

CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburris

Parish Newsletter 27th April 2025

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



Pope Francis

Watching the evening news on Easter Sunday, I was delighted to see Pope Francis appearing on the balcony of St. Peter's basilica to wish people the blessings of Easter. His voice was weak and he was obviously a man in poor health. Little did anyone know that he was in the final hours of his earthly life. When the sad news of his death filtered through on Monday morning, many were surprised at how swiftly death had come to him.

The papacy of Pope Francis has been noteworthy in many respects. Francis was the first Pope to come from Latin America. He was the first member of the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits, to be elected Pope. He was the first Pope to take the name Francis. He immediately set a new tone by choosing to live in the Casa Santa Marta rather than the traditional papal apartment. His first visit outside Rome was to the Italian island of Lampedusa where many immigrants were arriving having made the perilous crossing of the Mediterranean from north Africa. Speaking up for migrants and refugees, as well as others on the margins of society, was to become a dominant theme of his papacy.

Pope Francis has left us a wonderful legacy of writings. In particular his Encyclical Letter, *Laudato Si'* on caring for the earth, our common home, has been influential in drawing attention to the growing threat of climate change and the responsibility of human beings to care for the earth and the creation with which God has blessed us. Introducing the idea of the synodal pathway, Pope Francis changed completely how we go about discussion and discernment in the Church. Prayerful and respectful listening is now the key methodology.

Two moments in particular stand out in my memory of Pope Francis. The first is his visit to Ireland for the World Meeting of Families in August 2018. It was a very brief visit, a day and a half at most, but he packed so much into it. The Pope met with survivors of abuse and visited the Capuchin Day Centre. There was the wonderful evening gathering in Croke Park and Mass in the Phoenix Park the following day. The second moment was the *Statio Orbis* on 27th March 2020 as the Covid-19 pandemic was beginning to grip the world. Pope Francis, walking alone through a deserted and rain-swept St. Peter's Square, prayed for and blessed the world at a time of crisis, reminding us that faith is our anchor in times of storm and that God is always with us, even in the darkest of days.

Inaugurating the Jubilee Year on Christmas Eve last, Pope Francis said that we are *Pilgrims of Hope*. Our hope is in the risen Lord and "hope does not disappoint". (*Romans 5:5*). May the hope of Pope Francis in the joy of the Gospel message be fulfilled as he enters into the eternal life of the God he proclaimed and served so faithfully in life.

Requiescat In Pace.

Fr. Kieran Coghlan

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Mass Times and Services

Clondalkin Village

Sunday: Saturday Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday 9am (in Irish), 10.15am & 12 noon

Weekdays: Monday to Friday 7.30am & 10am
Saturday 10am

Confessions: Saturday 10.30am to 11am

Knockmitten

Sunday: 11.30am

Weekdays: Mon, Wed & Fri - Liturgy of the Word at 10am

Clonburris

Sunday: 10.45am

Village Church



Sunday 27th April

6.30pm Vigil Phil Fitzpatrick (16th An)
Breeda Whelan (5th An)

10.15am Joseph Byrne (18th An)

12 noon Kathleen O'Neill (An)
Pamela Delaney (An)

Monday 28th April

10.00am Niall Dowling (Recently Deceased)

Tuesday 29th April

7.30am Special Intention
10.00am James Josie Fitzsimons (An)

Wednesday 30th April

7.30am John Gilleran (Birthday Rem)

Thursday 1st May

10.00am Joe Farrell & Seán Liam Farrell (An)

Friday 2nd May

7.30am)
10.00am) Altar List of the Dead
7.30pm)

Saturday 3rd May

10.00am Jane Kendellen (An)

Sunday 4th May

6.30pm Vigil Romy (An)

10.15am Ann McCabe (An)
Mary Finlay (Birthday Rem)
John Gilleran (An) and deceased
members of the Gilleran and
McGarry families

12 noon Michael Kellegher (Month's Mind)
William McKittrick & Doreen McKittrick

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen*



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

First Friday – 2nd May

Mass in the Village at 7.30am, 10am and
7.30pm. The Anointing of the Sick is available
during the **10am and 7.30pm** Masses for any-
one who wishes to receive this Sacrament.

Confirmation 2025

Boys and girls in Clonburris N.S.
will receive the Sacrament of
Confirmation on Friday 2nd May
at 11am in Clonburris Church.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Training for Ministers of the Eucharist (existing
and new) will take place on **Tuesday 13th May**
at 7.30pm.

Training for Ministers of the Word (existing and
new) will take place on **Tuesday 20th May**
at 7.30pm.

The venue will be decided closer to the date.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

<i>Monday 28th April</i>	St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest
	St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr
<i>Tuesday 29th April</i>	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
<i>Wednesday 30th April</i>	St. Pius V, Pope
<i>Thursday 1st May</i>	St. Joseph the Worker
<i>Friday 2nd May</i>	St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
<i>Saturday 3rd May</i>	St. Philip & St. James, Apostles

The Repository

As the time for First Holy Communion and
Confirmation is approaching, a little reminder
from the Shop.

