

CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburris

Parish Newsletter - 1st December 2024

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



A TIME OF WAITING

Today's Gospel with its frightening description of signs in the sky, agony on earth, people dying of fear and the sudden coming of the Son of Man in power and glory is not what we expect to hear on the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the Church's Year 2025. The Gospel reading is from Luke 21. Luke wrote his gospel around 80 AD. The early Christians believed Jesus would return in their lifetime.

As time went on and Jesus did not appear they grew lax. Luke encourages them to stay awake and remain alert. They are to keep praying, avoid drunkenness and the distractions of daily life. Those who endure, who bear witness and remain alert in prayer, have nothing to fear from the second coming of the Son of Man. They can stand up straight and hold their heads high.

The message in today's Gospel is as relevant in our day as it was in the first century. Our world has become ever more fragile with the growing threat of terrorist attacks and natural disasters. The call to remain alert is a serious one. Advent offers us the opportunity to "Watch and Pray". The poet, Patrick Kavanagh speaks of the "Advent-darkened room" which can restore the soul to wonder. Advent offers a space of stillness, a place of waiting. Advent does two things. It brings us back to the time of the first coming of Jesus among us and to his final coming at the end of time.

Our Advent guides are the prophet Isaiah, John the Baptist, Elizabeth and her husband Zachary, the Angel Gabriel, Mary and Joseph. Seven hundred years before Christ was born the prophet Isaiah foretold the first and final coming of the Son of God. John the Baptist prepared the way for him. Elizabeth recognised Mary as the mother of God. Zachary, filled with the Holy Spirit blessed God for sending a mighty Saviour. The Angel Gabriel brought the Good News to Mary. Joseph welcomed Mary and her unborn child into his life. We certainly are in good company during Advent.

Christ is always coming. He came into the world and lived among us. He promised to be with us always. He will come again. There will always be an Advent, a time of waiting for his coming.

Sr. Anne

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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 1st December

6.30pm Vigil Owen Mansfield (1st An)
Kathleen & Johnny Roebuck (An)
Martin Whelan (An)
Maura & Joe Ledwidge (An)
Edward Loch (9th An)
Robert & Joan Crookes (An)

Deceased members of the Fitzgerald family

9.00am Catherine Monaghan (Recently Dec'd)

10.15am Matthew Minogue (An)
James (Jnr) & Alice Norton (An)
George Browne (An)
Frances Bulley (4th An)
Scott Cocchia (1st An)
Eamonn Collins (Month's Mind)
Brendan Foley & Caroline Foley (Rem)
Phil & Molly Dennis & deceased members
of the Dennis family (Rem)

12 noon George Blackburne (An)
Rosaleen Delaney (An)
Sean Mooney (An)
Martina Mooney (An)
Paddy Whelan (An)
Nora & Gay Keogh (An)
Denis Flanagan (An)
William & Bridget Dee (An)

Monday 2nd December

10.00am Doris Byrne (2nd An)

Tuesday 3rd December

10.00am Sr. Clare O'Dwyer (1st An)

Wednesday 4th December

10.00am Chris Stapleton (Rem)

Thursday 5th December

10.00am John Cassells (3rd An)

Friday 6th December

7.30am, 10.00am & 7.30pm Altar List of the Dead

Saturday 7th December

10.00am Fr. Brian Starken (Recently Dec'd)

Sunday 8th December

6.30pm Vigil Peggy & Daniel Lynch (An)
and John Lynch (Birthday Rem)
Martin McLoughlin Jnr. (An) and
(Birthday Rem)

12 noon Tommy & Hetty Tobin (An)
Michael McGreevey (3rd An)
Mary O'Neill (3rd An)
Agnes McHale (An)
Jack Murphy (40th An)
Bridie Murphy (31st An)
Mary Ashe (An)

Sunday, 1st December 2024

1st Sunday of Advent - Year C

Today's Readings:

FIRST READING:

**A reading from the book of the
Prophet Jeremiah 33:14-16**

I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

SECOND READING:

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

*May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness when
Christ comes.*

GOSPEL:

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

Your liberation is near at hand.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY
COMMUNION CHILDRENS' PARENTS & GUARDIANS**

We would like to remind you about the
GODLY PLAY for your children for the next two
Tuesdays in the Parish Centre.
For more information please check your email box
or contact the Parish Pastoral Worker,
Saule, on 085 875 0995.

