

# CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburris

Parish Newsletter - 23rd March 2025

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
of  
Lent

## A CALL TO REPENTANCE

Not much has changed in our world since the time of Jesus. Tyrants are still ruling. Buildings are still falling. Tragedies are still happening.

Pontius Pilate was the Roman Governor of Judea during the last years of Jesus' ministry. He was a high handed and stern ruler who had no love for the Jews. In today's Gospel Luke refers to a violent act committed by Pilate against Galileans "whose blood he mingled with their sacrifices" in the Temple. When Jesus is told about the killing he does not condemn Pilate. Neither does he say that the people on whom the Tower of Siloam fell were more sinful than others. He moves the focus away from why these things happened to how we should live our lives here and now. "Repent" was Jesus' answer. "If you do not repent you will all perish as they did" God did not single them out and punish them for their sins. These events were a warning, a reminder to all, that one day, we too, will die.

Repentance is about changing our lives to conform to God's will. It is about admitting our failures and desiring to do better. In the language of the Parable of the Fig Tree it is about bearing fruit that will last. Jesus tells a parable about an unfruitful fig tree. In the Old Testament the fig tree was a symbol for Israel just as the shamrock is for Ireland. When the fig tree bore fruit the nation flourished. When the fig tree was barren the nation was displeasing to God. The people understood that Jesus was talking about them and their relationship with God. Rather than cut down the fig tree the gardener pleads for more time to do more work to help the tree grow. If not, then the tree can be cut down.

God is the giver of second chances. He is patient with us because of his deep love for us. Notice that twice in today's Gospel Jesus says: "Unless you repent you will all perish". The key to all Jesus' teaching is repentance.

Our Lenten journey began with the words "Repent and believe in the Gospel."  
Let us continue as we began.

*Sr. Anne*

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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

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

### *First Holy Communion*

We invite Parents and Guardians to the meeting about **THE EUCHARIST / MASS (part 1)**.

Please choose **one** of two options:

**Option 1:** In person meeting will take place in Knockmitten Church on **Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7 pm.**

**Option 2:** Zoom Session on **Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm.**

We invite your children to come to two **GODLY PLAY** sessions this Lent in our Parish Pastoral Centre (*beside the Church main entrance*) on **Tuesdays 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> April**, straight after school till 3:45 pm.

A reminder will be emailed with the Parental Consent Form which can also be filled on the day. The children will take part in the story called **"THE FACES OF EASTER"**

**Godly Play Team:** Fiona Minogue, Rosemary Lavelle and Saule (Parish Pastoral Worker)

## PARISH PARTNERSHIP PASTORAL COUNCIL

(Parishes of Clondalkin, Sruleen, Bawnogue and Deansrath)

PPPC meeting will take place on **Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30 pm in Sruleen Parish Centre.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

PPC meeting will take place on **Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

*Please keep our Ministry in your prayer.*

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

*Monday 24th March* **St. Macartan, Bishop**

*Tuesday 25th March* **The Annunciation of the Lord**

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE

### Monday

**The Monday Club**  
(after 10am Mass and Rosary)

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

*Leaders: Pauline Devaney and Saule Cameron.*

**LOCALISE Youth Volunteering**  
Leader: Cat Scanlon  
7.00-8.00pm - during school term  
(new members always welcome)

### Tuesday

**Lectio Divina**  
(after 10am Mass and Rosary)  
Led by Sr. Anne

### Wednesday

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society**  
Meeting in the Pastoral Centre After 10am Mass and Rosary on the last Wednesday of the month. New members welcome.

**Charismatic Prayer Group**  
meet from 7.30pm to 8.30pm

### Thursday

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Every Thursday in the Church from 10.30am to 11.30am and from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.  
Led by Deacon Don Devaney



## RECENTLY DECEASED

**Patrick Doyle**  
**Desmond O'Brien**  
**Martin Gilhooly**

*May They Rest in Peace*

# Village Church



## Sunday 23rd March

- 6.30pm Vigil** Carmel Harris (Month's Mind)  
Madeline Lennon (Month's Mind)  
Maria Warren (An)
- 9.00am** Jimmy & Carmel McDermott
- 10.15am** Jack & Mary Finlay (Rem)  
Joe Creavan (3rd An)  
Donal Dunne (10th An)  
Marcelo Rosadio (Rem)  
Greg Faustino Rosadio (Birthday Rem)  
Mary Mealy (An) and deceased members  
of the Mealy & Jordan families

