

CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburris

Parish Newsletter - 6th April 2025

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

5th Sunday
of
Lent

"Neither do I condemn you. Go now and sin no more."

We need to hear these words of Jesus more often! No matter what the world says or thinks about us, no matter how negative and judgemental we are towards ourselves, Jesus understands us because he knows our human frailty and fickleness. What immense relief the woman must have felt when she heard these words!

There is much that we can learn from this encounter, which is recounted only in the Gospel according to John (8:1-11). It was daybreak; A new day had dawned. The dawn is always a sign of light, of a fresh beginning. No matter how dark the night of our sin may have been, the dawn of God's merciful love and amazing grace has the power to dispel that darkness. We need never stay in darkness. The break of day challenges us to break away from the darkness to light.

The scribes and Pharisees citing the law wanted her to be stoned. *"What have you to say?"* they ask Jesus as a test. They were determined to condemn the woman. They had decided to bring an accusation against Jesus himself should he say something different from what Moses had ordered in the Law. Jesus does not answer their question. Rather, he bends down and starts to write on the ground with his finger. Some say that he was writing the sins they had committed. But when they persist, he straightens up and confronting them says: *"Let the one among you who is guiltless be the first to throw a stone."* (John 8:7).

Jesus does not condemn. Neither does He condone the evil committed. Rather, He shows compassion for the woman and each one of us too in our own situations. He offers her the challenge of conversion, the grace to repent and return. He sees not so much what she was and what she has done, but rather her woundedness and what she can become, if she opens her heart to conversion and change. He helps her understand that the evil into which she had fallen does not express the totality of her person; that there are treasures of goodness in her that have not yet been discovered; that she can turn the page and begin to write a fresh chapter of her life.

There is joy in repentance; the joy of retracing our steps to God; the joy of celebrating his love; the joy we celebrate in sacramental confession.

"Neither do I condemn you." We need to hear these words. They bring us comfort and consolation, happiness and hope for they come from a God who never condemns us and never stops loving us!

The challenge to each of us during Lent is to discover the hidden treasures within ourselves. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the means that bring us on this inward journey of discovery and repentance. In Jesus' words: *"Neither do I condemn you. Go now and sin no more."*

Deacon Don Devaney

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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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Holy Communion

We invite your children to come to the second **GODLY PLAY** session this Lent in our Parish on Tuesdays **8th April**, in the Pastoral Centre (*beside the Church main entrance*) straight after school at 2.45 until 3.45pm.

A reminder will be emailed with the Parental Consent Form which can also be filled on the day.

The children will take part in the story called **"THE FACES OF EASTER"**

Godly Play Team: Fiona Minogue, Rosemary Lavelle and Saule (Parish Pastoral Worker)

We invite Parents and Guardians to the meeting about **THE EUCHARIST / MASS (Part 2)**

Please choose one of two options:

Option 1: In person meeting will take place in **Knockmitten Church on Tuesday, 8th April at 7 pm.**

OR

Option 2: Zoom session **on Wednesday, 9th April at 7.30 pm.** The link will be sent in advance.

Sacramental Preparation Team

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD DURING LENT

We invite your child/children to participate at the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 12pm Sunday Mass.

If you would like to become a Leader for this Ministry, please talk to us or the Parish Team.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 7th April **St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest**

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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE

Monday

The Monday Club
(after 10am Mass and Rosary)

The Children's Music Ministry
practice takes place on Mondays from 2.45 until 3.45pm in the Parish Centre.

Leaders: Pauline Devaney and Saule Cameron.

LOCALISE Youth Volunteering
Leader: Cat Scanlon
7.00-8.00pm - during school term
(new members always welcome)

Tuesday

Lectio Divina
(after 10am Mass and Rosary)
Led by Sr. Anne

Wednesday

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society
Meeting in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass and Rosary on the last Wednesday of the month. New members welcome.

