

CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburris

Parish Newsletter - 8th December 2024

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



Preparing for Christmas

The Advent season is a time of preparation for Christmas. In these days we look forward to the Christmas event which is just a few weeks away now. In anticipation of what is to come, we start to get ourselves ready and prepared. We want everything to be just 'right' when Christmas day arrives.

Preparations take place on many levels. There are all kinds of practical things to be taken care of. There are cards to write, presents to buy, trees and lights and decorations to put up. If we are hosting visitors there may be rooms to get ready, the house cleaned, food and drink to be bought in. If we are heading away to celebrate Christmas, there will be travel arrangements and suitcase packing to be undertaken. Most of our preparations we consider necessary in one way or another so that Christmas will be as good as it can be for ourselves and our families and friends.

The preparations that John the Baptist calls for in this Sunday's Gospel are of a very different kind. John invites us to look inwards, into our hearts and souls, and recognise our need for the salvation that comes to us in Jesus. John urges the people to remove any obstacles in their lives that hinder the coming of the Lord. In this sense, Advent invites us to a fresh reflection on our manner of Christian living and an opportunity to make any changes we may deem appropriate, so that we more faithfully reflect the person and values of Jesus whom we strive to imitate in our daily life and living.

As we prepare for Christmas, Advent helps us to appreciate the great love of God for all humanity, the dignity that God gives to the human person in choosing to reveal himself in the child Jesus, and the potential in every human person, whether realised or not, to become what God intended us to be since the beginning of creation.

The challenge for many of us during Advent is to marry the practical preparations with the spiritual preparations so that there is a healthy balance between them and we don't lose the run of ourselves in the run-up to Christmas. With a little effort and self-awareness on our part this can be done successfully. And so we prepare for and await the birth of Christ at Christmas with the beautifully simple and heartfelt Advent prayer: Come, Lord Jesus.

Fr. Kieran Coghlan

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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 8th December

6.30pm Vigil Peggy & Daniel Lynch (An)
and John Lynch (Birthday Rem)

Martin McLoughlin Jnr. (An) and
(Birthday Rem)

Donal Hudson (7th An)
Laurence O'Brien (An)
Katie McDonald (An)
Special Intention

10.15am May Adams (25th An)
Tom Adams (Rem)
Rory Clynch (An)
Evelyn Jones (Birthday Rem)
Thanksgiving (Special Intention)

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)

Monday 9th December **Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7.30am Phyllis Ellis (deceased)
Marija Elena (deceased)

Tuesday 10th December

10.00am Special Intention

Friday 13th December

7.30am Molly & Christopher Hannon (An)
10.00am Lisa Sexton (An) and Ann Sexton
(Month's Mind)

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)

12 noon Elizabeth & Nicholas West and
deceased members of the West family
(Rem)
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

Sunday, 8th December 2024

2nd Sunday of Advent - Year C

Today's Readings:

FIRST READING:

**A reading from the book of the Prophet
Baruch 5:1-9**

*God means to show your splendour to every nation
under heaven.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125

*What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were
glad.*

SECOND READING:

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11**

*Be pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day
of Christ.*

GOSPEL:

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke 3:1-6**

All mankind shall see the salvation of God.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

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

We would like to remind you about the final
GODLY PLAY for your children on next Tuesday
(10th December) 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

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.



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

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.

**BEITHILÍN BEO
LIVE CRIB**

in Áras Chrónáin
Irish Cultural Centre, Clondalkin



**Saturday/Satharn 14th December and
Sunday/Domhnach 15th December**

2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm.



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.

An Advent Prayer

Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan,
you sent a messenger to prepare people's hearts
for the coming of your Son.

Help me to hear his words and repent of my sins,
so that I may clearly see the way to walk,

the truth to speak,
and the life to live for him,

Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

**GODLY PLAY FOR FIRST HOLY
COMMUNION PREPARATION
CHILDREN**

The Advent story will be shared with your children
on **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



Pauline McCarthy

May She Rest in Peace

O TANNEBAUM

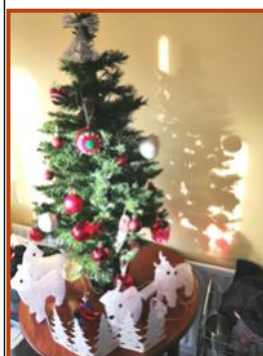


Looking at the Christmas Trees all
around you on your way home in
the dark, remember this: That
wonderful German folksong
"O Tannebaum, O Tannebaum".
With words penned in 1824 by Ernst Anschutz, a
Leipzig schoolteacher,
it translates as follows (per John Rutter)

"O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, how
faithful your blossom through Summer heat and
Winter's chill, your leaves are green and
blooming still"

Listen to O Tannebaum--John Rutter and The
Cambridge Singers.

Now, there's a bit of Christmas Magic. *Eddie*



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

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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

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

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 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!