- 12 noon** Nuala O'Connor (14th An)  
Mary & Dalton McElroy (An)  
Elizabeth & Nicholas West and  
deceased family members  
Mary & Patrick Hendley and  
deceased family members

## Tuesday 25th March

- 10.00am** Liam, Babs & Gay Norton (An)

## Wednesday 26th March

- 10.00am** Jane Doyle (An)

## Thursday 27th March

- 10.00am** Chris Stapleton (An)

## Friday 28th March

- 10.00am** Oliver O'Connor (3rd An)

## Saturday 29th March

- 10.00am** Geraldos Sdonevicices (An)

## Sunday 29th March

- 9.00am** Treasa Green
- 10.15am** Mary Minogue (An)
- 12 noon** Tom O'Flaherty (An)

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

## LENT 2025

**Evening Mass in the Village Church at 7.30pm  
Monday to Friday.**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on  
Thursday evenings after the 7.30pm Mass  
until 8.30pm.**

**Stations of the Cross in the Village Church on  
Fridays at 10.30am**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every  
Sunday in the Village Church from  
4.00pm to 5.30pm.**

**POPE FRANCIS RELEASES HIS MESSAGE  
FOR THE UPCOMING WORLD DAY OF  
PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS, AND INVITES  
YOUNG PEOPLE TO LISTEN TO GOD'S VOICE IN THEIR HEARTS  
SO THEY MAY BE SIGNS OF HIS LOVE FOR OUR WORLD.**



As he recovers from bilateral pneumonia at Rome's Gemelli Hospital, Pope Francis has released his message for the 62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations, which falls this year on May 11. Entitled "Pilgrims of Hope: The Gift of Life," the Pope's message recalls that every vocation—be it to ordained ministry, consecrated life, or the laity—should offer the world a sign of God's hope for every person. At certain points in life, added the Pope, God calls people to choose a path, whether it be to family life, the priesthood, or religious life. "Every vocation is inspired by hope, marked by confident trust in God's providence," he said. "Vocations mature through the daily effort to be faithful to the Gospel, and through prayer, discernment and service." In conclusion, Pope Francis invited all Christians to pray for vocations and trust that the Holy Spirit will inspire young people to welcome their vocation.

"Let us never tire, then, of asking the Lord for new labourers for His harvest, certain that with great love He continues to call them," he concluded. "Keep walking as pilgrims of hope on the path of the Gospel!"

## **THE CLOCK OF LIFE**

The clock of life is wound but once and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop at late or early hour.

To lose one's wealth is sad indeed, to lose one's health is more.

To lose one's soul is such a loss that no man can restore. The present only is our own, so live, love, toil with a will Place no faith in tomorrow, for the clock may then be still.

*Robert H. Smith*



## 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**

## SUNDAY, 23rd March 2025

3rd Sunday of Lent - Year C

### Today's Readings

#### FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Exodus 3:1-18. 13-15  
*'I Am' has sent me to you.*

#### 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 10:1-6. 10-12  
*The life of the people was written down to be a lesson for us.*

#### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 13:1-9  
*Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.*

**LECTIO DIVINA**  
SACRED READING

LECTIO - READING  
MEDITATIO - REFLECTING  
ORATIO - PRAYING

To PRAY together with the SUNDAY GOSPEL,  
Join us on ZOOM for 3 Thursdays this Lent:

13th, 27th March & 10th April  
and  
Holy Week: Monday 11th April  
8 - 9 pm

Led by Sr. Anne & Saule (PPW)

To register for a Zoom link please email:  
[saule.cameron@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:saule.cameron@dublindiocese.ie)

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD DURING LENT

We invite your child/children to participate at the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 12pm Sunday Mass.

If you would like to become a Leader for this Ministry, please talk to us or the Parish Team.

**MAY 2ND TO 5TH 2025**

*Spiritual Exercises*  
SILENT IGNATIAN RETREAT FOR MEN

Religious Family of the Incarnate Word

An Tobar Retreat Centre  
Ardraccon Navan Co. Meath C15 T884

Cost: €190  
Includes all meals and accommodation  
\*Student rate available upon request

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REGISTRATION



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