

CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburris

Parish Newsletter - 15th December 2024

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BRINGS OUT OUR BEST

This mid-point of Advent alerts us to issues of justice and equality. The prophet John has been asked as a sort of trick by people who exploited others with tax bills, and soldiers who often used their brute force on others how they should repent. His words were tough but quite ordinary -
~ don't overcharge ~ share your surplus with the needy ~ and don't exploit people. It's another, but more figurative way, of stating the basic demands of 'Love one another'.

Christmas can bring out the best in us to care for the needy. We are surrounded by charities looking for aid. We know that Jesus hears the cries of the poor, and he joins every carol singing group trying to help. Christmas also asks us to consider our honesty and integrity, for we know that many are poor, at home and abroad, because of the greed of others. Christmas is a reminder and a challenge that all can live with the dignity we have come to regard as human rights - education, safety, shelter, food, water, employment, freedom.

The Christ child who was born poor represents all the poor of the world, especially children. As he was born ordinary, he represents that God who meets, greets and helps us in the ordinary aspects of life. The one who is to come is the one who will live and love according to these truths of human dignity and equality.

*Come, Lord Jesus, child of the earth, child of God.
Come into our world of joy and sorrow.
Stay with us always,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

Donal Neary S.J.

(Taken from catholicireland.net/sunday-homily)

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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 15th December

- 6.30pm Vigil** Bridie & Paddy O'Brien (An)
Eamonn Moloney (Month's Mind)
- 9.00am** Phyllis McGrath (An)
- 10.15am** Eugene Garrigan (7th An)
Brigid, Edward and Mary Brannigan (An)
John Scully (An)
Marian Corless (An)
Alexander Burnett (Rem)
- 12 noon** Pdraig Faughnan (9th An)
Elizabeth & Nicholas West and
deceased members of the West family
Mary & Patrick Hendley & deceased
members of the Hendley family (Rem)
Kathleen & Danny O'Neill & deceased
members of the O'Neill family (Rem)
Deceased members of the Fowley family
Deceased members of the Dixon family
Conan Kelly (An)
Pdraig, Aiden & Alan Wilson
Bridget, Edward & Mary Brannigan (An)
- 2.00pm** Mass for the African community

Monday 16th December

- 10.00am** Terence Kearney (An)

Wednesday 18th December

- 10.00am** Paddy & Lily Hanway (An)

Friday 20th December

- 10.00am** Patrick Smith (2nd An)

Sunday 22nd December

- 6.30pm Vigil** Michael Taylor (5th An)
Sammy McDonnell (An)
Kathleen & Jim Boland (An)
- 10.15am** Mary MacConalogue
Jim Minogue (Birthday Rem)
James Norton Snr. (An)
Pauline Murphy (8th An)
Jack & Mary Finlay (Rem)
Jack, Katie & Michael Fitzgerald and
deceased family members (Rem)
Patrick & Mary Cosgrove and deceased
members of the Cosgrove family (Rem)
- 12 noon** Eilish Hynes, Eileen Hynes and
Eoin Shiel (An)
Paddy Delaney (An)
Larry Carroll
Cian Long (Month's Mind)
Noel Tierney (Month's Mind)
Briega & Sean Foran (Rem)
Liam Callaghan (Rem) and family
Kathleen & Michael Shannon (Rem)
and family

Sunday, 15th December 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent - Year C

Today's Readings:

FIRST READING:

**A reading from the book of the
Prophet Zephaniah 3:14-18**

*The Lord will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a
day of festival.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Responsorial Psalm Ps 1

*Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the
Holy One of Israel.*

SECOND READING:

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians 4: 4-7**

The Lord is very near.

GOSPEL:

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke 3:10-18**

What must we do?

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.



RECONCILIATION FOR CHRISTMAS

**Christmas Reconciliation Service on
Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm
in the Village church.**

**Confession available after 10am Mass
each weekday in the Village church
from now until Christmas Eve.**

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!

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.

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!



In **Áras Chrónáin**
Irish Cultural Centre, Clondalkin
Sunday/Domhnach 15th December
2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm.

WEDNESDAY HOSPITALITY

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

All Are Welcome!



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.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 18th December **St. Flannan, Bishop**
Friday 20th December **St. Fachanan, Bishop**
Saturday 21st December **St. Peter Canisius,
Priest & Doctor of the
Church**

RECENTLY DECEASED



Paul Carberry
Elizabeth Walsh
Mark Kehoe

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 Cribbs 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.



Prayer for the Third Week in Advent

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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GRATITUDE IN ADVENT

On a skinning, biting cold Christmas Eve, we were embedded in Simon at The Gaiety and enobled our night wonderfully. And Simon got a few bob.

"Give me six of those Christmas Caps". "Okay, take them". I did. Musing our way down Grafton Street to get the bus home, there was Michael, sitting in a doorway, quiet as a mouse (some Christmas). "Here, Michael, take these Christmas Caps and put them all on together." "Do you realise what you have just done for me?"

Was it meeting The Edge and Bono (naa); was it mingling with open-hearted Simon fans (uh ah), was it the sheer buzz outside the Gaiety (nope).

By a clear country mile, it was the deep, deep soulful call of gratitude from Michael on that biting cold Christmas Eve in Grafton Street. And, you know what ("Marie, I am 100% certain that Simon's Angels will be around with warm drinks and food and clothes"). But, right now, Michael is warming up. What a feeling.

Root out any woolly cap and give it to
"Your Encountered Michael".

Eddie

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.

Clondalkin Drama Group presents

Golden Tickets available at Clondalkin Village Hardware



CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY THE PANTO

Coláiste Chillian, Clondalkin
Adults - €10
Children - €5
Family (2 adults, 2 kids) - €25

Sat 11th Jan - 2:30pm, 7pm
Sun 12th Jan - 2:30pm
Fri 17th Jan - 7pm
Sat 18th Jan - 2:30pm, 7pm
Sun 19th Jan - 2:30pm

Venue: Coláiste Chillian

Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th January
Friday 17th, Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th January
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