

# CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburris

Parish Newsletter - 23rd February 2025

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

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of  
Ordinary  
Time

## DOING AS GOD DOES

In today's Gospel, Luke has Jesus demand of his followers a standard for human relationships that involves a "going beyond" the norm. The ideal of "doing what you would want done to you" is not the ultimate norm, but rather "do as God would do".

"Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate".

When our natural reaction is to retaliate we are asked to love, to forgive, to give generously, to bless and not to curse, to pray for those who do not see eye to eye with us, to stop judging and quit condemning. Jesus is our role model in loving and forgiving. He chose to love his enemies even when they mocked him. He opted to bless them when they cried out for his crucifixion. He prayed for their forgiveness when they nailed him to a cross: "*Father forgive them, they do not know what they are doing*".

He didn't come to judge or condemn but to love and to save. We are asked to do the same.

There are people in this world who are hanging on to life by a thread. What they need is love, understanding and the benefit of the doubt. None of us want to be the scissors that will cut that thread.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta once offered sound advice:

*"People are often unreasonable and self-centred. Forgive them anyway.*

*If you are honest, people will cheat you. Be honest anyway.*

*If you are kind, people will accuse you of having ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.*

*If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.*

*The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.*

*For you, in the end, it's between you and God.*

*It was never between you and them anyway".*

Sr. Anne

### Contact Information

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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

Thursday 27th February **St. Gregory of Narek,  
Abbot & Doctor of the  
Church**

Saturday 1st March **St. David of Mynyw,  
Bishop**

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto:aileenspirit@gmail.com)

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



Congratulations to **Sophie Smyth and Luke Cawley**

## Ministers of the Eucharist

New rosters for the Village Church are now available for collection at the sacristy.

*A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.*

St. Francis of Assisi

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> - August 4<sup>th</sup>**



€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](mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie) or call **086 104 0579**



## PARENTS / GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On **Tuesday 25th February**, there will be a meeting for parents and guardians of children preparing for First Communion in Knockmitten Church at **7.00pm**.

The theme is "Reconciliation 2nd Part"

If you are unable to attend this meeting, it will be repeated on Zoom on **Wednesday 26th February** at **7.30pm**. A Zoom link will be emailed to parents on Wednesday morning.

# Village Church



## Sunday 23rd February

**6.30pm Vigil** Gindas Aliomis (20th An)  
Bunny & Seán 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)  
Luarena Dunne (Month's Mind)  
Mary Mooney (Month's Mind)

## Monday 24th February

**10.00am** Special Intention

## Tuesday 25th February

**10.00am** Chris Stapleton (Birthday Rem)

## Wednesday 26th February

**10.00am** Michael & Bridie McDermott and  
deceased members of the  
McDermott family

## Thursday 27th February

**10.00am** Denis & Nora Minogue (An)

## Friday 28th February

**10.00am** St. Joseph's School Mass

## Saturday 1st March

**10.00am** Special Intention

## Sunday 2nd March

**6.30pm Vigil** Kathleen Crowley (An)  
Mary Seery (Month's Mind)  
Anne O'Brien (Month's Mind)  
Paul Gough (Month's Mind)

**10.15am** Anne & John Connolly & family  
Michael Lawlor (An)  
Martin Corrigan (An)

**12 noon** Colette Kenny (1st An)  
Kathleen Branigan (5th An)  
Bill Branigan (Rem)  
Patrick McCullagh (Month's Mind)

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

## SUNDAY, 23rd February 2025

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

*Today's Readings:*

### FIRST READING

**A reading from the first book of the Prophet**

**Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23**

*God has put you in my power, but I would not raise my  
hand against the Lord's anointed.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 102**

*The Lord is compassion and love.*

### SECOND READING

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to  
the Corinthians 15: 45-49**

*We who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be  
modelled on the heavenly man.*

### GOSPEL

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
6: 27-38**

*Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate.*

### NOVENA OF GRACE TO ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



**In the Church of the  
Immaculate Conception,  
Clondalkin Village.**

**Date** 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
**Guest Speaker** Fr. John Ferris  
**Mass Times** 7.30am, 10am, 7.30pm  
Daily

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Blessing of the Sick will  
take place.

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 10am and 6.30pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 9am (Irish), 10.15am, 12 noon

The Novena Prayer will be recited at all  
Masses.

Fr. John will speak at the 10am and 7.30pm  
Masses daily.

There will also be music at the Masses.

## SPRING NOTES

Where is he? Those crispy notes are intoxicating, but where is the Robin? I can't find him. Oh!! Will he stay on his branch until I focus on him. Engrossed in his notes, there he is, super entertainer himself in perfect pose.

Note after note, higher still and higher and the roundedness; no wonder he occupies such a special place in our hearts. Walking from Dunnes through the apartments to Watery Lane, this little guy was enchanting.

And look at our Crocuses and the Daffodill blooms outside the Village Church. And the Sun came out. All around magic.



*Eddie*



## PRAYER FOR THE POPE

**We thank you for the loving service of Pope Francis and the hope he has inspired in so many in your great mercy. Have mercy on him in his illness now, we pray, and guide the medical staff in his care. Grant him peace and healing. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word — founded by EWTN's foundress, Mother Angelica — wrote this prayer so we may all unite as one voice to lift up the Vicar of Christ in prayer today.

The Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word — founded

*"The Pope spent a restful night, woke up and had breakfast,"* the Holy See Press Office shared in a note to journalists on Wednesday morning (19<sup>th</sup> February). It said the Pope got out of bed and sat in an armchair. In a Tuesday evening press release, the Holy See Press Office stated the Pope has double pneumonia, but nevertheless "remains in good spirits." "Laboratory tests, chest X-rays, and the clinical condition of the Holy Father," it began, "continue to present a complex picture." The statement added that the Pope's "polymicrobial infection, which has arisen in the context of bronchiectasis and asthmatic bronchitis, and has required the use of corticosteroid and antibiotics, makes the therapeutic treatment more complex." "Nevertheless," the press release added, "Pope Francis remains in good spirits." The Press Office statement concluded by noting that the Pope had "received the Eucharist and, throughout the day, alternated between rest, prayer, and reading. He expresses his gratitude for the support he feels at this time and kindly asks that prayers for him continue."

*(Taken from www.vaticannews.va)*



## 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](mailto: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.**

## RECENTLY DECEASED



**Madeline Lennon**

**Hugh O'Doherty**

**Carmel Harris**

**Ronnie Caffrey**

*May They Rest in Peace*

