

CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburriss

Parish Newsletter - Sunday 28th April 2024

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

5th Sunday
of
Easter

Lay Ministry Sunday

The concept of ministry that exists in many Irish parishes today is typically a very narrow one. It is identified almost exclusively with those who are ordained to the priesthood and those living in consecrated religious life. Even as ministries have opened up to lay people, they are almost always viewed as ministries exercised solely during Mass or liturgies. So we have Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist for example which we are all familiar with.

Ministry is often seen as something done by a small group of people for the many in the parish community, and usually in the context of liturgical celebration. This is totally at odds with what a proper understanding of what ministry in the church actually should be. The call to ministry is proper to every member of the Christian community. It derives from the sacrament of baptism which every member of the Christian community has received. Every Christian is called to service of the community and every Christian has something to offer to the community. How each person ministers in the parish community will likely change and vary over time and is very much dependent on each person's individual gifts, talents and skill sets.

In Clondalkin parish we are blessed with many people giving of their time and energies and enriching the lives of the communities in the Village, Knockmitten and Clonburriss. However, Clondalkin parish will only be a vibrant Christian community in future years if a sufficient number of parishioners engage in voluntary lay ministry working in partnership with whatever priests, deacons and pastoral workers the Archbishop may assign to the parish from time to time. It is lay people having an understanding of their baptismal calling to ministry, and who willingly take ownership and responsibility for various parish activities, who will ensure that the Christian faith which has been an abiding presence in the Clondalkin area for so many centuries will continue to thrive today and in the years ahead.

This Lay Ministry Sunday is an opportunity to acknowledge the good work done voluntarily by people in our parish. It is also a moment that invites us to reflect on how much more could be done and to raise awareness of the many needs of the parish that require new volunteers. The Parish Pastoral Council is currently discussing how our parish can foster the spirit of volunteerism and seeking to identify what particular aspects of parish life are in need of new volunteers at this time. Perhaps there will be something for you to consider getting involved in.

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 28th April

- 6.30pm Vigil** Desmond Murphy (An)
Bunty O'Connor (An)
- 9.00am** Green & Lynsey families (Rem)
- 10.30am** James & Josie Fitzsimons (An)
Martin Grace (100th Birthday celebration)
- 12noon** Pamela Delaney (An)
Mary Monaghan (1st An)

Monday 29th April

- 7.30am** Special Intention

Tuesday 30th April

- 7.30am** John Gilleran (Birthday Rem)

Wednesday 1st May

- 10.00am** Mary Kinane (Birthday Rem and An)

Thursday 2nd May

- 10.00am** Joe Farrell (An)

Friday 3rd May

- 7.30am**) **First Friday - Altar List of the Dead**
10.00am)

- 7.30pm** **Mass with Anointing of the Sick**

Saturday 4th May

- 10.00am** Romy (An)

Sunday 5th May

- 6.30pm Vigil** Claire Joyce (1st An)
Mary Finlay (Birthday Rem)
Jack Corrigan (1st An)
Trish Conway (An)
- 10.30am** Ann McCabe (An)
Anne & Joe Cullen (Rem) and
George Smyth & family (Rem)
- 12noon** William Doyle (An)

CONFIRMATION



The pupils from St Joseph's N.S. will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Village Church on **Wednesday 1st May at 11am**

We wish the children and their families a memorable and happy day on this special occasion.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We congratulate the children from Scoil Mhuire and Gaelscoil na Camóige who received their First Holy Communion yesterday and also the pupils from Clonburris N.S. who were Confirmed on Friday last.

First Friday – 3rd May

We remember at Masses those whose names are on the Altar list of the Dead.

Evening Mass on Friday at 7.30pm in the Village Church. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be available during the 7.30pm Mass.

GODLY PLAY

First Holy Communion children are invited to Godly Play in the Parish Centre (downstairs) on **Tuesday 30th April** from 2.45pm to 3.45pm.

SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We will be inviting your dear Children back on the following dates:

May 12th, 19th, 26th and June 2nd.

If you would like to join our Children's Liturgy Team, please talk to us on those Sundays!

No experience is needed, training is provided and for all of us, we are learning in the process. We would like to grow just as our children are growing!



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

RECENTLY MARRIED

Laura Downey and Patrick Bradshaw

Lisa Noonan and Stephen Earley

Michelle Bayly and Kevin Deegan

Congratulations!



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

PARISH OF CLONDALKIN

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - 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

PRAYER FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

God of all creation, bring justice and peace to our world.

Teach us to be peacemakers.

Guide us in our pursuit of justice and the common good.

Inspire us to welcome all, forgive all, and love all.

Direct us as we walk in the shadow of Jesus: the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Inspire us to perceive the world through your eyes, that we might find hope and joy each day,

supportive of each other, for the sake of your Kingdom.

Author Unknown

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 29th April

St. Catherine of Sienna, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday 30th April

St. Pius V, Pope

Wednesday 1st May

St. Joseph the Worker

Thursday 2nd May

St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday 3rd May

St. Philip & St. James, Apostles

Saturday 4th May

St. Conleth, Bishop

Scripture Themed Intercessions for Vocations for April 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

In the letter from St. John, he tells us that "*our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active;*" and in the Gospel that "*Jesus is the true vine*" and that like branches, we must always stay connected to the vine, for cut off from relationship with Jesus, we can do nothing. We pray for those who are discerning a vocation to priesthood, diaconate or religious life, that they will always remain connected to Jesus the true vine, and that their love will be real and active.

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.

WHEN: Tuesday 30th April at 7.00pm

WHERE: Bawnogue Church

Join with us together in faith and fellowship!

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

ATHY

In the early 1960's, passing through Athy, we all wanted to go into the brand new Dominican Church towering up to the sky on the banks of the Barrow. It was a sensational building. Very modern, vibrant stained glass adorning each wall.

It was built in two years.

There I was a few days ago looking at the church from across the Barrow. I knew that

The Dominicans had left Athy and the church looked closed. But look!! Is that someone coming out of the church? Off I went across the bridge and up the steps of the church. Doors closed. I tried the other door and, you know what, it opened automatically and hey, look at the inside, well lit up, fresh, chairs all around.

Imagine it has been Athy Library since 2018. It can seat up to 250 for an event.

Well done Kildare County Council. If you are in the area, don't miss it.

The Dominicans must be delighted with the transformation - still stretching minds and hearts. *Eddie*



Dear Parents/Guardians of the First Holy Communion Children,

We would like to invite you for a

Godly Play experience on

Tuesday, 14th of May from 7.30pm - 8.30pm

in the Parish Centre for the stories your children heard and explored

"KNOWING JESUS IN A NEW WAY"

We hope you can make it!

Godly Play Team

Dear Parents/Guardians of the Confirmation Children,

We are reaching out to you with an invitation to **20/20 prayer room**.

Monday 29th April at

20:00 hours for 20 mins only!

We will email you the Zoom link on the day.

DISCLAIMER: No preparations needed, you can stay off your camera - just come and spend few quiet moments relaxing in prayer and allowing our Loving God to take care of you.

A few members of the Sacramental Preparation Team will be waiting for you.

BLESSINGS,

Sacramental Preparation Team

The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth,
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth.

Dorothy Frances Gurney

