

Clonskeagh Parish Newsletter



Let us remember those who are housebound and listening to our Parish Mass on the Parish Radio

Diary for this Week:

Saturday 1 September - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 6.30pm Mass for Tony Waters (Anniversary)

Sunday 2 September - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 10.30am Mass for Josephine (Josie) O'Brien (Anniversary)

Monday 3 September - St. Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church

- 10am Mass for Mary Breatnach (Recently Deceased)

Tuesday 4 September - 22nd Week in Ordinary Time

- 10am Mass

Wednesday 5 September - 22nd Week in Ordinary Time

- 10am Mass for

Thursday 6 September - 22nd Week in Ordinary Time

- 10am Mass

Friday 7 September - 22nd Week in Ordinary Time – 1st Friday

- 10am Mass for November Altar List of the Dead
- Cup of Tea for all in St. Joseph's after Mass. All welcome!

Saturday 8 September – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 10am Mass for Paddy Tierney (Anniversary)

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Nora Burke** whose funeral was held in the Church this week.

We prayerfully remember **Christopher Ryan (Recently Deceased)**.
We also prayerfully remember all who are **Recently Deceased** and those whose **Anniversaries** occur at this time.
"May they rest in peace. Amen."




"Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD"
Psalm 1:24


Parish News & Announcements:


A FEW WORDS FROM FR. JOE.....

We had a family Bible in our home for as long as I can remember. It was a big white book, with a padded cover, illustrated with many biblical scenes and very heavy. It sat untouched on a bookcase. To the best of my knowledge it wasn't read, no one took it down from the shelf, found a passage of Scripture to read alone or aloud. It was always there, we had a Bible but nothing more. As a family, all 9 of us went to Sunday Mass, at first we had little black missals to help us participate in the New Mass when it was translated into English and then a bit later a Sunday missal with the readings for every week, mine had gold edges, I liked it very much. But even then the family Bible sat on the shelf, unloved. We often talked about the homily, or sermon, in the car going home from Mass, but we rarely referred back to the actual Word of God. I think this lack of attentiveness to the Scriptures was fairly common in Catholic homes, we listened to the priest, but not so much to the Lord. In recent years there has been a Mass leaflet to help us worship, both to follow the reading of the Word and respond to the prayers. I often suggest during the announcements that it would be good to carry the leaflet home and continue to read the scripture during the week, it's so hard to take it all in during Mass. But most leaflets are discarded at the tables and dropped into the green bin on Monday. To be honest I rarely do it myself so I'm not surprised that parishioners are not inclined to do so. During the week someone left a family Bible, just like ours, at the back of the Church. It contained a handwritten note, painfully sad words. They said simply that the writer was returning the Bible in protest at the abuse of a family member by a priest and the cover up by the church of this man. I wept when I read this note. I don't think that bible was much read either, God's Word condemning those who would harm a child is within those pages. All God's Commandments are there, all the instructions to the Christian community, all the hope and promise of eternal life. The Bible needs to be read, the scriptures are vital to a healthy Christianity. Maybe recovering God's Word will be a step on the road to healing the past hurts and rebuilding trust with people. Please pray for the family who have returned their Bible that God's grace and love will touch their hurt and heal them, and that the Church will reform.

Welcome Back -

 **Clonskeagh Parish Choir** - will resume this weekend at the **10.30am** Mass. We welcome them back after their summer break and look forward to raising our voices in joyful celebrations at Mass.

 **Our Lady's National School** - We would like to welcome back to staff and pupils of **Our Lady's National School** after their Summer break.
We wish them all blessings as they return for the coming academic year!

 **Clonskeagh Parish Bridge Club** - will resume play on **Thursday, 6 Sept, at 7.30pm** in St. Joseph's.

OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018



God, our Father,

We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, One family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, Especially those for whom we now pray:
[We pause and remember family members and others by name].
Increase our faith,
Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.
This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen
Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.
Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.
Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.

Parish Office



The Parish Office is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9.30am until 12noon.
(Closed on Tuesday and Thursday.)

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), was introduced on 25 May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people's personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website as policies are put in place. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.
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