

CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburris

Parish Newsletter - 12th January 2025

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



Spirit Energy

Today, Jesus' baptism by John, was a special moment - the real coming of God's spirit upon him. It was the same Spirit who had come upon Mary at the moment of Jesus' conception, and would come to Jesus at his last moment on the Cross.

The spirit brings him new energy. The feast marks that something new is happening, and that Jesus is the beloved and son; from eternity and into time. The Spirit came upon him - but not just for himself. He would send the Spirit later to us - of forgiveness and of perseverance in doing good.

Today is about energy. Jesus found a new spirit in himself after his prayer and he heard words he would never forget. Maybe you have heard words of love from someone you will never forget. They give energy to the heart and soul, making us people always on the go, ready for new life within us.

The Spirit pours the energy of God into bread and wine and they are changed forever. He sends himself forever. It is sending the love and presence and energy of God. We know that we can get stuck. We need new infusions of the Spirit to give new energy. Can we be the type of people who others think it's good to meet? Open to the Spirit of God, open to new life, new love, being really fully the person I can be?

May the waters of baptism, O Lord, bring us the new life of your love.

Donal Neary SJ

(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 12th January

6.30pm Vigil Jennifer Lawlor (4th An)
Catherine Turner (Month's Mind)
Mary O'Higgins (An)
Bernard Mulholland (2nd An)

9.00am Theresa Green (14th An)

10.15am James Tynan (1st An)
Martin McLnerney (An)
Kevin McLnerney (An)
Elizabeth Walsh (Month's Mind)
Margaret & Martin Hughes (An)
Larry Doody (Birthday Rem)

12 noon Gay & Nora Keogh (An)
William Mannion (An)
Luke Barry (An)
Paul Carberry (Month's Mind)
Adas Bastys
Teresa McLoughlin
Joe McLoughlin
Nancy Horan

Tuesday 14th January

10.00am Deceased residents of
Cappaghmore since 1972

Wednesday 15th January

10.00am Mary Cronin (22nd An)

Friday 17th January

10.00am Vincen & Bobbie Norton (An)

Saturday 18th January

10.00am Rose Plunkett (12th An)

Sunday 19th January

6.30pm Vigil Ciarán Carr (13th An)
Martin Joyce (An)

10.15am Mary McConalogue (Rem)
Harry Grimes (An)

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.

SUNDAY, 12th JANUARY 2025

The Baptism of the Lord - Year C

Today's Readings:

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 103:1-2. 3-4.24-25. 27-30 R/v 1

Bless the Lord my soul! Lord God how great you are.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to Titus 2:11-14. 3:4-7

He saved us by the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

3:15-16.21-22

While Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened.

Stay strong in God for after Winter, Summer comes. After night, the day returns and after a storm, calm is restored.

Thomas à Kempis

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Envelopes for Christmas Offerings are available in the Church.

Thanks to all who have sent in Christmas Offerings.

RECENTLY DECEASED



Robert Heeney

Linus Dedele

Bridget Shiels

Bernadette Lettis

Luarena Dunne

May They Rest in Peace

Separated, Divorced, Widowed Are you coping?

Few people are able to cope alone with the pain and loneliness following the loss of a life partner. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide?

Beginning Experience is a peer support group dedicated to helping those who are navigating life alone whether through death, separation or divorce. A team of trained facilitators, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share with you how they coped with their loss.

A Three Day Coping with Life Alone Programme will take place on: Saturday 25th January, 8th and 15th February 2025 (Advance Booking Essential) Carmelite Community Centre, Whitefriar Street, Dublin 2.

For further information contact Beginning Experience 086 0877379, or email: bedublin@gmail.com

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 13th January	St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Wednesday 15th January	St. Ita of Limerick, Virgin
Thursday 16th January	St. Fursa, Abbot
Friday 17th January	St. Anthony, Abbot

The Portland Café

Our newly refurbished café in Portland Row in Dublin 1, is open to the public for breakfast and lunch, teas, coffees and snacks from 8am Monday to Friday.

We serve affordable, healthy meals in a friendly community setting.

35 Portland Row, Dublin 1. D01 T102

01 8555577

cafe@crosscare.ie



RETRouvaille

You Can Help Your Marriage



Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long 'i') helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. This programme has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage.

For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme commencing via Zoom on ... **27 February to 2 March 2025**

Call or text 0788 7296983

Email

info@retrouvaille.org.uk

www.retrouvaille.org.uk

LECTIO DIVINA

The Lectio Divina Group will meet on **Tuesday 14th January** in the Parish Centre after the 10am Mass and Rosary.

Planned Giving Envelopes 2025

New boxes of envelopes are now available. For those contributing through the Village Church, the envelopes may be collected from the Parish Office.

For those contributing through Knockmitten and Clonburris churches, the envelopes may be collected locally at Knockmitten and Clonburris churches.

Thank you to all parishioners who support the Parish in this way.



CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY

The Children's Music Ministry practice resumes on Mondays from **2.45** until **3.45pm** in the Village Church.

Leaders: Pauline Devaney and Saule Cameron.

All Are Welcome!

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.

St Ita - Feast Day 15th January

Ita, also known as Deirdre and Mida (Mo-Ída), is the patroness of Munster. Next to Brigid, she is the foremost woman saint in Ireland. Although of the royal family of the Déise, Ita is associated with the parish of Killeedy in south-west Co Limerick. Her father was not a Christian and made an arranged marriage for her with a young nobleman. But from an early age she wanted to consecrate herself to God and serve him in another location. In her youth, Ita dreamed that an angel gave her three precious stones. So struck is she by the significance this, she awakens to puzzle over the symbolism. Thankfully, inspiration is at hand in the form of another celestial visitor who explains in a vision, that throughout her earthly life, she will experience dreams and visitations.

The stones in the dream signify the gifts of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to whom she dedicated her life. As well as educating those who joined her community as nuns, Ita also set up a school for boys. She taught them: *“faith in God with purity of heart; simplicity of life with religion; generosity with love”*

Some of these later became famous, among them St Brendan – whether Brendan the Navigator or Brendan of Birr is not clear.

In a poem of Alcuin, Ita is called *“the foster mother of the saints of Ireland”*. She died around the year 570

(Taken from Catholicireland.net Archive of the Saints)



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.

January Skinner 2025

Nursing the radiator in the Church on Tuesday at 12.30pm, my 75 year-old body is thawing out and Thomas Merton has cracked it :

“You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognise the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope.”

In this Jubilee Year, listen to Ave Maria by Michael Lorenz and chant the mantra "Holy Mary, Mother of God" (per Pope Francis on 1st January 2025).

Live in the present moment as above and you'll be transformed. Happy New Year.

Eddie

(Watch "Ave Maria" by Michael Lorenz 1995 with lyrics and English subtitles on YouTube)