

CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburriss

Parish Newsletter - Sunday 5th May 2024

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

6th Sunday
of
Easter

Love One Another, as I have loved you (Jn. 15: 9-1)

We treasure a person's last words. Today's gospel forms part of the last words of Jesus to His disciples before He enters His Passion. He has an important message for them and for us: the all-important message of love. So important is this message that in one verse alone (v 9), the word "love" is repeated five times! This love flows from God the Father, the Vinedresser, to Jesus His Son, the Vine, and to us, the branches.

We can divide today's gospel into two parts: the first part (vv 9-12) describes the abiding love between the Father and the Son: a love that always was, always is and always will be. The second part (vv 13-17) speaks of the love of Jesus that makes him lay down his life for us his friends. Jesus loves us just as the Father loves him. How consoling and comforting! God's love is unconditional. It does not depend on our merit or worthiness. Whether we respond to God's love or not, He continues to love us. God's faithfulness does not depend on our goodness; neither does His goodness depend on our faithfulness. *"I have loved you...Remain in my love"* says Jesus. To remain in the love of Jesus means to develop and deepen a steadfast, stable, and strong relationship with him; to be saturated with, steeped, and soaked in the love of Jesus. When this occurs our Christian lives begin to bear fruit that will last.

How can we develop and deepen our relationship with Jesus? How can we remain in his love? Jesus himself answers these questions for us. *"If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love."* The acid test of our love for Jesus is our willing obedience. Our word "obedience" comes from the Latin "ob audire" which means "to listen to". We adults are obedient when we listen to God. Obedience is not easy. Our obedience must be joyful.

Jesus sums up all the commandments in just one commandment: *"Love one another as I have loved you."* Every time we love, the divine spark in our hearts bursts into flame. The kind thought, the helpful word, the good deed – all these are but expressions of love. When we love in this way, we can never go wrong. *"Love and do what you will"* says St. Augustine. There is no greater love than to lay down our life for one another. Jesus loves us by dying for us. We remember His love, His death, every time we celebrate Mass.

Of the early Christians it was said: "See how those Christians love one another." What does the world today say about you and me? As we receive Jesus at Mass in Holy Communion, may we become more loving like him, not in a measure but in its fullness. Amen.

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 5th May

- 6.30pm Vigil** Claire Joyce (1st An)
Mary Finlay (Birthday Rem)
Jack Corrigan (1st An)
Trish Conway (An)
- 9.00am** Brian Thorpe (Rem)
- 10.30am** Ann McCabe (An)
Anne & Joe Cullen (Rem) and
George Smyth & family (Rem)
- 12noon** William Doyle (An)
John Talbot (An)
Patrick Murphy (An)
Larry Carroll (Birthday Rem) and
Special Intention
William McKittrick (An)

Monday 6th May

- 10.00am** Gerald Walsh (An)

Tuesday 7th May

- 10.00am** Lilian, Christopher and
Brendan Behan (An)

Thursday 9th May

- 7.30am** Sr. Rosario (1st An)
- 7.30pm** Mass with Fr. Bryan Shorthall, OFM
Cap and blessing with Padre Pio
glove.

Sunday 12th May

- 6.30pm Vigil** Jason Turner (4th An)
- 10.30am** Annie Fitzsimons (An)
Carol Nolan (An)
- 12noon** George Reilly
Phyllis & Pat Hurrell (Rem)
Pamela McCabe (6th An)

First Communion



The pupils from
Gaelscoil Chluain Dolcáin
will receive their First Holy Communion on
Saturday 11th May at 10am in the
Village Church.

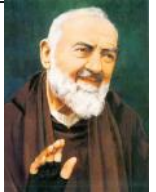
*We wish the children and their families a
memorable and happy day on this special
occasion.*

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday

Mass at 10am in the Village Church.

BLESSING WITH GLOVE OF ST. PIO

Mass will be celebrated in the Village
Church on Thursday 9th May at 7.30pm
by Fr. Bryan Shorthall, OFM Cap
and there will be a blessing with the glove of
St. Pio of Pietrelcina.



