

Clonskeagh Parish Newsletter



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

Coeliac

If you are **Coeliac** you are welcome to receive Holy Communion from the Chalice. *Please come forward with the Eucharistic Ministers.*

Diary for this Week:

Sat 27th Oct – *Teresa Redmond (A)*

Sun 28th Oct – *Elizabeth (Betty) Haddock (A) and Martin Haddock (Month's Mind)*

Mon 29th Oct – *Nicholas (Nick) O'Connor (RD)*

Tues 30th Oct – *The Holy Souls*

Wed 31st Oct – *Nicholas (Nick) O'Connor (RD)*

Thurs 1st Nov – *All Saints
Feast of All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)*

Fri 2nd Nov – *1st Friday – Altar List of the Dead
Cup of Tea for all in St. Joseph's after Mass.
All welcome!*



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

Weekend Church Collections

1st Col (For the support of Priests) €470

2nd Col (Mission Sunday) €985

House to House €410

Thank you for your continued support to these collections.

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

*****Change of Venue for Weekday 10am Masses*****

From Monday, 29th October 2018, weekday 10am Masses, Monday – Friday (inclusive) will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Oratory.

(Funerals will be celebrated in the Main Church.)



Entrance Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours and give us,
we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
At the noon of the day.



Recessional Hymn

*Refrain: Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to me and never be hungry;
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst.*

Christ is the Bread of life, the true Bread sent from the Father. (R)

Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the Bread come down from heaven. (R)

Eat His flesh and drink His blood and Christ will raise you up on the last day. (R)

Parish News & Announcements:

Mission Sunday –

The collection for World Mission Sunday was taken up at last weekend's Masses, 20/21 October.

The total amount realised was €985.

Thank you to all who so generously contributed to this worthy cause.

Message of Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday 2018

'Together with young people, let us bring the Gospel to all'

Parish Office



The Parish Office will be closed this Bank Holiday Monday. *It will re-open on Friday from 9.30am until 12noon.*

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

November – Month of the Holy Souls

The November Altar List of the Dead is one of the many ways in which we remember our deceased relatives and friends, and join our intentions in the Masses the priests offer for the repose of their souls.

Please take a **November Altar List of the Dead** (*Available at the back of the Church*). Place your completed List in one of the envelopes provided and return it in the Sunday Collection Baskets. The names of all those on the **Altar List of the Dead** are included in the 1st Friday Masses throughout the year.

•Norms For Indulgences At The Commemoration Of All Souls

From **12 o'clock noon** on the **1 November** until **midnight** on the **2 November**, all who have **confessed, received Holy Communion, and prayed for the Pope's intentions** (one Our Father and Hail Mary, or any other prayer of one's choice) can gain **one plenary indulgence** by **visiting a church or oratory, and there reciting one Our Father and the Apostle's Creed**. *This indulgence is applicable only to the souls of the departed.* Confession may be made at any time within the week preceding or the week following the 1 November. Holy Communion may be received on any day from the 1- 8 November. The **faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead** may gain a **plenary indulgence applicable only to the Holy Souls** on the usual conditions from the 1- 8 of November.

"It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead."

A Seat for the Woman

There was a sentence in last Sunday's Gospel that jumped off the page for me: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you.'

But isn't that exactly what so often happens in society?

In the past in Ireland the churches had far too much power. Many clergymen were served rather than they serving. Surely priesthood is all about service? Isn't that exactly what that sentence in the Gospel tells us? Unfortunately, there's something in the human psyche that allows our egos to run riot with us and with a little persuasion we can easily consider ourselves lords and ladies of the manor.

It's fair to say that we have a fine Civil Service, a group of people who does Ireland proud. We call them public servants and that's exactly what they are, because it is their job to serve the people. What a shame when they get too big for their boots and they end up being served rather than serving.

We all know that when we serve people, whether it's parents caring for their children, children keeping an eye out on their elderly parents, wherever someone is enhancing the life of another person, human beings are at their best.

The job of the church is to serve.

Watching the World Family Day event in Croke Park when Pope Francis was sitting up on the podium flanked by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin and Cardinal Kevin Farrell, it struck me how much nicer and better it would have been, instead of three men sitting on those seats, had there been a woman sitting where Cardinal Farrell was. No, it would not have been a PR stunt. The optics would have been right and the story it would have told. The message it would have told had the provincial of the Presentation or Mercy Sisters, or someone from a congregation of Irish religious sisters been sitting beside Pope Francis.

Why did they not have a woman beside the Pope?

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