



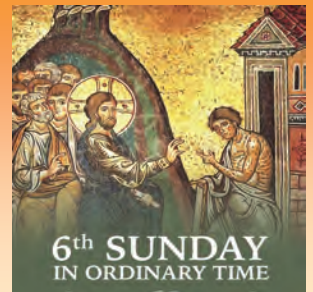
Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburriss  Knockmitten

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 11th February 2018



...We need to look at the bigger picture.

As we are approaching lent next week let us have a closer look at today's readings. The first reading tells us how lepers were excluded from the community and how they had to even shout out "unclean" to make sure not to pass on the disease to anyone. With an illness like this, life was over for many. They were kept away from the community away from everyone. What kind of life quality was left for them?



The Psalm opens our hearts to acknowledge our wrong doing in order to receive God's mercy. Don't we all know too well about temptations and challenges out there. But do we really appreciate God's gift of mercy? God's unconditional love for us – and every day his invitation to reconcile with him?

The second reading makes no difference between Greeks, Jews and Christians. The commandment of loving our neighbour means we look at the bigger picture. Instead of pointing fingers we need to welcome everyone into our parishes, communities, families. Jesus himself told us,

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." (Matthew 25, 35-36)

The gospel brings us back to the first reading. A leper came to Jesus and asked to be cured. From the reading we know that lepers were excluded from the community and seen as outcasts. But Jesus' love doesn't have any boundaries. He heals the man from his illness by touching him. With this touch the leper is healed and therefore can re-join the community. He can start his life all over again. Also Jesus made it very clear to him not to talk about this miracle – he couldn't help it and told everyone about it. Don't we all know how difficult it is to keep a secret (especially a good one, a new job, a new house, an engagement etc.) Most of us are dying to share good news with our friends and family. But for Jesus this had huge consequences. He was unable to stay in the town and share his good news because he cured a leper – by touching him. Don't we all know about people that feel excluded from our parish? Jesus is pushing us out of our comfort zone – he challenges us by going the extra mile to reach out to those who do not feel part of our community.

With all that in mind – how are you going to follow his example? Where can you make someone feel welcome? Where can you reach out to someone living on the margins?

Christina, PPW



Masses

Clondalkin Village

Sundays: (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm
Sunday 9am Gaeilge)
10.30am (Choral),
12 noon (Family) &
5.30pm

Weekdays (Mon – Fri) 7.30am
and 10am. Sat 10am

First Fridays 7.30am, 10am.

Holy Days 6.30pm (Vigil), 7.30am
and 10.00am

Confessions Sat 10.30 - 11am &
6.45 - 7.15pm

Clonburriss

Sundays (Vigil) Sat 6.30 pm
Sunday 11am

Holy Days 11am and 6.30pm

Knockmitten

Sundays (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm
Sunday: 10.00am & 12noon (Family)

Weekdays Mon to Fri 9.30am

Holy Days (Vigil) 6.30pm;
Holy Day 11am

Confessions Sat 6pm & by request

Parish Office Hours

Clondalkin: Mon-Fri 9:30 - 12:30

Clonburriss: Contact through Village

Knockmitten: Mon-Fri Mass times

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CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Mary Jenkins
Flowers: no flowers for Lent
Church Cleaning: Betty Byrne and Rebecca Duggan

Monday 12th Feb - Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 13th Feb - CCPC Intercessory Prayer for 9 Clondalkin Parishes. This Tuesday evening Intercessory Prayer **7.30 to 8.30pm** in the Parish Pastoral Centre. All welcome.

Wednesday 14th Feb - Charismatic Prayer Group *Our Lady Queen of Peace* in the Parish Pastoral Centre.

7.30pm Rosary-Mysteries of Light. **8.00pm** Prayer Meeting. All welcome especially any newcomers or visitors to our area.

Thursday 15th Feb - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Morning: in the Church **10.45 to 11.45am**

Evening: **No Evening Adoration** (Lenten Evening Mass in Church at 7.30pm).



The 2018 Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from **12th to 17th May**. Booking Forms are available from the Sacristy, Parish Office and Repository.

