Jesus never said “Let them sort themselves out”. He leaves the 99 who are safe and ventures out to find the lost one.” (Pope Francis) The Pope’s message is clear. To be pastoral, we must look to the Good Shepherd.

Being a shepherd is not merely a job, but a true and proper way of life. When Jesus first called Peter to follow him he said: “Follow me and I will make you a fisher of people”. After the Resurrection, in a moving scene recorded in John 21, Peter and the disciples go fishing but catch nothing. Jesus helps them to an enormous catch and later proceeds to commission Peter to be a shepherd rather than a fisherman. Peter’s change from fisherman to shepherd came from his facing his own sin of triple denial and his receiving of forgiveness from Jesus.

“Simon, son of John, do you love me? Yes Lord, you know I love you”.

“Feed my lambs.....Tend my sheep.....Feed my sheep”. John 21:15-18.

Without a love that suffers and takes risks for others we cannot be true shepherds.

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

Village Church



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)
Christopher Sergeant (3rd An)

10.30am Mary Mac Conalogue
Marie Ryan

12noon Michael Delaney (An)
Kathleen O'Neill (An)
Martha Glynn (17th An)
Liam Callaghan (An)
Aldona Otelia (2nd An)
Christine McKittrick
Sharon McKittrick
Ashling Skelton
Doreen Twyford
Ann Dunne (2nd An) and
James Dunne (An)

2.00pm Mass for the African Community

Monday 22nd April

10.00am Jack Finlay (1st An)

Wednesday 24th April

10.00am Susan Heffernan (An) and Mark

Thursday 25th April

10.00am Rose Plunkett (Birthday Rem)

Friday 26th April

7.30am Pat Ryder (An)

Saturday 27th April

10.00am Joseph Byrne (An)

Sunday 28th April

6.30pm Vigil Desmond Murphy (An)

10.30am James & Josie Fitzsimons (An)

12noon Pamela Delaney (An)

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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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY THIS EASTER

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

GODLY PLAY

First Holy Communion children are invited to Godly Play in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday 23rd 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

ENCOUNTER MINISTRIES

Clondalkin Parishes Partnership warmly invites you to a prayerful evening filled with praise, worship, and God's healing power, led by Encounter Ministries.

Tues. 30th April at 7pm in Bawnogue Church

Join with us together in faith and fellowship!

WEDNESDAY HOSPITALITY

We welcome you to the Parish Centre on the 3rd Wednesday of the month for tea/coffee after the 10am Mass. Next gathering - Wednesday 15th May.



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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Saturday 27th April
Scoil Mhuire at 10am
Gaelscoil na Camoige at 12 noon

CONFIRMATION



Friday 26th April
Clonburris NS at 11am
(in Clonburris Church)



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.

THE BARROW WAY

Only one hour away from Heuston lies Carlow on the River Barrow. Walking down Tullow Street, nip into Weatherspoons for chips and sausages or into Deals for a picnic.

Then into the Tourist Office opposite Deals to get a map of The Barrow Way. Carry on down Castle Street to Graiguecullen Bridge, cross it and turn left down the river bank. In no time, you are out in the



country on the tow path bordered by Dandelions stretching out into the distance.

Time yourself out and back. Maybe hit Weatherspoons again for a beer.

Then you have a choice of train, Kavanagh's Express Bus or Bus Eireann Express.

A nifty day out.

Meanwhile in our back garden, our Gertrude Jekyll Rose is opening up and what a delightful balanced scent all day. It captures the best of the old English Roses and so early in the season.

Enjoy your day. Only an hour away. *Eddie*



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 23rd April **St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr**
St. George, Martyr

Wednesday 24th April **St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr**

Thursday 25th April **St. Mark, Evangelist**

Saturday 27th April **St. Asicus, Bishop**

Scripture Themed Intercessions for Vocations for April 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Jesus is the one shepherd of one flock. *"I am the good shepherd; I know my own and they know me and I will lay down my life for my sheep."* We pray that all whom the Lord is calling to follow him as shepherds to His flock, laying down their lives in service as priests, deacons and religious, will hear his voice in their hearts.

RECENTLY DECEASED



SHAUN McGUCKIN
KATHLEEN BOURKE
ANNE MARIE FITZGERALD

May They Rest in Peace

Church Gate Collection for the Vincentian Lay Missionaries will be held next weekend, 27th and 28th April, in the Village Church.



RECENTLY MARRIED

Ciara Dunne and Paul Conlon

Congratulations!

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

KNOCK

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE

SATURDAY 4TH 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

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.

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We are dedicated to creating long-term, sustainable outcomes for those experiencing food poverty. We support people and families with emergency food provision and give them assistance in addressing the underlying causes of food poverty.

Our food poverty team operates a food collection & casework service in 7 locations all over Dublin: Blanchardstown, Bonnybrook/Coolock, Finglas, Jobstown, Neilstown, Nutgrove & Portland Row.

If you, or anyone you know, is in need of support with food, please contact us

Email: foodcaseworkservice@crosscare.ie
Ph: 01-8913022

The Portland Café

Our newly refurbished café in Portland Row in Dublin 1 is open to the public for breakfast and lunch, teas, coffees and snacks from 8 am Monday to Friday.

We serve affordable, healthy meals in a friendly community setting.

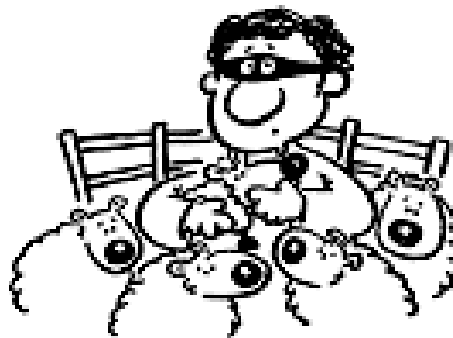
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SHEEPFOLD THIEF BRIGAND
SHEPHERD FLOCK GATEKEEPER
STRANGER PARABLE PASTURE
STEAL KILL LIFE



Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me.

Alleluia

John 10: 11-18

**The present moment is all you are sure of.
The present moment is your only secure home.
Living in the moment is living fully.**

*Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future,
concentrate the mind on the present moment. **Buddha***

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

When one door of happiness closes, another one opens, but we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.

Helen Keller