

CLONDALKIN PARISH

Clondalkin Village - Knockmitten - Clonburris

Parish Newsletter - 30th March 2025

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



A prodigal son transformed

The Gospel reading this Sunday is one of the best known parables told by Jesus. It is usually referred to as the *Parable of the Prodigal Son*. The fact that it is so widely known and so frequently told is testament to the greatness of the story. People who read or hear the story can readily identify with the three principal characters and the substance of the parable. The parable is grounded in the reality of our human experience and it has certainly stood the test of time.

The younger son is a reminder to us of the lure of worldly riches. They can tempt us in to believing that our happiness and fulfillment is to be found solely in having and enjoying all that the world has to offer. This happiness however is very superficial and quickly disappears when the material things are no longer there for us. The younger son had plenty of time to reflect on this in his misery after the money and food ran out. While he passed his days looking after the pigs, he no doubt came to understand the meaning of 'fair weather' friends when he found himself all alone and no one was interested in him.

The younger son is also a reminder to us of the potential within each of us for personal transformation. Realising the blessings he had at home, the young man 'came to his senses'. With courage and humility he decided to return home and put himself at the mercy of his father. He could never have imagined just how merciful and forgiving his father would be. He was welcomed home with a joy that was overwhelming.

In these Lenten days, as we ponder how we have been tempted and have fallen in so many different ways in life, it is good to remember that the opportunity for personal transformation is always there for us. God our Father is waiting to welcome us back, to embrace us warmly and to forgive our sins. The key to receiving God's mercy is to recognise our need of it. Like the younger son, we must first of all acknowledge our sinfulness and take ownership of it. Then we must take the first steps on the journey back to God. Be in no doubt that the Father will not hesitate to embrace us and welcome us back to our place in his family. As the psalms remind us: *The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy*. May these Lenten days be moments of transformation for us and may we truly experience the love and mercy of God our Father for us, his children.

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Holy Communion

We invite your children to come to two **GODLY PLAY** sessions this Lent in our Parish on Tuesdays **1st and 8th April**, in the Pastoral Centre (beside the Church main entrance) straight after school at 2.45 until 3.45pm.

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)

We invite Parents and Guardians to the meeting about **THE EUCHARIST / MASS (Part 2)**

Please choose one of two options:

Option 1: In person meeting will take place in **Knockmitten Church on Tuesday, 8th April at 7 pm.**

Option 2: Zoom session **on Wednesday, 9th April at 7.30 pm.** The link will be sent in advance.

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Confirmation

CONFIRMATION CONNECT 3
"GIFTED BY THE SPIRIT"

We invite Parents and Guardians, with the Candidates for Confirmation, to come to the last Confirmation Connection.

Please choose one of two options:

Option 1: In person meeting will take place in **Knockmitten Church on Tuesday, 1st April at 7 pm.**

Option 2: **Zoom session on Wednesday, 2nd April at 7.30 pm.** The link will be sent in advance.

Sacramental Preparation Team

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

Margaret Tuomey
Catherine Lally

May They Rest in Peace

Village Church



Sunday 30th March

6.30pm Vigil Kathleen & Joe Fagan (An)
Mary McCarthy (An)
Michael Flynn (Month's Mind)
Emil Anna (An)
Anton (Get Well)
William Doyle (An)
Mary Broderick (Birthday Rem)

9.00am Treasa Green

10.15am Mary Minogue (An)

12 noon Tom O'Flaherty (An)
Frank & Patricia Farrell (An)
Christina Murray (10th An)

Monday 31st March

7.30am Patrick Ryder (Birthday Rem)

Wednesday 2nd April

10.00am Belle & Josie Broderick (An)

Thursday 3rd April

10.00am Special Intention

Friday 4th April - First Friday

7.30am)
10.00am) Altar List of the Dead
7.30pm)

Saturday 5th April

10.00am Brendan Gardiner (An)

Sunday 6th April

10.15am Mary Finlay (An)
Dermot Hegarty (Birthday Rem)
Fran Byrne (5th An) and deceased
members of the Higgins & Byrne
families

12 noon Mary Byrne (nee Pollock) 5th (An)
Jean Redmond (Month's Mind)

*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.**

**We pray God's blessing on all mothers this
Mother's Day.**

A Mother's Day Prayer

*I said a Mother's Day prayer for you
to thank the Lord above
for blessing me with a lifetime
of your tenderhearted love.
I thanked God for the caring
you've shown me through the years,
for the closeness we've enjoyed
in time of laughter and of tears.
And so, I thank you from the heart
for all you've done for me
and I bless the Lord for giving
me
the best mother there could be!*

(Author Unknown)



First Friday – 4th April

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.

There will be a Church Gate collection on behalf
of the Vincentian Lay
Missionaries after all
Masses on Saturday and
Sunday, **5th/6th April.**



LECTIO DIVINA

Sacred Reading

LECTIO - READING
MEDITATO - REFLECTING
ORATIO - PRAYING

To PRAY together with the SUNDAY GOSPEL,
join us on ZOOM for 3 Thursdays this LENT.

13th, 27th March and 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

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.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

<i>Tuesday 1st April</i>	St. Ceallach, Bishop
<i>Wednesday 2nd April</i>	St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
<i>Friday 4th April</i>	St Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
<i>Saturday 5th April</i>	St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest



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



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@quarryvalefrfc.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, 30th March 2025

4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare) - Year C

Today's Readings

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Joshua 5:9-12
*The People of God kept the Passover on their entry into
the promised land*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

SECOND READING

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to
the Corinthians 5:17-21**
God reconciled us to himself through Christ

GOSPEL

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**
Your brother here was dead and has come to life.