

# CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburris

Parish Newsletter - Sunday 25th August 2024

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

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
of  
Ordinary  
Time

## *It is the Spirit who gives Life*

In Christianity there are non-negotiables. Jesus is not a mere menu card where we can pick and choose what we like and leave out what we do not like in His teaching. Jesus is rather a package deal. We either take Him fully on His terms and conditions or abandon Him altogether. When you and I reach a fork along the road of our Christian journey, a crisis and challenge in our discipleship, we have got to decide and choose whether we want to be faithful to Jesus or go our own way and abandon Him. He lets us go because He respects our freedom.

We can imagine what Jesus must have felt when many abandoned Him. He turns to the Twelve, and asks them *"What about you, do you want to go away too?"* (Jn. 6:67-71). The Twelve are the faithful ones. They do not fully understand the mystery of the Bread of Life but they believe. On their behalf, Peter answers: *"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we have come to know that you are the Holy One of God."* There will be times in our life too when the challenges will be difficult and demanding. To Jesus alone must we go. In Jesus alone must we profess our conviction and commitment. Jesus alone deserves our total loyalty and love. Relationships can begin and end. But when Jesus is really our friend, come what may, we will remain faithful.

The teaching of Jesus will always remain a challenge. "A gospel with no offence, however, is like a surgeon with no scalpel, having no power to heal." The gospel cuts only to cure; it hurts only to heal. Following Jesus is always a risk. The absence of risk in our following of Jesus is a sure sign of mediocrity. We may abandon Jesus; we may desert Jesus; we may be unfaithful to Jesus. He never abandons us; He never deserts us; He remains always faithful. He cannot deny Himself. This is the heart of the Good News! 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 25th August

- 6.30pm Vigil** Shane Bradshaw (An)
- 9.00am** Peter Lindsay (Recently Deceased)
- 10.15am** Peter McCabe (An)  
May Craven (An)  
Mary Kinsella (Birthday Rem)  
Greg Faustino Rosaoid
- 12 noon** Vincent Lernihan (34th An)  
Michael Hynes & Aileen Hynes (An)  
John Raftery (2nd An)  
John McDonagh (Rem)  
Sandra Gordon-Furlong (2nd An)  
Maisie O'Connor (1st An)  
Kathleen Grace (An)

### Monday 26th August

- 10.00am** Patrick McKinley (Rec Deceased)

### Friday 30th August

- 7.30am** Mary Butler (Month's Mind)

### Saturday 31st August

- 10.00am** Michael Conroy (Month's Mind)

### Sunday 1st September

- 6.30pm Vigil** Dan Sherry (6th An)  
Catherine (Kay) Mullins (1st An)

- 12 noon** Mary & Joe Connolly (An)  
Patrick Kelly (An)  
Owen Doherty (An)  
Jim Boland (Month's Mind)

### Rosters for Ministers of the Word

New rosters for Ministers of the Word for the months of September and October are now available in the Sacristy.

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



## Sunday, 25th August 2024

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*Today's Readings:*

### FIRST READING:

**A reading from the Book of Joshua 24:1-2.15-18**  
*We will serve the Lord, for he is our God.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3. 16-23**  
*Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

### SECOND READING:

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 5:21-32**  
*This mystery has many implications for Christ and the Church.*

### GOSPEL:

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:60-69**  
*Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.*

## Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Our pilgrims set out next Saturday, 31st August, to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock. We know they will place the needs of our Parish before the Lamb of God, Our Lady, St. Joseph and St. John in the Apparition Chapel and we wish them a safe and pleasant journey.



### Morning / Evening Adoration on Thursdays

Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **every Thursday after the 10am Mass till 11.30am** and from **7.30pm to 8.30pm.**

*We look forward seeing you*

## PARISH OFFICE

For the time being, the Parish Office is open to personal callers on

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
from 10am to 12 noon.**

You can leave a voicemail anytime on  
**(01) 459 3520** or email to  
**office@clondalkinparish.com**

### *Bayside Alpha*

are hosting on Zoom

Bishop Barron's 6 week film series  
**'Conversion - Following the Call of Christ'**,  
starting on Sunday the 15th of September from  
7:30pm to 8:30pm. Bishop Barron illuminates  
six biblical stories of conversion, demonstrating  
how six ordinary people were met by Jesus  
where they were and called to a better life  
through Him.

