

CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburris

Parish Newsletter - Sunday 4th August 2024

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

18th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

THEY WENT LOOKING FOR JESUS...

...but Jesus Himself didn't seem to be enough for them when they found Him. There were questions to be asked, expectations to be met.

As I prayed with this passage, I had glimpses of the crowd, the many voices speaking to Jesus, wanting to be heard, after all, they made a journey with their boats to the other side of the sea we are told! Then I listened to hear if they are paying attention to what Jesus has to say. It seems that He doesn't make it easy for them, but He speaks with love and assurance '*Very truly, I tell you...*' and then again '*Very truly I tell you*'.

Our beautiful human nature desires more, and more, and more and even God Oneself can be missed because desiring more can be entangling. Momentary satisfaction fades and then we need our next thing, our next food, our next comfort, our next answer.

Jesus answered - *I am the Bread of Life*. Did His listeners at that time grasp what He meant by that? I know people who can live without bread but cannot live without Jesus.

Maybe your life experience has already presented you with a hunger and thirst greater than ordinary bread can take away. Sometimes that depth of hunger and thirst makes us eat and feast more as we may try to desperately compensate for what cannot be compensated. Oh, how Jesus wanted to be heard and wants to be heard as His voice echoed throughout the centuries till it reached us.

Thank you for your promise to feed this hunger and to take away that thirst!

May we continue looking for Jesus in every moment and every breath, in every situation and conversation beyond the walls we built, or someone built for us and when we find Him, may Jesus be enough.

Saule Cameron, Parish Pastoral Worker

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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 4th August

- 6.30pm Vigil** John Talbot (Birthday Rem)
Victor O’Gorman (An)
- 9.00am** Henry & Teresa Nolan and
deceased members of the Nolan
and Cassin families
- 10.30am** Terence McDermott (Birthday Rem)
- 12 noon** Fran Green (An)
Angela Fitzpatrick (6th An)
Bridie & Sean Foran (An)

Tuesday 6th August

- 10.00am** Paddy and Ellen Plunkett (An)

Wednesday 7th August

- 10.00am** Joseph Cleary (Birthday Rem)

Sunday 11th August

- 6.30pm Vigil** Paul Bradshaw (Birthday Rem)
Shane Bradshaw (Birthday Rem)
- 10.30am** Mary Tope (Month’s Mind)
Jean Roberts (An)
Liam Heffernan Snr. (An)
Lyndsey Comer (An)
Ruby Tighe (An)
- 12.00 noon** Sean O’Shea (1st An)

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings:

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Book of Exodus: 16:2-4, 12-15
I will rain down bread for you from the heavens.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 77: 3-4, 23-25, 54.

Response - *The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

SECOND READING:

**A reading from the letter of
St Paul to the Ephesians 4:17, 20-24**
Put on the new self that has been created in God’s way.

GOSPEL:

**A reading from the Gospel according to John
6:24-35**
*He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes
in me will never thirst.*

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Following generally favourable comments, the proposed new Sunday Mass schedule will come into effect on **Sunday 18th August**.

The 10.30am Mass in the Village will change to **10.15am**.

The 11am Mass in Clonburris will change to **10.45am**.

The 11am Mass in Knockmitten will change to **11.30am**.

The remaining Masses in the **Village** (Saturday vigil at 6.30pm, 9am in Irish and 12 noon) continue at their current times.

RECENTLY DECEASED



**Jim Boland
Michael Conroy**

May They Rest in Peace

BANK HOLIDAY - MONDAY 5th AUGUST

Mass at 10am only.

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.



