

CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburriss

Parish Newsletter - Sunday 7th April 2024

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Divine Mercy Sunday

There are two ways to think about divine mercy. The first is from our point of view. We are told that God loves us, that he is compassionate, forgiving, and merciful.

The problem with this approach is that it considers divine mercy from our perspective only as if God were someone we turn to only when we are in trouble. But this is not how God wants to relate to us which is why we must consider divine mercy from his point of view as well. Divine mercy from God's perspective is always active and in pursuit of those who need it most. It is a mercy that reaches out and reaches in, that is offered and applied precisely in ways in which we need it.

In today's gospel, we are told that the disciples were locked in a room out of fear. They were afraid but also dispirited and guilty. Their hopes were shattered. They had all ran away and deserted Jesus at his hour of need. Yet when Jesus appeared to them, his words and approach were not of rebuke and scorn. Instead, they were words of peace and assurance: '*Peace be with you!*' It seeks out the disciples, speaks to their fears, their guilt and anxieties. Mercy is a spirit of forgiveness that is breathed on them and sends them back out into the world to be ministers of forgiveness. Jesus is merciful particularly to Thomas. Again, when he approaches Thomas, he is not angry with him for his lack of faith. All he wants is his faith which comes after touching his wounds.

So often we seek out God's mercy only when we need it! But rarely do we consider how God's mercy seeks us out all the time. The first time Jesus came to seek out the disciples, Thomas was absent. We are often absent too when God seeks us out and seeks our attention. We are too busy, too distracted, or indifferent. We want to relate to God on our terms, in our own time and when we are ready. But God's mercy seeks to reach us, unite with us, heal us, teach us, open us up, bless us and send us in ways and times that are greater than our own agendas and plans. When we receive divine mercy on God's terms, we are always more merciful after than before and more ready to be people of mercy to those who need to experience it from us.

In the words of St Peter in the second reading today, 'God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth in his great mercy'. Divine Mercy is not a one-way street. It's not merely something we seek out when we need it. It is a love and mercy that seeks us and tries to reach our hearts all the time. When we welcome it and experience it in the heart, we are born anew. Then we join with Thomas in making our own his great acclamation of faith: 'My Lord and my God!'

May these words be on our lips and may mercy fill our hearts this day!

Deacon Don Devaney

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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 7th April

6.30pm Vigil Kathleen Beavan (25th An)
Mary Finlay (An)
Dessie & Declan Lawlor
Richard Connolly (11th An)

10.30am Dermot Hegarty (Birthday Rem)

12noon Mary & Brendan O'Riordan (An)
Mary Byrne (An)
Colette Kenny (Month's Mind)
Brenda Nolan (1st An)
Christina Murray (9th An)

Elizabeth & Nicholas West (An) and
dec'd members of the West family

Mary & Patrick Hendley & dec'd
members of the Hendley family

Monday 8th April

10.00am Timothy & Elizabeth Kehoe

Tuesday 9th April

10.00am Special Intention

Thursday 11th April

10.00am Peter & Eva Johnston (An)

Friday 12th April

10.00am Patricia Mcgrath (1st An)

Saturday 13th April

10.00am Timothy & Elizabeth Kehoe (An)

Sunday 14th April

6.30pm Vigil Tony Tighe (An)
Rita O'Sullivan (Birthday Rem)
William Corrigan Jnr. (An)

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

PARISH OF CLONDALKIN

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

16th to 20th June 2024

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**

Confirmation Preparation

The final Zoom meeting of the Confirmation
Connect programme for parents and candidates
preparing for Confirmation will be held on

**Thursday 11th April at 7pm
and repeated at 8pm.**

*Details will be emailed to all those
registered with the parish for Confirmation.*

EASTER OFFERNINGS

Envelopes for Easter Offerings are
available on the tables in the Church
Your support is appreciated. Thank you.

Ministers of the Eucharist

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

Divine Mercy Sunday - 7th April

**Church of Divine Mercy,
Lucan South**

**Confessions from 1.30pm
Chaplet at 3pm**

**Followed by Holy Mass
Celebrant - Bishop Eamonn Walsh**



RECENTLY DECEASED

Tom O'Flaherty

May He Rest in Peace

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

MONDAY CLUB

Hello parishioners and readers of the newsletter, just a little update on the Monday Club.

We meet in the Pastoral Centre after the 10.00am Mass each Monday.

We have the "always welcome" tea/coffee/biscuits and chat. Then we have either a Quiz to test the brain, Bingo or music or crafts.