To join this free course email Paul  
at [alphabayside@gmail.com](mailto:alphabayside@gmail.com)

### *FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK*

<i>Tues 27th August</i>	<b>St. Monica</b>
<i>Wed 28th August</i>	<b>St. Augustine, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>
<i>Thurs 29th August</i>	<b>The Passion of St. John the Baptist, Martyr</b>
<i>Fri 30th August</i>	<b>St. Fiacre, Monk</b>
<i>Sat 31st August</i>	<b>St. Aidan of Lindisfarne, Bishop</b>

Our Lady of Lourdes help our faith!  
Open our ears to hear God's word and  
to recognise God's call.  
Awaken in us a desire to follow in his  
footsteps.

Help us to be touched by his love,  
that we may touch him in faith.

Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in his  
love, especially at times of trial and illness.

Remind us that those who believe are never alone.

Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he  
may be light for our path.

And may this light of faith always increase in us.

We make this prayer through your Son, Christ our Lord.

Our Lady of Lourdes - Pray for us.

St. Bernadette - Pray for us.



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](mailto:saule.cameron@dublindiocese.ie)

### **Rosters for Eucharistic Ministers**

New rosters for all Eucharistic Ministers for  
the months of September and October are  
now available in the Sacristy.

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NURSING HOMES**

We would like to ask you to consider becoming a  
Minister of the Eucharist for a Nursing Home. The  
Parish's small team of Ministers for Nursing  
Homes would like to grow to make sure that the  
residents of both Nursing Homes

**Lexington House and Clondalkin Lodge**  
can receive Holy Communion on a weekly basis.  
Training will be provided and visits on Saturday or  
Sunday will be on a Rota basis.

**Please leave your name and contact details in the  
Parish Office or email to  
office@clondalkinparish.com**

*We thank you in advance*

Are you looking for food for the mind and oxygen for the soul in the company of fellow travellers? Join the Adult Education Certificate in Spirituality and Human Development Programme.



It is open for applications now. For more information, please see the following website [www.mie.ie/spirituality](http://www.mie.ie/spirituality). If you are interested, please contact Mary at [mary.gao@mie.ie](mailto:mary.gao@mie.ie); or 087 450 8549.

### PHEIDIPPIDES

The Athenians wait, tense and stressed. Did we win?  
Are the Persians at our gates?

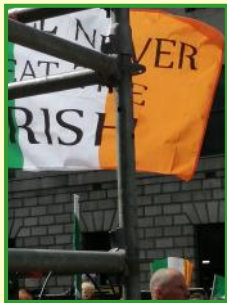
Here is the Herald, Pheidippides straight from the battle of Marathon, 26 miles from Athens. "Joy, we won" and then he collapsed and died (530 - 490 BC)

Our athletes were heroic and threaded right back to Pheidippides, gave their all and then some.

How proud we are of each one of them.

How could Paris match the Opening Ceremony in the Closing Ceremony, but they did. Yes. They forged the link right back to Ancient Greece and added in the mystical Golden observer.

How privileged were we to experience this. *Eddie*



The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in our community. Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments.

If you have a few hours to spare, a valid Driving License, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference.

Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time, offering comfort and support when it's needed most.

For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica at [volunteer@irishcancer.ie](mailto:volunteer@irishcancer.ie)

## CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY

This is a shout out to the adults to join our Children's Music Ministry Team!

You may play an instrument or teach music, or you may have experience of working with children (Third/Fourth class), or you might share a few hours a week to help us to set up practices/Sunday Mass space and to manage "Welcome"/saying "Goodbye".

Whatever is your gift or time availability, please talk to us if this is something you would be able to do.

We hope to start this special Ministry in the beginning of September here in the Village Church but we cannot do it on our own.

Please leave your name & contact details in the Parish Office or email to [office@clondalkinparish.com](mailto:office@clondalkinparish.com)

*Pauline Devaney & Saule Cameron (Pastoral Worker).*

### 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.

*Thank you for your support.*

Have patience with all things but first of all, with yourself.

While I am busy with little things, I am not required to do greater things.

*St. Francis de Sales*



Afternoon Tea on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm in The Laurels.

Music by Willie Joyce and local vocals.

Admission: €10 to include the Raffle

**Come and bring your friends !**

*Mary Dardis*