Sacramental Preparation Team



St. Vincent de Paul

**The annual Christmas collection
will be taken up at all Masses
next weekend, 7th/8th December.
Your support is appreciated.**

Digital Advent Calendar

Open a virtual Advent Calendar door each
day to access daily reflections, prayers, and
activities that explore the theme of hope.

www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar

LECTIO DIVINA GROUP
(Sacred Scripture reading)



Meetings take place **every Tuesday morning** in the Parish Centre after the 10am Mass and Rosary. Sr. Anne leads the group in a prayerful reflection on the coming Sunday's Mass readings. All Are Welcome!

TRAINING FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD - EXISTING AND NEW!

We are inviting you to the training evening for the Ministry of the Word on **Wednesday, 4th of December at 7.30pm.**

The meeting will take place in the **VILLAGE CHURCH**

We look forward to seeing you.

Parish Team

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We look forward to welcoming all the children at the 12.00pm Mass for the four Sundays of Advent. Children will be invited to come to the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word to reflect on the Gospel in a child friendly way.

Bayside Alpha are hosting on Zoom a two part series:

**St Francis of Assisi:
Sign of Contradiction**

with Bishop Barron and Franciscan Friar Fr Dave Pivonka on Sunday 15th and 22nd of December at 7:30pm.

To join this free series email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com

Four Sundays of Advent

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
4pm – 5.45pm

Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus in preparation for His great coming at Christmas.



GODLY PLAY FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION CHILDREN

The Advent story will be shared with your children on **Tuesdays 3rd and 10th of December.** Please bring your child/children straight after school and collect them at **3:45 pm** in the Village Church Parish Centre (*beside the Church*).

Godly Play Team:

Saule Cameron (Parish Pastoral Worker),
Fiona Minogue and Rosemary Lavelle.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Thank you to all of you who participated at the events organised by the Sacramental Team over the past few months. We wish you and your families a peaceful Advent and we look forward seeing you in the New Year.



RECENTLY DECEASED

**Marie Butterly
Sarah Kearney**

May They Rest in Peace

The Repository

The Parish Christmas Remembrance Cards are now on sale. Recipients of these cards are remembered at all Masses on Christmas Day.

We also have a good selection of Christmas Cards and Christmas Mass bouquets.



We have Cribs and gifts suitable for Christmas and Sanctuary Candles may be donated for special intentions.

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



PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open each day Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm. You can contact the Parish Office on (01) 459 3520 or by email at office@clondalkinparish.com

seniorline

National Confidential Listening Service for Older People

Freephone
1800 80 45 91

Seniorline is a confidential listening service for older people by trained older volunteers.

Our lines are open every day from 10am to 10pm, 365 days a year.

ALONE's Telephone Support Service provides daily or weekly telephone contact to



YOU'RE NOT ALONE

an older person from a volunteer. Volunteers provide companionship and support such as appointment reminders, medication prompts, and information on local activities and relevant initiatives.

All volunteers are trained, Garda vetted and receive support from ALONE staff.

National Support Line 0818 222 024

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

<i>Tuesday 3rd December</i>	St. Francis Xavier, Priest
<i>Wednesday 4th December</i>	St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
<i>Friday 6th December</i>	St. Nicholas, Bishop
<i>Saturday 7th December</i>	St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

GODLY PLAY FOR ADULTS

We invite you to immerse yourself into the Advent story in a gentle and imaginative way.

We invite you to the Village Church Parish Centre on
Tuesday, 10th December 7.30pm - 8.30pm

WEDNESDAY HOSPITALITY

This will take place on the 18th December after the 10am Mass & Adoration.

All are welcome!



The Tap & Go machine at the back of the Church, near the Parish Shop, is a simple, secure and safe way to donate to the Mass collections if you don't carry cash and wish to use your card. *Thank You*



Clondalkin Cares Food Bank

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Please keep your donations and support coming.

Donations can be dropped off at the following venues:

- Clondalkin Parish Office Mon-Fri 10.00-12.30
- Neart Le Chéile Thurs 10.00-3.00
- Neilstown Church Mon-Wed 10.00-3.30
- Quarryvale Community and Youth Centre Mon-Fri 11.00-3.00
- Ronanstown Youth Service Tues 10.00-12.00

To register for food or for any other information, please email manager@quarryvalefrc.ie or call 085 202 0300 during normal office hours.

To donate please use our Go Fund Me page <https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-our-food-bank>

We welcome any other place that would like to volunteer to act as a drop-off point for donations. Just contact us and let us know.

IF YOU NEED SUPPORT OR KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO DOES, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO EMAIL OR CALL.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Clondalkin Youth Band invites you to the Village Church on
Monday, 9th December at 7.30 pm.

All Are Welcome!



PARISH CAROL SERVICE

The annual Carol Service will take place in the Village Church this year on
Tuesday, 17th December at 7.30 pm.



All Are Welcome!