# Clonskeagh Parish Newsletter

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



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.)

## Diary for this Week:

Sat 2 Mar – Pat, Eva & Ciarán Dunne (A)

Sun 3 Mar – Olive Copeland (A)

Mon 4 Mar – Ina Murphy (RD)

Tues 5 Mar - Service of Word and Sacrament

Wed 6 Mar – Ash Wednesday – Michael Kennedy (RD)
Ashes will be distributed at morning Mass During the day
blessed Ashes will be available near the altar and parishioners
are welcome to come begin their Lenten observance. Trocaire
packs are available in the Church and all are welcome to have a
Trocaire Box at home or in work, and to support their work in
the developing world.

Thurs 7 Mar – Mrs. Moira Potter (RD)

Fri 8 Mar – Dr. Gertrude Ronan Martin (RD)

We prayerfully remember Seamus & Jo O'Neill

whose Anniversaries occur at this time.
We also prayerfully remember all those who are Recently
Deceased and whose Anniversaries occur at this time.

"May they rest in peace. Amen."

### **Weekend Church Collections**

 $1^{st}$  Col (For the support of Priests) €830  $2^{nd}$  Col (SHARE) €525 House to House €335

Thank you for your continued support to these collections.

### **Parish Office**

The Parish Office opening hours are Mon. Wed. & Fri 9.30am – 12 noon.

The **Sacristy** is open from 9.30am until 11am Monday – Friday & from 10.30am – 11.30am on Sunday. Tel: 012837948



## Entrance Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust ever child-like, 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.



Refrain

# Recessional Hymn

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky Casting its shadows near And on this morning, bright though it be I feel those shadows near me *Refrain* 

But you are always close to me Following all my ways May I be always close to you Following all your ways, Lord

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds, Warming the earth below.
And at the mid-day life seems to say:
'I feel your brightness near me'

"Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD"

Psalm 1:24

## **Parish News & Announcements:**

#### Coeliac

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

#### The Season of Lent

'Lent is a season of Fasting, Prayer, and Alms Giving in preparation for the joy of Easter'



- Fasting -Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence. Ashes will be distributed at morning Mass During the day blessed Ashes will be available near the altar and parishioners are welcome to come begin their Lenten observance.
- **Prayer** On this day Mass will be celebrated at 10am
- Alms Giving -Trocaire once again invite us to join in with their Lenten Campaign. The Trocaire packs are available at the back of the church. All families in the parish are encouraged to take the pack from the back of the church and join in the Lenten Campaign.



**ALFIE LAMBE** (1932 – 1959)



Holy Mass for the Beatification of Alfie Lambe was offered in the Church last week. It was a beautiful day. Our thanks to the Legion of Mary, to all who participated in the celebrations and thanks to the Hospitality Team for the lovely refreshments and welcome afterwards.

## A few words from Fr. Joe .....

I once heard Cardinal Timothy Dolan being interviewed: he was sharing his experience of returning to America after being made a Cardinal. He had a suitcase full of new clerical clothes, all trimmed in red, as befitted his new status; he had wonderful memories of the celebration with the Holy Father and the other new Cardinals; and all the formal Masses and events, parties and gatherings. I think he mentioned that his mother was alive and able to take some part in this immensely proud moment. So, on his first day back, it was a Wednesday, and he was still a bit jet lagged, he slipped down from his rooms to the sacristy in St. Patrick's Cathedral to join the morning Mass.

The day ahead was full of meetings to prepare for the formal welcome home and he was glad of the chance to begin the day with prayer. During the Mass, he knelt down before one of his brother priests, who marked his forehead with ashes and said, "Remember man, you are but dust and unto dust you shall return." He said in that moment he knew that all the trappings of high office, all the power that goes with being the Cardinal Archbishop of New York, all the hype, the media interviews and the celebrations only had meaning if he could accept that all this would pass and that he was mortal. He reflected that he would one day face his Lord and Maker and would have to give an account of his life, and knew that with high office came great responsibility in the service of the Gospel.

Ash Wednesday gives us all an opportunity to reflect again on our priorities, and by prayer, fasting and almsgiving, it is a time to renew our commitment to the Lord, and to living a Christian life and building up the Church.