

CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburris

Parish Newsletter - 2nd February 2025

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



The Presentation of the Lord

Forty days after we have celebrated the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem, we mark the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Following the Jewish custom and tradition, Mary and Joseph go up to Jerusalem and present the child Jesus in the Temple there. It's an important ritual moment for them and for Jesus.

While in the Temple in Jerusalem Mary and Joseph encounter Simeon and Anna. Each of these in their own way see the presence of God in the child Jesus and acknowledge him as the one coming to bring salvation. Mary and Joseph wondered at the things that were being said about Jesus. No doubt in time as Jesus grew to adulthood and prepared for his ministry, they came to better understand the words spoken all those years previously by Simeon and Anna in the Temple that day.

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord is often referred to as Candlemas Day. Drawing on the words spoken by Simeon to Mary and Joseph, we bless and light candles symbolising Jesus coming among us as the light of the world. Jesus is the one who illuminates our lives and guides us on the journey of life. Jesus is the light that has overcome the darkness of sin and death and promises us everlasting light and life with him one day in heaven.

As we recall today the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem, we are invited to reflect on the importance of presenting ourselves before the Lord each day. As each day unfolds before us, we aim to discern and do God's will in our lives, guided by the light of Christ and in turn radiating that light outwards towards others. Through our words and actions the light of Christ continues to shine in our world today, enlightening the lives of the people we encounter and bringing comfort and hope to those experiencing darkness in their lives.

May the Lord Jesus who has come to us as the light of the world bless our daily work and efforts. May he enable us to continue being his faithful disciples bringing the light of Christ to our families, friends and communities.

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 2nd February

6.30pm Vigil Kathleen Conlon (An)
Doreen Wade and the Wade family
Maeve Keogh (An)
Patrick Donohue (33rd An)

9.00am Lily Quinn (2nd An)

10.15am Michael & Maura Dagg (An)
Brendan Foley (5th An)
Rory Buchanan (4th An)

Deceased parishioners, family & friends
of Benny McGuirk, Liam & Gertie Higgins

Deceased parishioners, family & friends
of Sadie Courtney (1st An)

Monday 3rd February

10.00am Karon Kells (1st An)

Tuesday 4th February

10.00am Special Intention

Thursday 6th February

10.00am Kathleen Mucha (17th An)

Friday 7th February - First Friday

7.30am)

10.00am) Altar List of the Dead

7.30pm)

Sunday 9th February

6.30pm Vigil Maeve Keogh (2nd An)
Patricia Whelan (7th An)

10.15am John Lynch (An)
Kitty Lannin (23rd An)

12 noon Marja Elena (1st An)
Jim Sexton (Month's Mind)
John F. Quinlan (13th An)

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

SUNDAY, 2nd February 2025

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - Year C

Today's Readings:

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Malachi 3:1-4

*The Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter the
temple.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm Ps 2

Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 2:14-18

*It was essential that he should in this way become
completely like his brothers and sisters.*

GOSPEL

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke 2:22-40**

My eyes have seen your salvation.

Bank Holiday – Monday 3rd February
Mass at 10am in the Village Church.

St. Blaise – Monday 3rd February
Blessing of throats after the 10am Mass in
the Village Church.

First Friday – 7th February
Mass in the Village at 7.30am, 10am and
7.30pm.

The Anointing of the Sick is available during
the 10am and 7.30pm Masses for anyone
who wishes to receive this Sacrament.

RECENTLY DECEASED



**Catherine (Kay) Forde
Kathleen (Kay) Conroy
Rita Healy
Bernard Moran
Mary (Marie) Seery**

May They Rest in Peace

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 3rd February	St. Ansgar, Bishop St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr
Wednesday 5th February	St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
Thursday 6th February	St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Friday 7th February	St. Mel of Ardagh, Bishop
Saturday 8th February	St. Jerome Emiliani St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

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.

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!

PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On Tuesday 4th February, there will be a meeting for parents and guardians of children preparing for First Communion in Knockmitten Church at **7.00pm**. This will be facilitated by Eilish and John. The theme is "Reconciliation 1st Part"

If you are unable to attend this meeting, it will be repeated on Zoom on Wednesday 5th February at **7.30pm** and facilitated by Fiona and Saule.



The monthly Church Gate collection will be held next weekend, 8th & 9th February at the Village Church.

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily.

To lean upon your great strength, trustfully, restfully.

To wait for the unfolding of your will, patiently, serenely.

To meet others, peacefully, joyously.

To face tomorrow, confidently, courageously.

St. Francis of Assisi



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



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St. Blaise

Feast Day 3rd February

We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary *Acts of St. Blaise* were written 400 years later.

According to them Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears. The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone.



Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. Finally, he was beheaded.

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



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.

ST. BRIGID'S CROSS IN YOUR KITCHEN

It's dead easy. It only takes 9 paper environmentally friendly drinking straws and 4 elastic bands. The Irish Peatland Conservation Council tells you how to make a Cross in the attached website. Like any basic recipe, you can be reflective of your own creativity.

I think we will hang a few small labels from our Cross capturing the imminent Daffodils, the longer evenings and right now, our mild day and slow westerly clouds. But don't miss the Fingal Mummies parading in the Village and in Áras Chrónáin afterwards.

Mother Nature, be good to us. *Eddie*

<https://www.ipcc.ie/discover-and-learn/resources/how-to-make-a-st-bridgets-cross/>