Congratulations and Welcome

Harry David Clarke, *Bushfield Drive*

Ava Patricia Murphy, *Monastery Drive*

Hannah Rose Rafferty, *Bushfield Drive*

Bella May & Bobby Damien O'Reilly, *Clonburris*



Radios available

For the benefit of parishioners who may be unable to attend services in person in the Village Church, radios are available to buy at a cost of €50 from the Parish Office or Sacristy.

Enquiries to the Parish Office, Tel (01) 459 3520



Celebrating 160 years of Healing Celebration in Lourdes, this week's Irish Catholic paper features a commemorative special. The edition will include numerous features and photos dedicated to the renowned Marian Shrine. The paper is on sale in the parish Shop after all Masses today.

Found

A set of keys for a Renault car were found last week after a meeting in Scoil Mhuire hall. If anyone knows who they belong to, they can be collected from the Parish Office between 9.30am and 12.30pm Mon to Fri.

We invite to join us, share your views & your story...

Let's talk Family! Let's be Family!

Mornings: Clondalkin Village Church (after 10am mass to 12 noon)

OR

Evenings: Rowlagh Church (7:30pm to 9pm)

EACH WEDNESDAY OF LENT

We have made available collection of **FREE** resources for this Lent for you and your family to use, download print & share - You can get these by clicking the **Lent 2018** button on our website - www.clondalkinparish.com or by following our FB page @TheCCPCDublin There should be something for everyone!! **Enjoy & feel free to download & Share!**

Village Church

Sunday 11th February

6.30pm Vigil Tony Goodwin (1st An)
Noeleen Mansfield (10th An), Peg Kelly (An)

9.00am Michael Lanney (An), Lily Quinn (An)

10.30am Belinda & James Fitzsimons (An)
Gerard Doyle (B'day Rem),
James & Nuala Doyle (An),
Bill & Paddy Dennis (An) & the Dennis family

12noon Sheila Barry (An), Nicholas Dillon (MM), Eileen Codd (RD)

Wednesday 14th February (Ash Wednesday)

10.00am Des Taylor (RD)

7.30pm Lenten Mass
Children preparing for First Communion and their parents are particularly invited to this Mass.

Friday 16th February

7.30am James Egan (An)

Saturday 17th February

10.00am Eileen Sheehy (MM)

Sunday 18th February

6.30pm Vigil Ita O'Gorman (1st An),
Mona Nash (1st An), Kieran Tully (MM),
Nora McHugh (An) & her husband Thomas

12noon Maisie & Tom Delaney (An)
Brian Lucas (An), Breda Doyle (An)

Clonburris

Saturday 10th February @ 6.30pm

Jimmy O'Brien (An)

Sunday 11th February @ 11.00am

John Byrne (An), Jim Chester (An), Elaine Brohoon (An)



MAURA DAGG, *St. Brigid's Drive*

NORA CUSACK, *New Road*

Our thoughts and prayers are with their families at this time

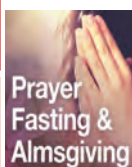


Lent

Lent begins on Wednesday, 14th February. In addition to the morning Masses there will be an evening Mass at 7.30pm. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence. **Ashes** will be blessed and distributed at all Masses. **Ashes** will also be available to be taken away for the sick and housebound.

Garden: Taking as the theme for the Lenten Garden, erected in Sacred Space (*Sacred Heart Altar*), Pope Francis' exhortation for the World Meeting of Families "How much better family life would be if we say PLEASE, THANK YOU and SORRY more often" we are asking communities, church, social clubs etc. to try this. Taking on new habits can be painful and we need reminding. The Lenten Garden will have a cross signifying that we embrace the cross lovingly.

There will be prayer cards available for you, for whatever your Lenten journey is, to hang on the tree. Please feel free to sit by the garden, place a plant or just reflect in silence. The garden will be void of colour, so no flowers please, then at Easter we rejoice with glorious colours.



To help us with our "Taking On' Catherine Leigh of Human Life International has asked for our Lenten exercises and prayers be offered for the protection of life especially in the present climate with a referendum on the horizon.

Ministers of the Environment

Please Note: in addition to the morning Masses there will be an evening Mass all through Lent - Monday to Friday.





