

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 13 Apr – Sarah McGarry & Birdie McDonnell (A)

Sun 14 Apr – Maureen Kealy (A) & Mary Breen (MM) & George & Emily Corcoran (A)

Mon 15 Apr – William & Nora Chambers (A)

Tues 16 Apr – Harry Griffith (A)

Wed 17 Apr – Special Intention

Holy Thurs 18 Apr –
 Morning Prayer at 10.00am
 Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm
 Watch and Pray 8.30pm-9.30pm

Good Friday 19 Apr -
 Morning Prayer at 10.00am
 Solemn Passion Ceremony at 3.00pm
 Stations of the Cross 7.30pm
 Prayer around the Cross

Holy Saturday 20 Apr -
 Morning Prayer at 10.00am
 Confessions 10.30-11.00am
 Easter Vigil at 9.00pm



Parish Office



The Parish Office opening hours for Holy Week are Mon. & Wed. 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 glory praise and honour, to you redeemer King, For whom the children's voices made glad Hosannas ring. You are the King of Israel, and David's royal Son, Who in the Lord's name comes to us, the King and blessed one.

The company of angels are praising you on high: And mortal men and all things created make reply. The people of the Hebrews with psalms before you went: Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.



Recessional Hymn

Hail Redeemer, King divine
 Priest and lamb, the throne is thine
 King whose reign shall never cease,
 Prince of everlasting peace.
 Angels, saints and nations sing:
 Praise be Jesus Christ, our King:
 Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
 King of love on Calvary.

Eucharistic King, what love
 Draws thee daily from above,
 Clad in signs of bread and wine,
 Feed us, lead us, keep us thine.
 Angels, saints and nations sing:
 Praise be Jesus Christ, our King:
 Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
 King of love on Calvary.

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

Parish News & Announcements:

A Warm Welcome!



This weekend we celebrate the 'Do This In Memory Programme' for this year's 1st Holy Communion Classes. We warmly welcome the children and their families from *Our Lady's National School & St. Kilian's Deutsche Schule* to Clonskeagh Parish. We congratulate all the children as they prepare to receive their 1st Holy Communion. We would like to assure the children and their families of our continued prayers as they prepare for this very special day.

Lenten Reflection

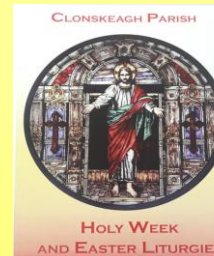
A journey in song from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection



Thanks to all of you who attended this reflection in Bird Avenue and Rathgar. For those that missed it or know someone that might like to attend the two remaining dates are:

Sunday 14th April - Church of the Ascension of the Lord, Balally - 4pm
Good Friday 19th April - St Agnes' Church, Crumlin - 8pm (incorporated into Stations of the Cross)

CLONSKEAGH EASTER TIMETABLE



EASTER SUNDAY April 21st
 Mass of the Resurrection at 10.30am
EASTER WEEK
 Easter Monday Mass at 11.00am
 Tuesday to Friday Mass at 10.00am

Easter Pack

An "Easter Pack", which includes a Dues envelope, Easter Card and timetable is available at the back of the church. Please take your copy home with you this weekend.

Weekend Church Collections

1st Col (For the support of Priests) €575
 2nd Col (SHARE) €285
 House to House €355
 Thank you for your continued support to these collections.



Special Collection

The Advocate Collection will be taken up after all Masses this weekend, 13/14 April. We ask that you be as supportive as possible. All monies used will be used by the *Sunshine Fund* to provide much needed holidays for deserving children.

A few words from Fr. Joe

When I was 14 or 15 my older sister asked me to go the Holy Week ceremonies with her at the church in a neighbouring parish. They had a priest she admired, a great choir and was much more active than our little country parish. She was at that time deeply religious, committed to going as an aid to the sick in Lourdes each year and was studying to be a social worker. Her faith was alive and active, she felt drawn to the Lord and knew that Holy Week provides an amazing opportunity to come to know him better. I was happy to go along, maybe because my sister had just got her driving licence and it was a break from the teenage boredom of school holidays. Anyway, we went, starting with Palm Sunday. Up until that point I only thought of it as the Mass with the long Gospel that we had to endure standing up. But on that occasion, we had the booklets with the people's parts and I got caught up in the drama of the Lord's entrance to Jerusalem, the betrayal in the garden, his trial, condemnation and crucifixion between the two thieves on Calvary. As the week unfolded we entered into the beauty of Holy Thursday and I realised for the first time that the washing of the feet set our faith on the foundation of service. The gift from the Last Supper, the Eucharist had for me been about getting communion, but from then I began to understand it as the very gift of the Lord himself, his real presence. Good Friday was amazing, the Solemn Passion liturgy, the Gospel was sung, the cross kissed and I felt he died for my sins too. Later that evening the Stations were done in a dramatic way that really moved me. On Holy Saturday night I went to my first Vigil Mass and was blown away by the gathering at the Paschal fire, the church brightened by the spreading of flickering flames from the candles in the hand of each person there, the readings, Gloria bells, Alleluias sung, the baptism and dressing of the altar, the sheer beauty of celebration of Christ's victory of death. I didn't know at the end of that week that I would head to the seminary and train to be a priest, but I did open my heart of the Lord and I doubt that without my sister's invitation, her sharing with me her faith, without the parish that prepared and celebrated so well that I'd be here today as a priest. Holy Week matters, try and make time for one or all of the ceremonies, let's renew our faith in the Lord and in God's mercy together.