

CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburris

Parish Newsletter - Sunday 3rd November 2024

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

31st Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

A scribe approached Jesus with a standard question of the day: "Which commandment is first of all?". The rabbis counted 613 commandments in the Torah- 248 of them positive and 365 negative. Which was first or most important was a common topic in Jewish circles and it is reasonable to assume that a teacher like Jesus would be asked for his opinion.

Jesus quoted two Old Testament commandments about love of God and love of neighbour suggesting that no one commandment sufficed as an answer to the question. He linked the two love commandments together and made them into one commandment that transcended all others in importance.

"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, all your strength. You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no greater commandment than these."

The command to love God is a response to the love that God has shown us: "We love God because he first loved us" (1 John 4,19) The love God has for each one of us has been revealed especially in Jesus who was sent into the world that we might live through him.

"God loved the world so much that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" (John3:16)

The command to love one's neighbour as oneself assumes that people naturally love themselves enough to care and protect themselves and look after their own interests. The challenge is to show the same kind of love to others, to show compassion. The word "neighbour" in the Old Testament was limited to family, kin and friend but Jesus in the parable of the Good Samaritan extended it to mean anyone in need, regardless of race or background. Showing compassion is helping where the need is, looking out for the other, paying attention, using words that build up rather than pull down, making allowances and forgiving.

The scribe understood and accepted all Jesus said about love of God and love of neighbour. Jesus commended him for answering wisely stating he was "not far from the kingdom of God".

May we in our daily efforts to love God and love our neighbour merit to hear the same words from Jesus *"You are not far from the kingdom of God"*

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



Saturday 2nd November All the Faithful Departed

6.30pm Vigil Annual Mass for all who have died in the past year

Sunday 3rd November

9.00am Pádraig Ó Broin (An)

10.15am Rita Roberts (50th An)
Clare Molloy (46th An)
Honora Cahill (66th An)
Frank Cahill (65th An)

12 noon Yvonne O'Connor (Month's Mind)
James Robertson (An)
Magdalen Robertson (Rem)
Patrick Robertson (An)
Rosario Fernandes (Birthday Rem)

Deceased members of the Clondalkin Bridge Club

Tuesday 5th November

10.00am Vincent Kells (21st An)

Sunday 10th November

6.30pm Vigil Trish Maher (Month's Mind)
Anne Doonan (9th An)
Elizabeth Murphy (Month's Mind)
Carmel Creaven (An)

9.00am Wendy McGrath (An)

10.15am Liam, Babs & Gay Norton (An)

12 noon Ernest Marshall (1st An)

Lord, give us the certainty that beyond death there is a life where broken things are mended and lost things are found; where there is rest for the weary and joy for the sad; and where we will meet again our loved ones. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen.

Sunday, 3rd November 2024

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Today's Readings:

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Listen, Israel: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4, 47. 5
I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 7:23-28
Christ, because he remains forever, can never lose his priesthood.

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 12:28-34
This is the first commandment: The second is like it.



RECENTLY DECEASED

Albert Hall

Mary Downes

May They Rest in Peace

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED AND BEREAVED

The annual Mass for all those whose funerals have taken place in the Parish during the past 12 months and for those who have been bereaved will take place at the

***Vigil Mass on Saturday
2nd November at 6.30pm.***

All Are Welcome





Christian Meditation Ireland

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION IRELAND

Fr. Donagh O'Shea will lead a morning of Meditation and Reflection on Saturday, 09 November 2024 from 10:00am to 1:00pm at Balally Parish Centre (Eircode D16 E032).

Donagh will speak to the theme '*Meditation: Falling Awake*'

All are welcome, no previous experience necessary. See www.christianmeditationireland.ie

FEAST OF ALL THE SAINTS OF IRELAND 6th November

Only four Irish saints: Ss Malachy (1094-1148), Laurence O'Toole (1128-80) Oliver Plunkett (1625-81) and St Charles of Mount Argus (1821-93), have been officially canonised. All the other Irish saints, such as Ss Patrick, Brigid, and Colmcille, are saints, as it were, by *acclamation* of the local Church, before the official papal canonisation process was established. Recently we have quite a few beatifications. The scope of this feast, while it includes canonised saints, is wider. It also includes those who had a reputation for holiness and whose causes for canonisation have not yet been completed, such as Bl. Thaddeus MacCarthy (1455-92), the seventeen Irish martyrs of the 16th and 17th centuries, Bl Edmund Ignatius Rice (1762-1844), Bl Columba Marmion (1858-1923) and the Servant of God Matt Talbot (1856-1925) and people like Legion of Mary envoys Edel Quinn and Alfie Lamb, whose causes have already been introduced. But it also includes those whose lives of sanctity were known only to their families, friends or members of their parish diocese or religious community.

