

CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburris

Parish Newsletter - Sunday 7th July 2024

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

14th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

70 Years of Priestly Ministry

This Sunday we say congratulations and extend our warmest wishes to Fr. Des Byrne CSSp as he marks the 70th anniversary of his ordination and as his ministry in Knockmitten draws to a close.

Fr. Des was ordained in Rome on 4th July 1954 as a priest for the Spiritan Congregation. After his ordination Fr. Des ministered in Nigeria for many years before returning to work in Ireland. Fr. Des has ministered in Clondalkin parish at Knockmitten since 1998.

Over the 70 years of his priesthood, Fr. Des has undoubtedly seen tremendous change in the life of the Church. It's hard perhaps for many of us today to realise that Fr. Des was ordained in a pre-Vatican II Church. The 1950s was a time that saw a huge increase in vocations to the priesthood in Ireland. Many men, like Fr. Des, joined religious congregations and did tremendous work over the years in bringing the Gospel message of Jesus to all parts of the world, founding and building faith communities that still thrive in many countries today.

The people of Knockmitten have been blessed and well served by Fr. Des for the past 26 years. He has ministered to them through all the ups and downs of the past quarter of a century, celebrating with people on the many happy occasions as well as in the sadder moments of everyday life. Fr. Des has built up the faith community in Knockmitten in his time here and leaves a legacy that will endure long after him.

This weekend we say a heartfelt "Thank You" to Fr. Des as he calls time on his ministry in Knockmitten. We wish Fr. Des every blessing as he adjusts to retirement with his confreres in the Spiritan house in Kimmage. At 97 years of age and after 70 years of priestly ministry, it is well earned and well deserved.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Kieran Coghlan



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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

Clonburris

Sunday: 11am

Village Church



Sunday 7th July

6.30pm Vigil Joseph Maloney (18th An)
Paul Bradshaw (An)

10.30am Matthew Fitzsimons
Jose Luis Delgado (An)
Terence Doyle (20th An)
John (18th An) and Nancy (13th An) Mangan
Mgr. Dermot Clarke, Jerry Clarke & Mai Clarke (An)

12.00 noon Reena Lawlor (7th An)
Fr. Tommie Hughes (29th An)

Monday 8th July

10.00am Patrick, Sara, Brendan and
Frank Byrne (An)

Tuesday 9th July

10.00am Mary Broderick (Rem)

Thursday 11th July

10.00am Rita O'Sullivan (An)

Saturday 13th July

10.00am Brian McGuigan (2nd An)

Sunday 14th July

6.30pm Vigil Mary Broderick (Month's Mind)

10.30am Fr. Martin Ryan

12 noon Bill Caddle (An)

Sunday, 7th July - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings:

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel : 2:2-5
The sons are defiant and they shall know there is a prophet among them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Responsorial Psalm : Ps 122
Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians : 12:7- 10
So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me.

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark : 6:1-6
A prophet is only despised in his own country.

Summer Offerings

As in previous years the Archbishop again invites parishioners to make an offering in support of the priests of the Diocese at some stage over the Summer months. Envelopes are available on the tables in the Church.

Newlands Cross Cemetery



The annual Cemetery Mass will be celebrated on
Sunday 14th July at 3pm.

All Are Welcome

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



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 8th July **St. Kilian, Bishop & Martyr**

Tuesday 9th July **St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**

Thursday 11 July **St. Benedict, Abbot**

Saturday 13th July **St. Henry**

When you practice gratefulness, there is a sense of respect towards others.

HH The Dalai Lama

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 giving consideration to joining 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



RECENTLY DECEASED

ANN MARGARET KEOGH
JOHN McINERNEY

May They Rest in Peace



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

**St. Kilian (also spelled Killian and in
Irish, Cillian) 640 - 689 AD
Patron of Europe**

Feast Day 8th July

St. Kilian is one of the Patron Saints for sufferers of Rheumatism. He is the Patron Saint of the parish of Tuosist, near Kenmare in County Kerry, where he is believed to have resided before travelling to Germany. A Church and Holy Well are named after him and his feast day is traditionally celebrated with a *pattern* when crowds visit the Well for prayers, followed by evening social events. He is also the Patron Saint of Paderborn, Germany.



Carlo Acutis and 14 Blessed approved for Canonization

The College of Cardinals gathered with Pope Francis on Monday morning (1st July) in the Vatican's Apostolic Palace for an Ordinary Public Consistory.

Cardinal Marcelo Semeraro, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Causes of the Saints, presented a brief report—known in Latin as the *Peroratio*—on the lives and miracles of the 15 people under consideration, after which the Consistory voted and approved their canonization. The names of these 14 new Saints will be inscribed in the List of Saints on Sunday, October 20, 2024.

Pope Francis and the Consistory of Cardinals then voted to approve the canonization of the first Saint from Generation Y, those born between 1981 and 1996 commonly known as millennials. Blessed Carlo Acutis will likely be proclaimed a Saint during the 2025 Jubilee, possibly along with other canonizations. Born to Italian parents in London, England, in 1991, Blessed Carlo was a web designer who died from leukemia at the age of 15 in Monza, Italy. He was known for his devotion to Eucharistic miracles and Marian apparitions, which he catalogued on a website he designed. According to the *Peroratio*, Blessed Carlo was "*welcoming and caring towards the poorest, and he helped the homeless, the needy, and immigrants with the money he saved from his weekly allowance.*"

'Thank You' from Clondalkin Village Festival Committee

The Clondalkin Festival Organising Committee thanks Rev. Fr Coghlan and all concerned regarding the Organ Recital which took place as part of the Festival. Feedback strongly indicates that the audience enjoyed the recital very much.



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.

ESKER CEMETERY, LUCAN

MASS FOR THE DEAD WILL BE CELEBRATED ON

SUNDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2024
at 3.00pm

WEATHER PERMITTING

Cemetery Collection in aid of St. Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown

UNITED NATIONS WORLD POPULATION DAY

11th July



It took hundreds of thousands of years for the world population to grow to 1 billion – then in just another 200 years or so, it grew sevenfold. In 2011, the global population reached the 7 billion mark, it stands at almost 7.9 billion in 2021, and it's expected to grow to around 8.5 billion in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050, and 10.9 billion in 2100.

This dramatic growth has been driven largely by increasing numbers of people surviving to reproductive age, and has been accompanied by major changes in fertility rates, increasing urbanization and accelerating migration. These trends will have far-reaching implications for generations to come.

The recent past has seen enormous changes in fertility rates and life expectancy. In the early 1970s, women had on average 4.5 children each; by 2015, total fertility for the world had fallen to below 2.5 children per woman.

Meanwhile, average global lifespans have risen, from 64.6 years in the early 1990s to 72.6 years in 2019. In addition, the world is seeing high levels of urbanization and accelerating migration. 2007 was the first year in which more people lived in urban areas than in rural areas, and by 2050 about 66 per cent of the world population will be living in cities.

These megatrends have far-reaching implications. They affect economic development, employment, income distribution, poverty and social protections. They also affect efforts to ensure universal access to health care, education, housing, sanitation, water, food and energy. To more sustainably address the needs of individuals, policymakers must understand how many people are living on the planet, where they are, how old they are, and how many people will come after them.



THE ECHO OF SILENCE

"In the echo of silence
The whispers of the Divine are heard,
A melody sung by the Universe,
A song without a single word.

Listen to the echo, my dear,
And let your soul be stirred.

In the silence you'll find
The Divine's sacred word"

(Rumi 1207-1273)

Our mid-Summer flowers are also silent but, boy, do they communicate. Equally so, the humble Snowdrop, punching up through Winter's frost.