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

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

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

<i>Monday 5th August</i>	Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome
<i>Tuesday 6th August</i>	The Transfiguration of the Lord
<i>Wednesday 7th August</i>	St. Cajetan, Priest St. Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs
<i>Thursday 8th August</i>	St. Dominic, Priest
<i>Friday 9th August</i>	St. Teresa Benedicta of The Cross. Virgin & Martyr
<i>Saturday 10th August</i>	St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

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



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



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

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK *Saturday 31st August*

Fare €55 per person (includes bus, tea stop and evening meal)

To book, please put your name, phone number and fare in an envelope and hand into the Parish Office or Sacristy for the attention of Kathleen Ryder.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR OUR 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 in our parish

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.

(Garda Vetting will be a requirement for this ministry)

Please leave your details in the Parish Office.

We thank you in advance

ST CRÓNÁN MOCHUA'S FEAST-DAY : 6TH AUGUST

The annual ecumenical service to celebrate the feast-day of **St Crónán Mochua**, founder of the early medieval monastery on the site of the Round Tower in Clondalkin, will take place on **Tuesday 6th August at 8pm.**

St Crónán, who died on the 6th August 630 A.D., was a pupil of St Kevin in Glendalough and went on to found monasteries in Celbridge and Rathcoffey in county Kildare and Timahoe (Tigh Mochua) in county Laois. Members of the four parishes are invited to attend the ecumenical service in **St John's Church of Ireland Church, Tower Road, Clondalkin at 8pm** and to enjoy light refreshments afterwards in St John's school hall.

The annual Slí Chrónáin Mochua walk, commemorating the traditional medieval pilgrimage between Clondalkin and Celbridge, will this year take place on **Sunday 11th August**, commencing at 12pm at the Tobar Mochua stone, The Mill (on Main Street) in Celbridge.

Further information about the 15km walk can be found on the Clann Chrónáin Facebook page.

MOMENTS

The main square in Trinity College is studded with garden seats, ideal to read a book of your taste on a dry day. It rains, no bother as the Buttery Restaurant is beside you in the grounds and does nice chips.

Walking out through the front gate we are mesmerized yet again by the wild flowers on both sides tended by the students. Another moment, totally unexpected, also in a wild field on Watery Lane presented to me mid morning. The horses and the Starlings were grazing peacefully and amazingly, as I took a photo of one of the horses, a Starling cruised by. By sheer luck, I caught a moment in time which is that, just luck. The Starling banked left with feathers fully extended. How lucky was the little bird and me too to click just then. The joy of it.

Eddie

Apologies to readers of the Newsletter for the absence of Eddie's photos which were submitted for inclusion in last week's edition but had to be held over. Unfortunately, due to a technical glitch, the photos cannot be printed this week.

Bayside Alpha are hosting Bishop Barron's 6 week film series on The Mass, starting on Sunday the 4th of August from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. This series will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life.

To join this Zoom course email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com

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.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Pauline Devaney & Saule Cameron (Pastoral Worker).

Clondalkin's Round Tower Visitor Centre opened 7 years ago last month.

'In 2017, SDCC developed the Brú Chrónáin Round Tower Visitor Centre to narrate the tale of Clondalkin's Round Tower, established in over a thousand years ago by St. Mochua. It is one of only four remaining round towers in County Dublin', said Ralph McGarry, of the Council's County Promotion Unit. The visitor experience brings to life the monastic origins, Viking legacy, and the bustling 19th and early 20th-century village of Clondalkin. It also explores the social and political roles of round towers in Ireland,' he said. The Brú Chrónáin Round Tower Visitor Centre is open daily from 9 am to 4 pm, with free admission to the exhibition and gardens' said Ralph. 'It's a great place to visit during the summer, and if you have friends or family visiting from near or far, we'd encourage you to drop by, learn about the area's rich history, and maybe even enjoy a coffee and a great meal in the café.'

The centre regularly hosts temporary exhibits and events and is very popular with school tours. A local tour guiding group Clann Chrónáin offers free tours of the centre during the week and garden tours on weekends. Visitors can also self-guide through the centre by downloading the interactive multilingual guide onto their phone. The app is available in five languages including Spanish, French and German as well as English and Irish.