

CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburris

Parish Newsletter - 22nd & 29th December 2024

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



ALL WHO HEARD IT WERE AMAZED



As a student, I remember hearing of a story from an elderly American Franciscan monk about an interview he watched on the TV. A group of cosmonauts were asked various questions after their return to Earth. The journalist said with enthusiasm that it must be an extraordinary feeling that you as a human being are able to go to Cosmos! One of the cosmonauts replied after pausing: "Yes, it is, but it is not that extraordinary, science made it possible. What is extraordinary to me, is that God became one of us and came down to the Earth."

There was silence in the studio for a few moments. The journalist wasn't ready to reply to an answer like this. The room was silent for some time when this story was told to us as a bunch of students just before Christmas. Godly Play stories express so well that the Church knew a long time ago that we need time to get ready to come close to the mystery of Christmas. How close did I come to it in all these weeks presented in my precious and unique life story? All these years later, it is in the silence where it seems I can come closest to the Mystery of Christmas even when something is still not done or forgotten, is not said or said with lack of love, but now I know more deeply that God is with us in all the circumstances of our lives, in everyone and in everything. All life experiences can become like a lighthouse in the horizon of the peaceful shore and then you, Dear Reader, become a lighthouse to others as God's life and love shines through you!

The most extraordinary event happened back then, which the prophets foretold for centuries. That night the shepherds from the fields went with haste to Bethlehem to find the mystery of Christmas - child Christ lying in the manger. *"When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them."* Luke 2:18. We can only imagine what this very first Christmas experience would have been like and the sight of a helpless baby in the arms of two inexperienced parents who knew so little of what was to come or even where to go from here, but they knew what mattered the most.



They knew that Emmanuel is born – God is with us and that changes everything.

Saule Cameron, Parish Pastoral Worker

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Mass Times and Services

Clondalkin Village

Sunday: Saturday Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday 9am (in Irish), 10.15am & 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

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2024

CONFESSIONS

Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th December
after 10am Mass in the Village Church.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve – Tuesday 24th December

Village Mass at 7.30pm and 9.30pm

Knockmitten Mass at 6pm

Clonburris Mass at 9pm

Christmas Day – Wednesday 25th December

Village Mass at 9am (in Irish), 10.15am and
12 noon

Knockmitten Mass at 11.30am

Clonburris Mass at 10.45am

St. Stephen's Day – Thursday 26th December

Village Mass at 10am

Friday 27th to Saturday 28th December

Village Mass at 10am each day

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Envelopes for Christmas Offerings are available on
the tables in the Church.

Thank you for your continued support.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday
25th to Friday 27th December. It will reopen on
Monday 30th December.

You can contact the Parish Office on
01-4593520 (leave a voicemail) or by email
at office@clondalkinparish.com

Parish Calendars 2025

Parish calendars are available on the tables in
the Church. Please feel free to take one
home with you.

TAP & GO

The Tap & Go machine at the back of the Village
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.

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.

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.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

CHRISTMAS/JANUARY/FEBRUARY ROSTERS

The rosters for those who can help over
Christmas and also the rosters for January &
February 2025 are now available for collection
from the sacristy.

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



PRAYER FOR THE 4th WEEK IN ADVENT

All-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on
our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at
the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful
hope to hear the voice which announces his glory
and open our minds to receive the Spirit
who prepares us for his coming.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.



RECENTLY DECEASED

Catherine Turner

May She Rest in Peace

Village Church



Sunday 22nd December

6.30pm Vigil	Michael Taylor (5th An) Sammy McDonnell (An) Kathleen & Jim Boland (An) Joe, Nancy & Patsy Murphy (An)
9.00am	Greene and Lyndsay Families (Rem) Betty & Wally McGregor (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) Mary Kirwan, Geraldine & Mary Lernihan and deceased members of the Kirwan and Lernihan Families Molly & Bill Dennis (Rem) and deceased members of the Dennis Family Brendan Foley (Rem) Caroline Das Foley (Rem) & deceased members of the Foley Family
12 noon	John Scully Paddy Delaney (An) Larry Carroll Cian Long (Month's Mind) Noel Tierney (Month's Mind) Briega & Sean Foran (Rem) George McDonnell (An) Dympna Smith (Rem) John Quigley (Rem) John Fleming (11th An) Lillian Fleming (5th An) Liam Callaghan (Rem) and Family Kathleen & Michael Shannon (Rem) and Family Eilish Hynes, Eileen Hynes and Eoin Shiel (An) Fr. John Taylor (Recently Deceased) Doreen & William McKittrick and members of the McKittrick & Skelton Families (Rem) McHugh & Twyford families (Rem) Doyle Family

Monday 23rd December

7.30am	Seamus Egan (17th An)
10.00am	Mary & Matthew Maxwell (Rem)

Tuesday 24th December

10.00am	Joe Cleary (Rem)
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Tuesday 24th December - **Christmas Eve**

7.30pm	Masses offered for the intentions of the Parish
9.30pm	

Wednesday 25th December - **Nativity of the Lord**

9.00am (<i>in Irish</i>)	Masses offered for the intentions of the Parish
10.15am	
12 noon	

Thursday 26th December - **Feast of St. Stephen**

10.00am	Patrick, Sara, Brendan and Frank Byrne (An)
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Friday 27th December

10.00am	Joseph Byrne (Rem)
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Saturday 28th December

10.00am	Christopher & Lilian Behan (An)
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Sunday 29th December

6.30pm Vigil	Gerlinda Will (An) Patrick (Paddy) Smith (An) Kay Cummins (30th An) Doreen Rackley (An)
10.15am	Fran Mulholland (An) Marie Hegarty (8th An)
12noon	Tony O'Neill (An) Moya Riordan Nora Sheridan (An) Bernard Sheridan (Rem)

The Parish Team wish all parishioners every blessing for Christmas and the New Year.

Thank you to all our volunteers and to all who have supported the parish community in any way over the past year.

May the Lord bless us anew as we walk as Pilgrims of Hope during 2025.

*Fr. Kieran, Fr. Brian, Fr. Shán,
Deacon Don, Saule*

As 2024 draws to a close, the newsletter team takes this opportunity to wish all our readers, both local and further afield, a happy and peaceful Christmas and may the blessing of the newly born Christ be upon yourselves and your loved ones.

Nollaig shona agus athbhliain faoi mhaise dhaoibh go léir.



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EMBEDDED

"O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, we are in the forest, your home, near Augsburg in Germany in 1629. In Summer you are green and, burdened with Winter snow, you are still green. Your consistency and faithfulness are embedded in me and, fortified by you, I embrace my woes in peace."

Standing in front of our Village Church Christmas Tree, write a tag and hang it on the tree in December 2024. And feeling embedded, you are on the road to Christmas True Peace. Shalom, be embedded before the Crib and listen to *Mary Did You Know* by Pentatonix. And hey, you need to be embedded in Shalom every day. It's not easy but the deep, deep resultant joy is magic

Eddie



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@quarryvalefrfc.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.

A Prayer for Christmas Day

O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness, and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace

Amen.

Pope John XXIII