Charismatic Prayer Group
meet from 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Thursday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Thursday in the Church from 10.30am to 11.30am and from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.
Led by Deacon Don Devaney



RECENTLY DECEASED

May They Rest in Peace

Village Church



Sunday 6th April

- 6.30pm Vigil** Richard Connolly (12th An)
Patrick Ging (An)
Paul Carey (10th An)
- 10.15am** Mary Finlay (An)
Dermot Hegarty (Birthday Rem)

Fran Byrne (5th An) and deceased
members of the Higgins & Byrne
families
- 12 noon** Mary Byrne (nee Pollock) 5th (An)
Jean Redmond (Month's Mind)
Lucy Daish (Rem)
Dolores Ryan (An)

Wednesday 9th April

- 10.00am (Knockmitten)** Marija-Elena (deceased)

Friday 11th April

- 10.00am** Peter Johnston (11th An)

Sunday 13th April - Palm Sunday

- 6.30pm Vigil** Sadie Byrne (Month's Mind)
- 9.00am** Tony Tighe (An)
- 10.15am** Joseph Lernihan & Ann Lynch (An)
- 12 noon** Anne Marie Fitzgerald (1st An)

Oliver Grace & deceased members
of the Grace family

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

*We are not human beings on a
spiritual journey; we are spiritual
beings on a human journey.*

Paul Coelho

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



LENT 2025

**Evening Mass in the Village Church at 7.30pm
Monday to Friday.**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on
Thursday evenings after the 7.30pm Mass
until 8.30pm.**

**Stations of the Cross in the Village Church on
Fridays at 10.30am**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every
Sunday in the Village Church from
4.00pm to 5.30pm.**

There will be a Church Gate
collection on behalf of the
Vincentian Lay Missionaries
after all Masses this weekend, **5th/6th April.**



The monthly Church Gate
collections for the local
Conference of St. Vincent de
Paul will take place at Knockmitten Church this
weekend, **5th/6th April** and at the Village
Church next weekend, **12th/13th April.**

Synodal Pathway Priorities

What should the priorities be?

The ACI (Association of Catholics of Ireland) were
actively involved in the preparation for the Universal
Synod on Synodality in Rome in October 2024. The
preparations for the Irish Synodal Pathway, to be held
in two stages (October 2025 and October 2026), are
now under way.

*Please join us on Thursday April 10th for a general
meeting/conversation - so that the ACI Steering
Committee 'hear you' - and you have the opportunity
to contribute to our response document.*

Click the link on our website www.acireland.ie or join
a meeting on www.zoom.com with details below:

Zoom Meeting Thursday 10th April at 8.00pm

Meeting ID: 865 4039 0463 / Passcode: 107280

LECTIO DIVINA

Sacred Reading

LECTIO - READING
MEDITATO - REFLECTING
ORATIO - PRAYING

To PRAY together with the SUNDAY GOSPEL,
join us on ZOOM for 3 Thursdays this LENT.

13th, 27th March and 10th April

and

HOLY WEEK: MONDAY 14th April
8 - 9 pm

Led by Sr. Anne & Saule (PPW)

To Register for a Zoom link, please email:
saule.cameron@dublindiocese.ie



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@quarryvalefrfc.ie or call
085 202 0300 during normal office hours.

To donate please use our Go Fund Me page
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-our-food-bank>

We welcome any other place that would like to
volunteer to act as a drop-off point for donations.
Just contact us and let us know.

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

POPE'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION:



Technology should benefit everyone

In the month of April, Pope Francis dedicates his prayer intention to new technologies and the hope that their use "will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times."

In a world flooded with social media trends and the ever-growing field of artificial intelligence, Pope Francis stresses that "technology is the fruit of the intelligence God gave us." However, he warns against misusing it – as that can have negative consequences. For example, the Pope alludes to problems of isolation and the absence of true relationships. He says, "something's wrong if we spend more time on our cell phones than with people." Pope Francis cautions that the growing use of screens in any form "makes us forget that there are real people behind it who breathe, laugh, and cry." As a result, cyberbullying and hatred begin to fester on social media networks. Technology is not meant to separate man from reality and relationships. Therefore, Pope Francis invites everyone to "look less at screens" and "look each other in the eyes more." Balancing technology with relationships will enable each and every one of us to "discover what really matters: that we are brothers, sisters, children of the same Father."

(Taken from vaticannews.va)

*To have courage for whatever comes
in life - everything lies in that.*

St. Teresa of Avila

SUNDAY, 6th April 2025

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Today's Readings

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah **43:16-21**
*See I am doing a new deed, and I will give my chosen people
water to drink.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125. R v 3

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to
the Philippians **3:8-14**

I have accepted the loss of everything if only I can have Christ

GOSPEL

A Reading from the Gospel of John **8:1-11**
*If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to
throw a stone at her.*