

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 2nd Week of Advent:

Sat 8 Dec - Patrick, Christina & Tina Doolan (A)

Sun 9 Dec - Helen Mayland (A) & Una, Anna & Avril Phelan(A)

Mon 10 Dec - Carmel Comerford (RD)

Tues 11 Dec - Tom Phelan (RD)

Wed 12 Dec - Special Intention

Thurs 13 Dec - Holy Souls

Fri 14 Dec - Special Intention

Cup of Tea for all in St. Joseph's after Mass. All welcome!

We extend our sympathy to the family of

John Murphy

whose funeral was held in the church during the week.

*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) €555

2nd Col (SHARE) €495

House to House €315

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

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh. Awake and harken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every life from sin: make straight the way for God within, and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.



Recessional Hymn

O comfort my people and calm all their fear, And tell them the time of salvation draws near. O tell them I come to remove all their shame. Then they will, forever, give praise to my name.

Proclaim to the cities of Judah my word; That "gentle yet strong is the hand of the Lord". I rescue the captives, my people defend, And bring them to justice and joy without end.

All mountains and hills shall become as a plain, For vanished are mourning and hunger and pain. And never again shall these war against you. Behold I come quickly to make all things new.

Parish News & Announcements:

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal



The annual collection for **St. Vincent de Paul** takes place at all Masses this weekend - **9/10 December 2018.**

It will replace the usual Share Collection.
Please give as generously as you can.

A few words from Fr Joe.....

"Life is fragile, grab it with your two hands; hold onto it - it's all we know - and treasure it. Even with my illness now, I still treasure what I have. It's a different kind of life but I still treasure it." There were many amazing moments in the 'Walk While You Can' documentary on RTE on Thursday evening. The camera crew were travelling the length of Ireland, walking with Fr Tony Coote, watching him making a pilgrimage, gathering people, raising awareness, shaking buckets, eating sandwiches and talking, talking, talking. Tony poured himself into this adventure, his constant good humour transformed everyone they encountered along the way. When he made a connection he also drove home a message; from the altar in Knock; on local radio; at gigs and gatherings: "Sick people are more than their illness; life is precious; God is waiting; more public monies need to be given for support of people with Motor Neuron Disease; never give up". He shared his faith, his family and his friendships, and he allowed his love of God to flow freely. If you didn't see it, take an hour, sit down at the RTE Player and be touched by the story of an amazing man, and the community of life, and the goodness of the people along the road.

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 14 December at 8pm - Tickets €10 available from Office Or Schools.

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.**

Office Administrator – Two year fixed term contract - Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - VACANCY

An opportunity has arisen for the role of Office Administrator of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Reporting to the Director of the Pilgrimage, the Office Administrator provides a comprehensive administrative service which includes establishing and maintaining records, booking travel arrangements and managing the accounts of the Pilgrimage Office as well as travelling to Lourdes twice a year. If you are interested in applying for the above position, please email your CV and letter of application outlining why you are a suitable candidate for this role, before 5pm on Monday 10 December 2018 to Judith Maxwell, HR Manager – email: Judith.maxwell@dublindiocese.ie

Advent Reflection – Out in the Wilderness

John didn't recognise Jesus at first when he showed up at the Jordan River to be baptized. But when Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens opened and God's presence came down like the Spirit of God that had swept over the waters at the creation of the world. And if anyone there needed any further persuading, a voice from above was heard to say, "This is my Son, the beloved, with whom I am well pleased." John had completed his work. He had made straight the paths for the way of the Lord.

It's Advent. Jesus is near. With the rest of the people of God you are out in the wilderness waiting for him to appear. How can you make straight the paths of your own life? Be open to a change of heart, to letting yourself be turned in a new direction. To what new roles—perhaps unexpected ones—does your life, like John's, point? Could it be to bring some forgiveness and peace to yourself, your family, your friends, your co-workers, the world?

The answers may be hidden just beneath the waters, waiting to surface.

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