

CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburriss

Parish Newsletter - Sunday 16th June 2024

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

11th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

LESSONS IN A SEED

Today's Gospel offers us two parables of successful growth. In the parable of the Seed Growing to Harvest there is a contrast between the inactivity of the sower after the initial sowing, and the active "sprouting and growing" of the seed. The sower goes his way, the seed sprouts and grows without him. In the parable of the Mustard Seed the insignificance of the tiny seed is contrasted with the mighty tree it produces. Growth begins with the sowing of a seed. A seed contains the essence of life and enables all life to continue. It has boundless potential in its tiny form but unless it is planted in favourable conditions it cannot realise its potential. It can then bloom where it is planted.

To bloom where God plants us is to avail of every opportunity that life offers us and to be grateful. Every time we love and do good we plant a seed. Every time we give a word of encouragement we plant a seed. Every time we pray for someone we plant a seed. Every time we have a good thought towards someone we plant a seed. God calls us to be sowers of seed. A seed will sprout and grow and produce a harvest when it is sown. It does what God intends it to do. But it must die. It has to end its life for something else more beautiful and visible to grow. What begins as a single grain becomes the source of many grains.

Jesus reminds us of this when he said in John 12:24 "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit".

A seed represents hope and a new beginning. When we nurture seeds of compassion, joy and generosity we challenge jealousy, anger and self-doubt. Like the tiny seed, each one of us has the power within us to do great things and create new beginnings. Jesus in his teaching about the Kingdom of God used three parables about sowing seeds and reaping a harvest. The harvest does not depend on us. God is always at work. Like the birds of the air who shelter in the branches of the tree that sprouted from the tiny mustard seed, we all benefit from the sowers of seed who have gone before us.

Robert Louis Stevenson has left us a famous quote: *Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.*

Sr. Anne

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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 16th June

- 6.30pm Vigil** May & Jimmy O'Brien (An)
Jennifer Lawless (Birthday Rem)
David O'Sullivan (An)
Kevin Lappin (An), Henry and
Alice Clarke (Rem)
Imelda & P.J. McGoldrick (Rem)
Terry Wall (Rem)
Marie & Patrick McEvoy (Rem)
Andrew Lappin (Rem)
Marie Stack (R.D)
- 9.00am** Paddy Green (7th An)
- 10.30am** Jack & Kitty Lannin (An)
- 12noon** Ann Lally (Month's Mind)
Doreen McKittrick (Birthday Rem)
Helisa Wippel (R.D)

Monday 17th June

- 7.30am** Helisa Wippel (R.D)
- 10.00am** Tom Kinane (25th An)

Tuesday 18th June

- 10.00am** Larry Doody (1st An)

Wednesday 19th June

- 10.00am** Margaret O'Connor (4th An)

Friday 21st June

- 7.30am** Mary Broderick (Recently Dec'd)

Saturday 22nd June

- 10.00am** Angela Dowling (1st An)

Sunday 23rd June

- 6.30pm Vigil** Mary Mulpeter (4th An)
Lillie Caffrey (An)
- 10.30am** Mary MacConalogue
Jack & Mary Finlay (Rem)
Salvacion Rosadio (1st An)
- 12noon** Tony Jordan (An)
Anne Harrington (An)
Mary Healy (An)

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



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

We remember our parishioners as they set out on their pilgrimage today and we pray that they will travel in safety. We ask them to remember the needs of our parish at Our Lady's Grotto and wish them many blessings throughout their time in Lourdes.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION EVALUATION

Dear Parents/Guardians,
we hope that you all have received the links of the First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion & Confirmation Preparation and Celebration Evaluation.
Your responses matter to us and we hope to hear from you before **Thursday, 20th of June.**
Many thanks.

Sacramental Preparation Team

RECENTLY DECEASED



**MARY BRODERICK
MICHAEL GILL
VALERIE BEHAN**

May They Rest in Peace

Sunday, 16th June - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings:

FIRST READING:

A reading from the first Book of the Prophet Ezekiel **17:22-24** - *I make the low trees grow.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

Response: *It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.*

SECOND READING:

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians **5:6-10**
Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark **4:26-34**
It is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.

VOLUNTARY MINISTRY

Parish Pastoral Council Initiative

A sincere "Thanks" to those of you who left *Expression of Interest* forms with us already!

We hope that many more of you are considering to join a Ministry/Ministries or Parish Groups.

There is an information board/table at the back of the Church for all the above and also some copies of the forms to fill in.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

Parish Pastoral Council

Clondalkin Village Festival

Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd, Sunday 23rd
June 2024

Lots of family events – Funfair, Pet Farm, Clondalkin Youth Band, Face-painting and lots more.

