

CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburris

Parish Newsletter - 5th January 2025

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

2nd Sunday
after
Christmas

Pilgrims of Hope 2025



Happy New Year! As we enter into the first few days of 2025 let us pray that this year will be a good one, a year of blessing for ourselves, our families and friends.

There is no doubt that we are living in uncertain times. There are several wars taking place in different parts of the world, some with the potential to spill over into even greater regional conflicts. There is concern about what Donald Trump might actually do, or not do, when he becomes President of the United States later this month and the implications for the wider world. Here at home we are not without our own issues of concern. There is an ongoing housing crisis that will not be solved anytime soon. The issue of immigration is likely to remain a controversial issue throughout this year. The very lengthy queues outside the Capuchin Day Centre just before Christmas are an indication of the many people in our city and country who are really struggling to provide for the basic needs of themselves and their families.

This year is also a Jubilee Year for the Catholic Church. Pope Francis has chosen ***Pilgrims of Hope*** as the theme for the year. Along with faith and love, hope is one of the key characteristics of the Christian life. Christians are people of hope. Our hope is rooted in Jesus who has revealed God's love for all humanity. Through his life, death and resurrection, Jesus has given us the promise of sharing in the fulness of God's glory in heaven. Hope is the virtue that sustains us in the face of adversity and enables us to persevere whatever difficulties confront us. Pope Francis prays that during this Jubilee Year "Christian hope may illuminate every man and woman, as a message of God's love addressed to all. And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world."

The Jubilee Year with its theme of hope fits nicely alongside the ongoing Dublin Diocesan programme of renewal which is entitled ***Building Hope***. The message of ***Building Hope*** is that we discern new ways of being Christian communities based on the rights and responsibilities on every baptised person and drawing on the gifts and talents of all God's people in building and sustaining our parishes and Christian communities. So let us go forward together as ***Pilgrims of Hope*** in 2025 and may the Lord be with us on the journey.

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 5th January

6.30pm Vigil Vera & Bruce Millar (An)
Catherine Power (Rem)
Jim Stynes (An)
Michael O'Connor (An)

10.15am Margaret Stapleton (1st An)
Mary Scully (An)
Bridget Leydon (An)

12 noon Rosaleen Gill (An)
Agnes Coyle (An)
Georgina Gray (An)
Frank Kennedy (An)
Christopher (Christy) Kearns (4th An)

Monday 6th January

10.00am Denis Twomey (4th An)

Tuesday 7th January

10.00am Joe & Mary Coughlan (An) and
Kathleen Henry (daughter) (An)

Wednesday 8th January

10.00am Christopher (Christy) Kearns (4th An)

Saturday 11th January

10.00am Teresa Gavin (1st An)

Sunday 12th January

6.30pm Vigil Jennifer Lawless (4th An)

12 noon Gay & Nora Keogh (An)
William Mannion (An)
Luke Barry (An)

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



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.

LECTIO DIVINA

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

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Monday 6th January

Village: - Sunday 5th - Mass at 7.30pm
Monday 6th - Mass at 7.30am and 10am

Knockmitten: Monday 6th - Mass at 11am

Clonburris: Monday 6th - Mass at 11am and 6.30pm

*By gold the power of a king is signified,
by frankincense the honour of God,
by myrrh the burial of the body;
and accordingly the Wise ones offer Him
gold as King, frankincense as God,
and myrrh as Man.*

~ St John Chrysostom ~

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Envelopes for Christmas Offerings are available in the Church.

Thanks to all who have sent in Christmas Offerings.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 6th January

The Epiphany of the Lord

Tuesday 7th January

St. Raymond of Penyafort,
Priest

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS
POPE FRANCIS FOR THE LVIII
WORLD DAY OF PEACE
1st JANUARY 2025



Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace

Lord, grant us your peace! This is my prayer to God as I now offer my cordial good wishes for the New Year to the Heads of State and Government, to the leaders of International Organizations, to the leaders of the various religions and to every person of good will.

*Forgive us our trespasses, Lord,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
In this cycle of forgiveness, grant us your peace,
the peace that you alone can give
to those who let themselves be disarmed in heart,
to those who choose in hope to forgive the debts of their
brothers and sisters,
to those who are unafraid to confess their debt to you,
and to those who do not close their ears to the cry of the
poor.*

FRANCIS

*(Full text of the message can be read on
www.vatican.va/francesco/en/messages)*

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

SUNDAY, 5th JANUARY 2025

2nd Sunday After Christmas - Year C

Today's Readings:

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2. 8-12
The Lord said, "Pitch your tent in Jacob, make Israel your inheritance"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 147: 12-15, 19-20, R/v Jn 1: 14

The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
1:3-6. 15-18

The Lord determined that we should become his adopted children through Jesus.

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to John 1-1-18
The Word was made flesh and he lived among us.

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 Clonburrish churches, the envelopes may be collected locally at Knockmitten and Clonburrish churches.

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



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.

World Braille Day

World Braille Day is annually celebrated on 4th January, the birthday of Braille inventor, Louis Braille. The day recognizes the contributions of Louis Braille in helping blind and visually impaired people to read and write.

Braille is a code that uses bumps and indentation on a surface to represent letters, which can be recognized by touch. Louis Braille, a French man who was blinded in an accident at a very young age, invented it. Before Braille invented this form of communication, visually impaired people read and wrote using the Haüy system which embossed Latin letters on thick paper or leather. This was a complicated system that required much training and only allowed people to read, not write. Discouraged by this, Braille at the age of 15 invented the Braille code. While there are now several different versions of Braille, Louis Braille's code was arranged in small rectangular blocks called *cells* with raised dots in a 3 x 2 pattern. Each cell represented a letter, number or punctuation. Since Braille is a code, all languages and even certain subjects like mathematics, music and computer programming can be read and written in braille.



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.

Every year is
a chance to begin again.
Don't focus on the failures
of 2024, start 2025 with
positive thoughts and
expectations.

 Positive Energy Quotes
www.DrWiniCurley.com

Clondalkin Drama Group presents

Golden Tickets available at Clondalkin Village Hardware



CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY THE PANTO

Coláiste Chilllain, 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

Pantomime (informally Panto) is a type of musical comedy stage production designed for family entertainment. It was developed in England and is performed throughout the United Kingdom, Ireland and (to a lesser extent), in other English-speaking countries, especially during the Christmas and New Year season. (Wikipedia)