

Clonskeagh Parish Newsletter



Venue for Weekday 10am Masses
 Weekday 10am Masses, Monday – Friday (inclusive) will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Oratory. (Funerals will be celebrated in the Main Church.)


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 1st Week of Advent:

Sat 1 Dec – Betty & Tony McMahon (A)

Sun 2 Dec – Thomas & Elizabeth McCoy & Louise Crosbie (A)

 **Baptism** – We joyfully welcome Dylan and Rian into the Catholic Faith and we congratulate their parents and families on this special occasion.

Mon 3 Dec – Matthew Whelan (RD)

Tues 4 Dec – Michael Kennedy (RD)

Wed 5 Dec – Nicholas (Nick) O'Connor (RD)

Thurs 6 Dec – Nicholas Byrne (RD)

Fri 7 Dec – 1st Friday Altar List of the Dead
 Cup of Tea for all in St. Joseph's after Mass. All welcome!

Sat 8 Dec – The Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We pray for **Patrick (Pat) Dunne**, whose **Month's Mind** occurs at this time and **Graham & Paul Rafter**, whose **Anniversaries** occur at this time.
 "May they rest in peace. Amen."

Weekend Church Collections
 1st Col (For the support of Priests) €510
 2nd Col (SHARE) €485
 House to House €310
 Thank you for your continued support to these collections.

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

Entrance Hymn

Refrain
 Come to set us free, come to make us your own.
 Come to show the way to our people, your chosen.
 Open our lives to the light of your promise.
 Come to our hearts with healing, come to our minds with power, come to us and bring us your life.

You are light which shines in darkness,
 Morning Star which never sets.
 Open our eyes which only dimly see,
 The truth which sets us free.

Refrain
 You are hope which brings us courage,
 You are strength which never fails.
 Open our minds to ways we do not know,
 But where your Spirit grows.

Recessional Hymn

Promised Lord, and Christ is he,
 May we soon his kingdom see

Refrain
 Come, O Lord, quickly come,
 Come in glory, come in glory,
 Come in glory, quickly come.

Teaching, healing, once was he
 May we soon his kingdom see

Dead and buried once was he
 May we soon his kingdom see

Risen from the dead is he
 May we soon his kingdom see

Parish News & Announcements:

Crosscare Annual Parish Food Appeal 1st/ 2nd December

Archbishop Martin is once again seeking support for a Parish Food Appeal this weekend **1st/ 2nd December** to support the work of the Crosscare Foodbanks. The generosity of parishioners in last year's food appeal meant that 10,000 emergency hampers were distributed to those most in need before Christmas. Crosscare work with many individuals and families throughout the Archdiocese who are struggling to make ends meet. The Food Banks provide support with essential food and household items. This year Crosscare are asking that collections **be held on this one weekend only**. This will allow them to distribute hampers in good time for Christmas to hundreds of families.

Items that are most needed at this time are:

- A. Toiletries and cleaning products
- B. Non-perishable food
- C. Festive foods

Please bring along your donations to the church this weekend. Thank you for your continued generosity.

A few words from Fr Joe.....

A lady told me recently that in her parish the priest is very proper and that one year he wouldn't even allow there to be a crib in the church! Knowing where she lives and being a good friend of the person in question I gave him a call. "Ah people want Christmas before they have even begun Advent," he sighed. He went on to explain that with Christmas shops opening in October; Christmas trees going up in November; and Cribs with the baby Jesus smiling at you weeks before the day in shopping centres, they decided in the parish they would make every effort to wait, to really pray through Advent. Then after the last Advent Sunday they would prepare the crib, light the tree and begin final preparation for the celebration of the Nativity and 12 days of Christmas. I guess he has a point. The commercial world sells before Christmas so that people have all their food, presents and gifts for family and friends ready in good time, but the Church has something different: Advent. We pray and wait, we build up our hopes and expectations, and we get ready to greet the new born king. Hopefully we can do that here too; take time during the coming weeks to pray in the Advent spirit, making a place ready in our lives, in our hearts, in our families, and in our parish to welcome our Lord and Saviour.

The Feast of The Immaculate Conception



On **Saturday, 8 December** we celebrate **The Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This is a **Holyday of Obligation**.
Mass will be 10am on this day.

'O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.'

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 – Friday & from 10.30am – 11.30am on Sunday.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal



The annual collection for **St. Vincent de Paul** takes place at all Masses on the weekend of **9/10 December**. It will replace the usual Share Collection.
Please give as generously as you can.

Christmas Concerts

Christmas Joy Concert:

The Palestrina Choir directed by Blánaid Murphy will perform in the National Concert Hall on Tuesday 11 December at 8pm. The festive "Missa Carolae" by James Whitbourn and a heart-warming selection of traditional carols. Tickets cost €20 – book on 01 417000 or www.nch.ie

Sandyford Parish:

Come along to listen to the Capella Male Choir & St. Mary's NS and Rosemont Secondary School on Friday 14th December at 8pm - Tickets €10 available from Office Or Schools.

DUNDRUM Christmas Craft Market

- Handmade Crafts
- Christmas Gifts
- Tea & Cakes
- Mince Pies & Mulled Wine
- Fun Activities
- Christmas Carols
- Santa Claus

Sunday 2nd December

10am to 5pm

PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE

Attached to Holy Cross Church – Dundrum

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CONCERT 3:30-4:30pm
 Featuring: Patrice Keegan (organ) Niamh McCormick (soprano)

The Dom Marmion Society

The Dom Marmion Society Active Retirement Group are currently recruiting new members. They offer, among other things - Exercise classes, Bowls, Bingo and many other activities.

Contact: 086 355 2870 for more information.