

CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburris

Parish Newsletter 4th May 2025

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

3rd Sunday
of
Easter

Do You Love Me? (Jn. 21:1-19)

When I was in the Holy Land in 2020, among the places I visited was the Sea of Tiberias. I recall vividly the site marked by three large hearts in stone in the water, where Jesus, according to tradition, asked Peter: "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" I remember stepping gently on those stones and hearing Jesus ask me the same question. Jesus asked Peter that question three times. Many a time in the silence of my heart I have responded: "Lord you know I love you. My love is weak and lacking, but nevertheless, I love you, Lord!"

"Do you love me?" this is the only question that really matters in our encounter with Jesus. It is a question in the present tense; not in the past; not even in the future. The present alone matters.

I have always found this dialogue between Jesus and Peter very moving. A chastened Peter, professes his love. To him Jesus entrusts his Church as he says: "Feed my lambs...look after my sheep" (John 21: 15-16). He entrusts his Church to the man who denied him, not just once but three times. What a choice! Jesus chooses the first Pope. Love in service is the only criterion for his choice.

There was no complex conclave or canvassing for a candidate! The choice of Jesus baffles us.

To give what is dear to your heart to someone who denied you is not only a sign of great forgiveness but also of great trust. Jesus forgives Peter and confers on him not just the primacy of leadership in the Church but also the primacy of servanthood. He was to be a servant-leader. The primacy of servanthood has its source in the primacy of love. You cannot lead, if you do not serve; you cannot serve, if you do not love; you cannot love, if you do not suffer.

On Peter was being conferred also the primacy of powerlessness for by indicating to Peter the death he was to undergo; Jesus was teaching him and us a very important lesson: there is power in powerlessness. This power comes not from our own strength. Rather, it emerges because we are weak and surrender ourselves with our weakness totally into God's hands, allowing him to take over our lives. This surrender, though seemingly life-threatening, then becomes the source of our power and strength. Power is at its best when God takes over and oversees our lives. Gospel leadership means going not where we would like to go; gospel leadership rather means going where we are taken, even without wanting it, and going where God will be glorified.

"Do you love me?" That is the only question that Jesus asks each of us; the only question that really matters; the only question the response to which deepens our encounter with him. Jesus asks us that question *now*. In silence, we make our response. Amen.

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

Village Church



Sunday 4th May

6.30pm Vigil Romy (An)

9.00am Paddy & Theresa Green (Rem)

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

Brendan Foley and Caroline Foley Das

12 noon Michael Kellegher (Month's Mind)
Mary Monaghan (2nd An)
Imelda Hinz (3rd An)

Monday 5th May

10.00am Mary, Brendan and
Maureen O Reardan (An)

Wednesday 7th May

7.30am Special Intention

10.00am Christopher, Lillian and
Brendan Behan (An)

Friday 9th May

7.30am Ethel McEvoy (1st An)
10.00am Annie Fitzsimons (An)

Sunday 11th May

6.30pm Vigil John Talbot (An)
Garett Martin (Month's Mind)
Claire Joyce (An)
Michael O'Donoghue (An)

12 noon Jason Turner (5th An)
Pamela McCabe (7th An)
Nancy Pedreschi (1st An) and
Seán Pedreschi (An)

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

ROTA FOR MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

A new Rota for Ministers of the Eucharist for the months of
May & June is now ready for collection from the Sacristy.
Thank you for your Ministry.

Confirmation 2025



The pupils of Scoil Mhuire N.S. will
receive the Sacrament of Confirmation
on **Wednesday 7th May at 11.00am** in the
Village Church. The boys of St. Joseph's B.N.S.
will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation
also on **Wednesday 7th May at 1.00pm**.

First Holy Communion 2025



The boys and girls in Gaelscoil na
Camóige will receive the
Sacrament of First Holy Communion on
Saturday 10th May at 10.00am in the Village
Church and the boys and girls of Gaelscoil
Chluain Dolcáin will receive the Sacrament of
Holy Communion also on **Saturday 10th May
at 12 noon**.

*We keep the children and their families in
our prayers on these very special
occasions.*

YOUTH MASS

A celebration of Youth for all ages

Join us in prayer and song as we celebrate
everything amazing about our community!
The inspiring AGHOGHO OKPARA will be our
special guest to inspire us all! Especially as we
head into exam season for so many.

Date: Wednesday, 21st May at 7:30 pm.
Place: Knockmitten Church.
Music: Knockmitten Youth Choir.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

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).

CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation celebrations have begun for our Confirmation Candidates. Please pray for them and their families at this time. The Parish Team & Sacramental Preparation Team would like to express a word of gratitude to all the Schools' Staff, Teachers and Principals for all their work in preparation for this special day.

SUNDAY, 4th May 2025

Third Sunday of Easter - Year C

Today's Readings

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 5.27-32. 40-41

We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm Ps 29

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 5:11-14

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power and riches.

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to John 21:1-19

Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish.

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 for Ministers of the Eucharist will take place on **Tuesday 13th May at 7.30pm**
and for Ministers of the Word on **Tuesday 20th May at 7.30pm**.

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



St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Collections

KNOCKMITTEN CHURCH
Sunday 4th May

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Weekend of 10th/11th May

Thank You

ROSARY AT THE WELL

For the month of May, we will be gathering at St. Brigid's Well each evening at 7pm to pray the Rosary for Peace in the World, for Ireland and to honour Our Lady, Queen of Peace.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Recently Deceased



MARIE DEVOY
MARY McCREARY

May They Rest in Peace

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



Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice
(1762-1844)

Feast Day 5th May



Edmund Rice came from Callan, Co Kilkenny. He was a businessman, husband, widower, father of a handicapped child, advocate of the poor and the founder of two religious congregations devoted to education, the Christian Brothers and the Presentation Brothers. After his young wife's early death, he sold his possessions and dedicated his life to the education of the poor. To advance the work, he gathered other like-minded men who took religious vows together to work for the Catholic education of boys. He is a model of patient and cheerful acceptance of the sufferings God sends, a true lay apostle and a deeply committed religious. He was beatified in 1996.

The direction of his long life of service is best summed up in an extract from one of his letters, written in 1810 to a friend of his, the architect Bryan Bolger:

"Let us do ever so little for God, we will be sure He will never forget it, nor let it pass unrewarded. How many of our actions are lost for want of applying them to this end. Were we to know the merit of only going from one street to another to serve a neighbour for the love of God, we should prize it more than gold or silver.... One thing you may be sure of, that whilst you work for God, whether you succeed or not, He will amply reward you."

(Taken from catholicireland.net/saint-of-the-day)

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.

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