Full details of events on Clondalkin Village Festival facebook page:
Clondalkin Festival

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1506676236921349>

Free Organ Recital by Ronan Murray, one of Ireland's foremost organists

Village Church, Sunday 23rd June 2024,
2-3pm (Saor in aisce/No fee)

Part of Clondalkin Village Festival

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*Radio Maria needs
Adorers !*

RADIO MARIA
IRELAND 

Could you offer one hour or more to spend time with Jesus ? We are trying to establish the Chapel at Radio Maria (back of Red Cow Hotel) as a Centre for Perpetual Adoration.

If you are able to commit to a particular day or hour please text us at 087 096 2278 and we will call you back. God bless.

Radio Maria Adoration Team



NATIONAL
**MEALS ON
WHEELS**
NETWORK

**We have been operating
for over 40 years in
Clondalkin Village and
surrounding areas.**

All of us are volunteers. Here's how this initiative works: referrals are made by the District Nurses and meals are provided by Peamount Hospital. We deliver 2 meals and 2 deserts on Tuesdays & Thursdays (for which there is a small charge). We have 3 routes which are looked after by several volunteer groups: 1 for Tuesday and 1 for Thursday and there is also a volunteer dedicated to collecting the meals from Peamount to distribute to the 3 routes at Knockmitten Church Car Park.

Our volunteers give 1-2 hours of their time either on a Tuesday or a Thursday, 2 weeks on/2 weeks off and this is worked out between themselves.

So, with this in mind, any new volunteers would be put in touch with the Group for whichever day they are free and they would then organise their schedule with this Group.

Also, those collecting the meals from Peamount do so a month on/month off basis, again this is organised with a team of collectors.

We look forward to hearing from you!

**Meals on Wheels Coordinator is Helen Henry,
Knockmitten Church.**

Please leave your name & number in the Parish Office or email to the Parish Pastoral Worker
saule.cameron@dublindiocese.ie

WEDNESDAY HOSPITALITY

We invite you to join us for a cup of tea/coffee in the Parish Centre on **Wednesday 19th June** after the 10am Mass and Rosary.

Everyone is welcome!

If you would like to help with the monthly hospitality, please leave your name & number in the Parish Office.

Thank you for considering it!



Traditional 3 day pilgrimage season has begun and runs until 15th August.

Admission €80.

Concessions available. Booking advised.

Contact 071-9861518 or info@loughderg.org

To come on Pilgrimage or Retreat to Lough Derg, for one day or three days, one walks in the spiritual footsteps of St Patrick. Today, pilgrims young and old walk side by side in this place apart in a contemplative tradition that links them with St Patrick.

TEXTURING OF ROSES

In 1969, sitting in Eric Clapton's garden, using Clapton's acoustic guitar, George Harrison wrote "Here Comes The Sun" probably on a hit and miss day.

Sitting in the Rose Garden in the Botanic Gardens, absorbing the kaleidoscope of colour and "The Wigwam" Church as a backdrop, memories of times past come flooding in, and then magically the Sun came out "texturing the roses" in light and shade and, you know what, the memories were also illuminated and textured.

You too can have your "George Harrison Moment" but you need to be "open-heartedly observing".

Eddie



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 19th June **St. Romuald, Abbot**

Thursday 20th June **The Blessed Irish Martyrs**

Friday 21st June **St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious**

Saturday 22nd June **St. John Fisher, Bishop and St. Thomas More, Martyrs**

St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop

ST. JOHN FISHER (1469-1535) MARTYR

Feast Day 22nd June

John Fisher was a quiet, scholarly man. He was born in Yorkshire in 1469. His father was a wool merchant and he sent his son to Cambridge. John Fisher graduated as a Bachelor in 1488. In 1491 he took his Mastership and became a Fellow of Michael House. In 1501 he became a Doctor of Divinity and Vice Chancellor. In 1504 he was Chancellor of the University. This progress shows his scholarly interests. Even more significant was his choice of the famous humanist, Erasmus, to lecture at the University.

Fisher was a friend of Thomas More and of those who aimed at a reform of education especially for the clergy. In 1504 he was appointed Bishop of Rochester.

The events which led to his death was the King's decision to repudiate his wife, Catherine of Aragon, and to claim Headship of the Church of England when the Pope refused to sanction the King's decision. On 16 April 1534, John Fisher was lodged in the Tower of London together with Thomas More. Both had refused to take the oath of Succession acknowledging the issue of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn as legitimate heirs to the Throne.

Fisher's trial took place in Westminster Hall on June 17th 1535. He was found guilty of high treason for denying that the King was Supreme Head of the Church of England. On the morning of June 22nd, 1535, John Fisher was roused from sleep before five o'clock. The Lieutenant of the Tower told him that he was to die that day. "Well", he said, "if this be your errand you bring me no great news, for I have long looked for this message. And I must humbly thank the King's Majesty that it pleaseth him to rid me from all this worldly business. And I thank you also for your tidings."

His friend Thomas More, who was to follow him to the scaffold within a few days, wrote of him: "*I reckon in this realm no one man, in wisdom, learning and long approved virtue together, meet to be matched and compared with him.*"

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