

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 22 September - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 6.30pm Mass for Billy Brown (Anniversary)

Sunday 23 September - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 10.30am Mass for Maureen Barron (Anniversary)

Monday 24 September - 25th Week in Ordinary Time

- 10am Mass for Monica Barker (Recently Deceased)

Tuesday 25 September -25th Week in Ordinary Time

- 10am Mass for Michael Kennedy (Recently Deceased)

Wednesday 26 September -25th Week in Ordinary Time

- 10am Mass for Harry Hadden (Recently Deceased)

Thursday 27 September – St. Vincent de Paul, priest

- 10am Mass for Michael Kennedy (Recently Deceased)

Friday 28 September – St. Wenceslaus, martyr

- 10am Mass for Special Intention
- Cup of Tea for all in St. Joseph's after Mass. All welcome!

Saturday 29 September – Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

- 10am Mass for Michael Kennedy (Recently Deceased)

We 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:

Cup of Tea



You are warmly invited to join us for a ‘Welcome Cup of Tea’ to celebrate the arrival of Fr. Joe and Fr. Fergus to Clonskeagh Parish.

Tea & refreshments will be served at the back of the church after 10.30am Mass next Sunday, 30th September.

cross care

The Annual Collection for CROSSCARE - the Social Care Agency of the Dublin Diocese – was taken up at all Masses last weekend. The total amount realised was €805

Since it was founded over 70 years ago CROSSCARE has continued to seek to redress poverty and social exclusion.

It continues to develop new and innovative programmes and to sponsor new research to help inform policies on combating poverty and exclusion. Thank you to all who contributed so generously to this very deserving cause.

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

Spread out! It's very natural when we come into any public building or area, we like to spread out. No one likes to sit too close to their neighbour, people often tend to find a familiar place, a seat that they can almost call their own. This is all very normal and to be expected. Even at home we tend to spread out through the house, inside and out, upstairs and down, living room, kitchen, bedroom, wherever we can find some space. In our house that was fine, until you were called to eat. At that point, everyone came to the table, took their place and shared in the mealtime, sharing stories of the day, passing food, feeding the little ones, trying not to make a mess, giving everyone a chance to participate. We came to the table individually but we ate together and then everyone headed off to do their own things when the meal was over.

Coming to Mass also asks us to think about how we gather, what we do for each other when we gather as the parish for prayer. This Church on Bird Ave is pretty big, it was designed for 1720 people seated and maybe a few more standing, perhaps it can hold 2,000. If it was full we would have to use every available space, seat and bench and that would feel great. But what about when only 40, 50, or 60 people gather on a weekday, or 120-300 on a Sunday. If we use the whole space, spread ourselves out, sit at the back to be near the door and stay far from the altar what does it say about our sharing in the prayer of the Mass together? For me it doesn't feel like a community gathered to join with the priest in praying the Mass.

So I think we need to decide on what part of the Church to use when the numbers are small. We need to commit to the gathering, to being together like the family sharing the meal. We could experiment with different altars, or seating arrangements, or rooms, but I don't think we can continue as we are. The priest who celebrates needs to be able to see and hear the parishioner. The opposite to “Spread out” is to say “Come closer, gather round”, will you do that?



Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Knock

The Legion of Mary's Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Knock will take place on

Sunday, 30 September 2018.

Bus leaves from Ryan's, Windy Arbour at 8.00am
Cost: Adults €25 Children €10
(Including morning coffee)

To book phone Una 0872253845

More information is on the Church notice boards.

Parish Office



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

The **Sacristy** will be open as usual from 9.30am until 11am Monday – Saturday & from 9.30am – 12.30pm on Sunday.



Our Lady's Grove (Jesus and Mary College) would like to invite interested parties to attend guided tours of the school during the afternoon of a school day on **Monday 8th October and Thursday 11th October 2018**. Please register your interest by contacting the school on 01-2951913.

FLOWER FESTIVAL



As part of the celebrations for the bicentenary of Christ Church Taney a flower festival and art exhibition will be held in Taney Church and Parish centre from **Fri 5th Oct until Sun 7th Oct**. The theme of the festival is “Reflections of Harvest in Dundrum” and we anticipate it will be a very enjoyable weekend.