Before Easter, we had our traditional music group of Frances, Dave and Charlotte who came to play music to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We also had our Craft morning when we made and modelled Easter Bonnets/Hats.

As you can see we are always doing something! We had an eventful year in 2023 and hopefully the year ahead will be just as good. We had a few outings also. We visited Mount Usher, Kildare Village Outlet and the Victorian Tea Rooms in Arklow. This was one of the most interesting and fun outings we have had.

We had the experience of dressing up in Victorian costumes of the day and enjoying the usual afternoon experience.

Sadly, we lost one of our long-term members recently. We extend our deepest sympathies to the Courtney family on the death of Sadie.

Until our next update, God bless. *Kathleen R*

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

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 8th April **The Annunciation of the Lord**

Thursday 11th April **St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr**

Saturday 13th April **St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr**

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS BASED ON THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS

Lord of the Harvest,

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call.

Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving for vocations to blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen

Life can be hectic and stressful. You can feel yourself pulled in many directions, and there are so many things going on at once, you can hardly think. At times like this, it is most helpful to remind yourself to be still. If you stop what you are doing, if you let the world race on without you, you give your body, mind and spirit a chance to recuperate. The world will still be there when you're done, but if you take a moment to be still you can re-enter the world more relaxed and with renewed energy.

If water derives lucidity from stillness, how much more the faculties of the mind!

Chuang Tzu

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

St. Stanislaus of Krakow 1030-79 Feast 11th April

Stanislaus was born into a noble family at Szczepanow near Kracow, Poland. He was educated at Gniezno and possibly Liège before being ordained a priest and being made a canon at Kracow Cathedral. He was appointed bishop of Kracow in 1072 and was a successful reformer of the clergy, a keen preacher and a generous patron of the city's poor. At first Stanislaus enjoyed the favour and support of the king, Boleslaus II, but soon they quarreled. The more traditional account of a second quarrel, which was to lead to the bishop's death, is that Stanislaus tried to get the king to reform his immoral behaviour (perhaps including the kidnapping of a nobleman's beautiful wife) and stop the unjust ways he was treating his subjects. Stanislaus excommunicated him. The king in his anger decided to do away with Stanislaus and ordered his guards to kill him as he took refuge in the chapel of St Michael outside the city. When the guards refused to kill him saying the bishop was protected by a heavenly light, the king himself rushed in and killed him. As a result the Pope, Gregory VII, put the whole country under interdict until Boleslaus fell from power. In 1088 the Saint's relics were moved to the cathedral of Kracow, and his cult became strong in Poland and in neighbouring countries: he was canonised by Pope Innocent IV in 1253.



Stanislaus is patron of Poland, where a large number of churches are dedicated to him. Wawel Cathedral, which holds the Saint's relics, became a principal national shrine.

(Taken from CatholicIreland.net - Archive of the Saints)

WORLD HEALTH DAY 2024

It is celebrated annually and each year draws attention to a specific health topic of concern to people all over the world. The date of **7 April** marks the anniversary of the founding of WHO in 1948. Around the world, the right to health of millions is increasingly coming under threat. Diseases and disasters loom large as causes of death and disability. Conflicts are devastating lives, causing death, pain, hunger and psychological distress. The burning of fossil fuels is simultaneously driving the climate crisis and taking away our right to breathe clean air, with indoor and outdoor air pollution claiming a life every 5 seconds. The WHO Council on the Economics of Health for All has found that at least 140 countries recognize health as a human right in their constitution. Yet countries are not passing and putting into practice laws to ensure their populations are entitled to access health services. This underpins the fact that at least 4.5 billion people — more than half of the world's population — were not fully covered by essential health services in 2021.

To address these types of challenges, the theme for World Health Day 2024 is **'My health, my right'**. This year's theme was chosen to champion the right of everyone, everywhere to have access to quality health services, education, and information, as well as safe drinking water, clean air, good nutrition, quality housing, decent working and environmental conditions, and freedom from discrimination.



"We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our Song"
(St. Augustine 354-430).

In the Village Church, the Sacred Heart Altar was exquisitely decorated before Good Friday and then, since Holy Saturday, look at the altar flowers, the Paschal Candle surround and those bespoke wreaths around the Church. All enhancing the Great

Awakening. Be still and absorb their presence and testament that something special is afoot. How special is enshrined in the St. Thomas stained glass window "My Lord and My God" and the other stained glass window of St John and The Holy Eucharist beside the Sacred Heart Statue. And then, absorb the Sacred Heart Mosaic on the Side Altar of Repose.

Easter time is absorbing. Alleluia, *Eddie*