(Taken from CatholicIreland.net/saintoftheday)

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

<i>Monday 4th November</i>	St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
<i>Tuesday 5th November</i>	St. Martin de Porres, Religious
<i>Wednesday 6th November</i>	All the Saints of Ireland
<i>Thursday 7th November</i>	St. Willibrord, Bishop
<i>Saturday 9th November</i>	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Rosters for the Eucharistic Ministers for November and December are now available from the Sacristy.

NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

Envelopes for the November Altar list are now available in the Church. Those whose names are on the Altar list are remembered at Masses on the First Friday of every month.

REMINDER

Voluntary Ministry Appeal continues this Autumn with a special designated space at the back of the Church and the Information/Expression of Interest Forms to take. Please also note that there is a Questionnaire on a table for your attention. We would really appreciate if you could take a few minutes of your time and fill it in by ticking a few boxes.

Parish Pastoral Council

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

Seniorline is a confidential listening service for older people by trained older volunteers,
Freephone **1800 80 45 91**

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

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



Children's Music Ministry

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We invite your children to join CMM!

All children from 3rd Class upwards are welcome to join us on **Mondays** after school until 3.45pm in the Parish Centre.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY LEADERS

Pauline Devaney & Saule Cameron
(Pastoral Worker)

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN OUR TEAM.

Please talk to us if you are interested.

Pope: May we be a Church on the move, sharing the joy of the Gospel



Marking the conclusion of the XVIth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, Pope Francis presided over the Synod's closing Mass on Sunday, 27 October, in Saint Peter's Basilica. The Pope gave thanks to the Lord for the "journey we have made together" in the Synod on Synodality that began three years ago with local, regional and continental meetings, and culminated in month-long October meetings at the Vatican in 2023 and concluding in 2024. In his homily Pope Francis recalled today's

Gospel (27th October) narrative of the blind man Bartimaeus who cries out to the Lord, asking to regain his sight. Rediscovering his sight, Bartimaeus joyfully sets out to follow Jesus along the way. The Pope explained how Bartimaeus represents the "inner blindness" we all can have that can hold us back from "the dynamism of life" and having any hope. This can also affect us as Church, the Pope added, where we can become "incapable of perceiving the presence of the Lord, unprepared to face the challenges of reality" and at times unable to respond adequately "to the questions of so many who cry out to us." In conclusion, the Pope gave thanks once again for the synodal journey undertaken and prayed that we may "continue our journey together with confidence." And like Bartimaeus, may "take heart" in hearing the Lord's call, entrusting our blindness to the Lord, rising up and once again carrying "the joy of the Gospel through the streets of the world."

(Extract from vaticannews.va)



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@quarryvalefric.ie or call 085 202 0300 during normal office hours.

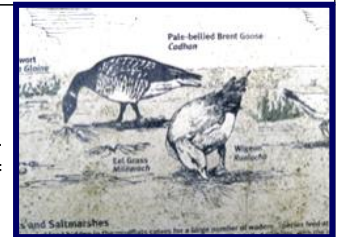
To donate please use our Go Fund Me page <https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-our-food-bank>

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.

THE 8 WEEK ENVELOPE

The little Brent Geese have come to Winter with us and will build in number until the end of November. It's so easy to see them. Get the H1/H2 bus from Middle Abbey Street (beside the Luas stop) and get off at the junction of Howth Road and James Larkin Road. Be there about an hour before full tide, when the wild life will be feeding nearest the road. If you are really privileged you may see them returning from feeding on the grass in St. Anne's Park, straight over your head in arrow formation, gliding on their flight path coming in to land on the water. Bring any pair of binoculars and a flask and whatever you fancy in treats.



Nature on your doorstep.

Enjoy.

Eddie

