

CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburris

Parish Newsletter - 16th February 2025

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

6th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

Feeling Peace - at the centre of the Beatitudes

On one of my first visits to a Jesuit house, I felt a huge peace - maybe the beginning of a vocation. In bereavement there can be a moment of peace, which seems to come from nowhere: peace of being totally loved by a good friend or spouse, peace, just peace with the children.

There is a peace that comes from faith and love and that is prayer: peace that comes from knowing I am heard, understood and loved. There is a huge need for listening now, for knowing that people care in our world of suicides, addictions to alcohol. We can feel we live in an impersonal world of anxiety and isolation. We need the peace of honest conversation and openness, and the peace of being forgiven.

Peace is not evading difficulty. You are mad worried about a child - somewhere in the middle, like gold in the mud, you find the peace of knowing God's love for you and for him or her. That needs time and a bit of prayer. It is good to sit each day in silence. Allow this peace to get into you. Breathe in and out, just saying the word 'peace'. That is God's gift to you.

There is also a peace from God in doing good and doing the right thing. Jesus knew it was the best gift he could give. It comes from love. Back to my first visit that day - what caused the peace? I don't know fully. We can be surprised when we will be graced with the peace of Jesus Christ which the world cannot give.

Give each of us O Lord, that peace beyond all understanding.

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

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

- Monday 17th February St. Fintan of Clonenagh, Abbot
The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, Religious
- Friday 21st February St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday 22nd February The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY

The Children's Music Ministry practice takes place on Mondays from **2.45 until 3.45pm** in the Village Parish Centre.



Leaders: Pauline Devaney and Saule Cameron.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

Will take place in Sruleen Parish Centre, beginning **February 17th to March 31st, 2025.** Commencing at **8pm** each Monday, except St. Patrick's Bank Holiday Monday.

Please phone or WhatsApp **Aileen Hudson** if you have any queries or to book, on **086 086 0188** or email: aileenspirit@gmail.com

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Catholic Marriage Care Service

The annual collection for Accord Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, 15th and 16th February.

Accord Dublin offers:

- ◆ Marriage Preparation Courses, online and in small groups
- ◆ Counselling for couples and individuals
- ◆ A Relationship and Sexuality programme for schools.

Accord Dublin needs your support more than ever.

LECTIO DIVINA

The Lectio Divina Group, led by Sr. Anne, meets each Tuesday 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 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.

JUBILEE OF YOUTH 2025

You can register now to go to Rome for the celebrations, **July 28th - August 4th**



€550 includes: Return flights with 10kg baggage allowance but can be upgraded. Accommodation, Pilgrim Kits for Rome. Diocesan Group T-shirt & Pack, Insurance,

Preparation Program before, during & after Rome. All events in Rome.

To register, please

email: natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie
or call **086 104 0579**



Congratulations to **Helena O'Toole and Rory Fitzgerald**

on their recent Marriage

Heavenly Father, thank you for Spring and the hope of warmer, longer, brighter days. Thank you for the coming of growth and life and birth. Thank you that things are coming awake in the world. As we leave behind a Winter and step into Spring, bless us with a fresh heart, ready for nature to take its course.

May this Season bring joy and light, peace and prosperity and a spirit in full bloom. Amen.

(Taken from: CEIST School Prayers for All Occasions)

Village Church



Sunday 16th February

- 6.30pm Vigil** Michael Moloney (An)
Linus Dedele (Month's Mind)
Ita O'Gorman (An)

Hugh O'Daly (An) and deceased parishioners, family and friends
- 10.15am** Mary McConalogue (Rem)
Mary Kinsella (2nd An)
- 12 noon** Sheila Barry (An)
- 2.00pm** Mass for the African community

Monday 17th February

- 10.00am** Mary Josephine Maguire

Tuesday 18th February

- 10.00am** Nora McHugh (12th An) and
Thomas McHugh (Rem)

Thursday 20th February

- 10.00am** Joanie Byrne (2nd An)
(Radio Maria streaming Mass)

Saturday 22nd February

- 10.00am** Patrick Riordan (An)

Sunday 23rd February

- 6.30pm Vigil** Gindas Aliomis (20th An)
Bunny & Sean Stynes (An)
Mark Kehoe (Birthday Rem)
- 10.15am** Mary & John O'Neill (An)
Jack & Mary Finlay (Rem)
- 12 noon** Marian Doyle (7th An)
Maisie & Tom Delaney (An)
Agnes Nixon (An)
Jim Boland (Birthday Rem)
Laurena Dunne (Month's Mind)
Mary Mooney (Month's Mind)

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen*

SUNDAY, 16th February 2025

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Today's Readings:

FIRST READING

**A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah
17: 5-8**

*A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, a blessing on
the man who puts his trust in the Lord.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm Ps 1

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

SECOND READING

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians 15: 12. 16-20**

If Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins.

GOSPEL

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
6: 17. 20-26**

*How happy are you who are poor but alas for you who are
rich.*

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY

God our Almighty Father, we ask you to bless our family. Following the example of the Martin Family, may we never give up when life is difficult, may we have your strength and healing when health is poor, may the Eucharist be the summit of our lives, may prayer be our daily strength, may the Trinity be the source of our love.

May our family remain united throughout the years, especially when we are far from each other. We ask this with faith and confidence through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saints Louis, Zélie and Thérèse, pray for us.

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



RECENTLY DECEASED



**Anne Hickey
Karen Byrne
John Gilmore**

May They Rest in Peace

MID FEBRUARY

A solitary Daisy blooms on Watery Lane but then, captured by the morning Sun, that Redwood shrub is beaming. No wonder the birds are singing and on bare branches; can you name them at this time when on their perches against the Sun, they are displaying their feathers in true colour?

Look at that fallen tree of times past with a whole array of substantial shoots growing upright from it. Nature just presses on. Be alive to our longer days and the great awakening.

The Daffodils are blooming on Belgard Road. The Blackthorn is charging ahead on Monastery Road and the early "Wild Dog Rose" is budding.

So, be attentive and awake to all that Nature is offering you. The joys of mid February. *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@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.

O Heavenly Father, like Fintan of Clonenagh, let us be fearless in our faith, steadfast in our endeavours and ever attentive to your Divine Presence. Amen.

St Fintan of Clonenagh (6th century) Monk – Feast Day 17th February

There are at least two Fintans among the Irish saints – St Fintan of Clonenagh, Co Laois, and St Fintan of Taghmon, Co Wexford. A third is associated with Doon in Co Limerick.

Our Fintan was educated by St Colum of Terryglass, Co Tipperary, the severity of whose Rule and penitential practices so influenced Fintan that his own foundation in Clonenagh, Co. Laois, also acquired a reputation for austerity. According to Oengus, Fintan himself lived on "bread of woody barley and clayey water of clay". The community did not have even one cow and so they had neither milk nor butter. The monks complained they couldn't do hard work on such a meagre diet. A deputation of local clergy headed by Canice of Aghaboe came to urge him to improve it. He agreed for his monks, but he elected to keep to the strict diet himself. Another version says that, warned by an angel, he prepared a great feast for the deputation with plenty available as long as they stayed, but when they went away, all reverted to as it was before. In spite of the hardships, or maybe even because of them, the monastery was crowded with young monks from all over Ireland.

Among those trained by Fintan at Clonenagh was St Comgall, who founded his own monastery at Bangor, where he trained Columbanus and a host of others who brought monasticism to Europe. Fintan died in the year 603.



(Taken from catholicireland/saint-of-the-day)