We have lovely suitable gifts including Medals,
Rosettes and Cards for sale. As well as all our
usual stock items, such as the Irish Catholic
newspaper, Mass Cards and gifts for all
occasions.

OPENING THE BIBLE

An introductory course on Zoom for those Who Wish to Know More and those Unsure Where to Begin.

The Bible is one of the most significant set of texts ever compiled. Yet, for many - believers and non-believers alike - it remains a mystery. Many have heard key stories from its many rich narratives, but little else. Nevertheless, many find themselves curious about the Bible, its content and origins ... but where to begin ... This course is aimed at those who want to take that extra step and ask: ***what is it all really about?***

We hope that the six presentations prepared by Tarsus Scripture School will help you open the Bible and begin reading in your own time.

1. **A General Overview** (Seán Goan)
2. **Exodus and Exile** (Jessie Rodgers)
3. **Poets and Prophecy** (Jessie Rodgers)
4. **St. Paul** (Fr. Kieran O'Mahony)
5. **The Gospels** (Fr. Kieran O'Mahony)
6. **The Bible in the Life of the Church** (Seán Goan)

THURSDAYS: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th May and 5th June 2025

TIME: 8 - 9pm each evening

Facilitators: Sr. Anne Nevin - Presentation Sister and Saule Cameron - Parish Pastoral Worker

Please register with us by email if you wish to join

saule.cameron@dublindiocese.ie or call 085 8750995

TAKE TIME TO PRAY

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day; I had so much to accomplish, that I didn't take time to pray. Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task; "Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered. He answered, "You didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and beauty but the day toiled on, grey and bleak; I wondered why God didn't show me. He said "But you didn't seek."

I tried to come into God's presence, I used all my keys in the lock. God gently and lovingly chided, "My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning and paused before entering the day; I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.

SUNDAY, 27th April 2025

Second Sunday of Easter - Year C

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Acts of the Apostles
5:12-16

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

1:9-13, 17-19

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to John
20:19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came.

Ministers of the Eucharist

New rosters for May and June are now available for collection in the sacristy.

GODLY PLAY FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES!

We invite children for the last three Godly Play afternoon sessions this School Term.

Dates: TUESDAYS, 6th, 13th & 20th MAY

Time: Straight after school until 3:45 pm

Place: Parish Centre (on the right side of the main entrance door to the Church)

Story we will share:

KNOWING JESUS IN A NEW WAY

Facilitators: Fiona Minogue, Rosemary Lavelle & Saule Cameron (Parish Pastoral Worker)

Please note that we will ask you to fill in a Parental Consent Form on your arrival.

We look forward to seeing you!

Easter Offerings

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

Thank you

CLONDALKIN PARISH VOLUNTARY MINISTRY

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Ministry of the Word (Readers) and Ministry of the Eucharist (Distribution of Holy Communion)

If you think you might like to join one or both of these ministries, we would love to hear from you!

Training workshops are planned for early May.

Please contact us by phone: Parish Office 01-4593520 or email: office@clondalkinparish.com

or knockmittenchurchcommunity@gmail.com

or leave your details with any of your Church team members.

Thank You

On Thursday last, in the GAA Clubrooms, a cheque presentation of **€2500** took place from two long-time serving Club members, **Ciaran Delaney and Annette O'Neill to Caitriona Hughes of MS Ireland**, which both members raised through sponsorship by completing a remarkable 100K Fundraising Walk for the Charity.

The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland (MS Ireland) is the only national organisation providing essential information, support and advocacy to approximately 10,000 people living with MS in Ireland.

Caitriona Hughes of MS Ireland expressed sincere thanks to Ciaran and Annette and to Round Tower GAA Club members who supported this fundraising effort.



Photo L/R: Ciaran Delaney, Caitriona Hughes (MS Ireland) and Annette O'Neill

(Photo by Tommy Keogh)

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CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY

We are inviting your child/children to join this exciting group for practice each **Monday** straight after school until 3:45 pm during the school term.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Leaders: Pauline Devaney & Saule Cameron (PPW).

Clondalkin Cares Food Bank **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**

Please keep your donations and support coming.

Donations can be dropped off at the following venues:

- Clondalkin Parish Office Mon-Fri 10.00-12.30
- Neart Le Chéile Thurs 10.00-3.00
- Neilstown Church Mon-Wed 10.00-3.30
- Quarryvale Community and Youth Centre Mon-Fri 11.00-3.00
- Ronanstown Youth Service Tues 10.00-12.00

To register for food or for any other information, please email manager@quarryvalefrc.ie or call 085 202 0300 during normal office hours.



IF YOU NEED SUPPORT OR KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO DOES, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO EMAIL OR CALL.