Rosary for Peace



For the month of May, the Rosary
will be prayed every evening at
St. Brigid's Well, honouring Our Lady
and praying for peace in the world
and healing for all those suffering
due to war. Please join us at St. Brigid's Well,
Clondalkin, at 7.00pm each evening.

ALL ARE WELCOME

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.

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

Pope's May Prayer Intention: For the formation of men and women religious

This May, Pope Francis has invited us to offer our prayers for "the formation of men and women religious, and seminarians".

In his video announcing his Prayer intention for the month of May, Pope Francis recalls that every vocation is a "diamond in the rough" that needs to be polished, worked, and shaped on every side.

The Holy Father notes that "a good priest, sister, or nun, must above all else be a man, a woman who is formed, shaped by the Lord's grace". These are people who are aware of their own limitations and who are willing to "lead a life of prayer, of dedicated witness to the Gospel".

The Pope reminds us that beginning in the seminary or novitiate, their preparation must develop integrally in direct contact with the lives of other people. This, he added, "is essential".

It is important to note that formation does not end at a specific moment, such as ordination, but rather continues throughout life, integrating the person intellectually, humanly, affectively, and spiritually.

Preparation continues into that of living in a community. "Life in community is so enriching, even though it can be difficult at times".

"Living together is not the same as living in community", adds the Pope.

Finally, Pope Francis asks that we pray that "men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual, and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

(Taken from vaticannews.va)

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 8th May **Bl. John Sullivan, Priest**

Friday 10th May **St. Comgall, Abbot**

**St. John of Avila, Priest
and Doctor of the Church**



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

The Morning of May Eve

Our first wave of sensuous Gertrude Jeckyll Roses are gone - but are they? On the eve of Mayday, a breeze - a tapestry of petals floating on the grass - nature at its delicate best - more distinctive than May Blossom and headier by far - symbolic of a delicacy of bloom in our growing greenness. Brother Sun bathes us all in a glow - a harmony of light and shade - us all rejuvenated by Emily Dickinson's "*Caper in the Trees*".



Right now, enjoy Nature's playfulness - its caper in the trees.

Emily elevates us to a higher sensation :

*" A sepal, a petal and a thorn
Upon a common Summer's morn
A flask of dew - a bee or two
A breeze, a caper in the trees - and I'm a Rose"*

(Emily Dickinson 1830-1886). Eddie



PENTECOST CELEBRATION

Sunday, 19th of May

We invite you ALL to attend the 12pm Mass on Pentecost Sunday and take part in this celebration by wearing your national costumes if possible!

Please talk to Fr. Brian or Saule, Parish Pastoral Worker, if you would like to take part in the World Flags Procession or reading Prayers of the Faithful in your native language.

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

GODLY PLAY

First Holy Communion children are invited to Godly Play in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday 14th May** from 2.45pm to 3.45pm.

This is the last one this school year.

Friends are angels
that lift us up
to our feet when
our wings
have trouble
remembering
how
to fly.



The Church Mouse

Dear Parents/Guardians of the Confirmation Children,

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

**Monday 6th May 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

VOLUNTARY MINISTRY WEEKEND IN OUR PARISH

PARISH GROUPS AND MINISTRIES INFORMATION NEEDED!

Fr. Kieran highlighted the significance of the **LAY MINISTRY** in Parish life in last week's reflection on the front page of the newsletter.

The Parish Pastoral Council is launching

VOLUNTARY MINISTRY WEEKEND
on **Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May.**

As an important part of the preparations, we are asking all Groups/Ministries in our Parish to write a short blurb about themselves (what group & activities, where & when meetings take place, the leader's name etc.) and bring it to the Parish Office before **Friday, 10th of May.**

More information will follow next week!

Parish Pastoral Council

It is the province of knowledge to speak,
and it is the privilege of wisdom to listen.

Oliver Wendell Holmes