

# 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!

## Diary for this Week:

**Sat 30 Mar – Angela Markey and Patrick & Maureen Hynes (A)**

**Sun 31 Mar – Tommy, Annie & Maureen Mangan (A)**

**Mon 1 Apr – Special Intention**

**Tues 2 Apr – Service of Word and Sacrament**

**Wed 3 Apr – Colleen Murphy (RD)**

**Thurs 4 Apr – Daniel O'Sullivan (A)**

**Fri 5 Apr – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, Altar List of the Dead**



*We 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<sup>st</sup> Col (For the support of Priests) €435**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Col (SHARE) €380**

**House to House €340**

*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

All people that on earth do dwell  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Serve him with gladness, praise him well:  
Come now before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed,  
In his great love created man:  
God is our shepherd, every need  
He has supplied since time began.  
Refrain



## Recessional Hymn

Now thank we all our God,  
With heart and hands and voices.  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom the world rejoices.  
Who from our mother's arms,  
Has blessed us on our way.  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our lives be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us,  
And keep us in his grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

**“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.*

### Lenten Reflection



**This Sunday, 31st March at 7pm**, a ‘Journey in Song’ from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection: psalms, plain song and dánta Dé (hymns of Ireland) will take place here in the Church. Join vocalist Kerrie O’ Connor, organist Jacinta Quigley, harpist Mary Louise O’ Donnell and violinist Naomi O’ Shea for this reflection in the Church of the Miraculous Medal. *All welcome!*

***Listen – Sing – Reflect***

*See notice boards or contact Kerrie (via the parish office) for further details.*

### The Season of Lent

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



- **Fasting** – Some ideas of fasting include: Fast from judging others, fast from harsh words, fast from discontent, fast from anger, fast from worry, fast from complaining & fast from idle gossip.
- **Prayer** – Why not join us for weekday Mass and prayer, at 10am Mon – Fri in St. Joseph's
- **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.

### Marlay Park Walk for Fr Tony Coote & Motor Neurone Disease, 6th April

There will be a special walk to raise funds for the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association (IMNDA) at 9.30am on *Saturday, 6th April in Marlay Park*. Following his diagnosis with Motor Neurone Disease last year, Fr Tony set about walking the length of Ireland to raise money for the IMNDA, as part of a fundraiser entitled “Walk While You Can”. IMNDA is a charity which raises money and awareness for those who suffer from Motor Neurone Disease, helping them adapt their lives after being diagnosed with the neurodegenerative disease. The 5km walk will follow the route of the regular Marlay parkrun, meeting at the back of the park on the path between the Lower College Road Car Park and the children's playground. No registration necessary!

Donations can be made in advance at:

[https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/11368954\\_walk-while-you-can.html](https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/11368954_walk-while-you-can.html)

## Confirmation Celebrations



The young candidates from **Our Lady's N. S. and St. Kilian's D.S.** received the Sacrament of Confirmation here in the Church this week.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin D.D. came to celebrate this very special day with them, their families and teachers. We thank the teachers and staff of Our Lady's N. S. & St. Kilian's D.S. for all their work in preparing the young candidates for this day.

We continue to remember all this year's Confirmation Candidates from Our Lady's N. S. & St. Kilian's D.S. in our prayers.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to all our volunteers who helped to prepare the Church by cleaning the whole Church, inside and out, flowers for the altar and hospitality after the ceremony.

*“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your Faithful. Enkindle in them the fire of Your love.”*

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

There is a tree outside my bedroom window, it has stood silvery grey and bare of leaves since last Autumn with one old nest clearly visible in its branches. This week it has begun to change, the little buds are opening, new green leaves are starting to appear. Birds are working again in their nest and the amazing cycle of nature, in its Spring phase, is bringing life back to my tree, to the garden, to the fields. The cold dark winter is over, the clocks have changed, the days are longer and the summer lies ahead. For most of us the Spring gives us a lift, our lives are renewed with the sheer beauty of blossom and the smell of newly cut grass.

With Easter coming late this year we are still in Lent while all this renewal in nature is happening. It can give us courage, we worship the God of creation, who brings new life. If God can do this for plants and animals, for hedgerows and rivers, he will certainly work in our lives too.

Our Lenten journey is not just about what we do, what we give up, but also about God helping us grow in holiness, with joy, as Easter draws closer.