Honouring **St. Brigid** on her feast day in style on a particularly cold morning during the week - organized and hosted by the Transition year students of Colaiste Bride under the direction of their teacher Michelle Dooley.



We acknowledge and appreciate the work they put in to make the occasion a fitting tribute to our beloved Muire na Gael.

The cuppa and biscuits available in the Pastoral Centre after the walk were indeed very welcome and served up delightfully by the students.

Photos by Tommy Keogh.



Congratulations to Tommy Keogh who won the LAMA All Ireland Community & Council Silver Prize Award as Community Volunteer of the Year for his lifetime of voluntary work for his community. Tommy was nominated by Councilor Breda Bonner & South Dublin County Council. The Awards ceremony was held on Saturday last in the Croke Park and was hosted by Marty Morrissey. Tommy is a regular contributor to the newsletter, a worthy recipient of the award and always attend with his camera whenever he is asked.



Congrats to the girls from Coaliste Bride who were commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers and to Eddie O'Connor on being presented with the Benemerenti medal.



Sunday 18th Feb 2018 at 12 Noon

You are invited to a...



Special Mass Celebrating Couples & The Sacrament of Marriage

In Clondalkin Village Parish Church

If you are celebrating a special wedding anniversary or have recently gotten engaged let us know & you will be remembered at the Mass!



VALENTINES ARE RED, WEDNESDAY'S ASHES ARE GRAY, YOU CAN'T SPELL VALENTINE WITHOUT 'LENT' ON THIS DAY.

For the first time since 1945, Valentine's Day & Ash Wed fall on the same day this year. "That is when the World war ended and food was scarce" - my granddad. "Well it is far more difficult to fast now because of the vast amount we have" But I will try to do something - maybe give up doing this space - only joking!

Alex and Adam Leonard enjoyed last week's quiz.

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- Clues
1. The Capital of France
 2. Killarney is in this County
 3. The name of our planet
 4. The darkest colour
 5. Trim, Navan what county
- Using the clues fill in the squares and you will find in the shaded squares something in a bird cage.

Have fun! Ciara

Monday Club 5 February 2018

Today we had a great crowd in the club where we welcomed Joe Leonard who came to tell us in the early days of pilgrimages. We had a beautiful "Thank You" card from Fr Bala in India. He is very thankful for our welcome, our donation and continued prayers for him.

The new directory of 55+ Daily Activity in South Dublin County 2018 is in circulation containing all information of different clubs and activities for the over 55s. Every day of the week there is something to do from line-dancing, bingo, art, arts & crafts, card and board games etc. Sr. Anne brought to our attention an **IMMA Art workshops** in MISA (Mercers Institute for Successful Aging) in St James's Hospital. All workshops are connected to the current exhibition in the Irish Museum of Modern Art. All works are by Brian Maguire. Booking is essential as places are limited to 12.

There was a letter and posters from the National Children's Hospital, Tallaght regarding the **National Pancake Party** from 12 to 16 Feb. The proceeds of this fundraiser go to helping improve facilities for sick children in hospital. We will be having ours in a week or two. Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so in the club.

We had a very interesting talk by **Joe Leonard** on pilgrimages to Lourdes in the early days. Many of us know that Joe is a great man for history on many things, trains, planes etc. He started by telling us a bit about Lourdes, the apparitions to St Bernadette, her family becoming destitute, etc. Pilgrims in the early days mostly travelled overland. Then, planes started carrying pilgrims to Lourdes when there was nothing more than a strip for a runway. There were only a small handful of people being accommodated on the planes and cargo planes were adapted to carry stretcher cases.

Lourdes today has a modern airport catering for huge crowds of pilgrims coming from over the world. Joe gave dates of when Aer Lingus started flying and the types of planes that were used at the time. Those who went to Lourdes those days were really on pilgrimage. "Thank You" Joe for the most interesting and detailed history of the times.

Condolences to the family of Norah Maher who died during the week. Norah used to be a frequent attendee of the club until she became unable to come in the past few years. May she rest in peace. Next week we welcome LOCALISE to celebrate St Valentine's Day.

Kathleen R



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