

# 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 11 May – Winifred Quinlan (A)

Sun 12 May – Bridie & Jimmy Walsh (A)

Mon 13 May – Julia Clarke (RD)

Tues 14 May – Special Intention

Wed 15 May – Jim Deignan (RD)

Thurs 16 May – Service of Word and Sacrament

Fri 17 May – Jimmy Lawler (RD)



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) €510

2<sup>nd</sup> Col (SHARE) €400

House to House €325

Thank you for your continued support to these collections.

## Parish Office



The Parish Office opening hours this week 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

Morning has broken like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing, Praise for the morning,  
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dew-fall, on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.



## Recessional Hymn

The Spirit lives to set us free, walk, walk in the light  
He binds us all in unity, walk, walk in the light.

Walk in the light, walk in the light, walk in the light,  
Walk in the light of the Lord.

Jesus promised life to all, walk, walk in the light.  
The dead were wakened by his call, walk, walk in the light

Walk in the light, walk in the light, walk in the light  
Walk in the light of the Lord.

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

## Parish News & Announcements:

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

This weekend we mark Good Shepherd Sunday and include within our prayers a petition for vocations to the priesthood. For the first time in my life we are not having a collection for the support of candidates in training for priesthood. Over the years you have been generous in supporting this collection, and with a good amount of money in the fund, and only a handful of seminarians, there just isn't the need to have a collection. This is of course a sign of change that is very challenging to us all. We have an aging clergy, very few young priests and hardly any seminarians. Our way of being church, and parish, is becoming centered on lay leadership, both voluntary and paid. To this end next weekend, we will have a collection to support the training and work of lay leaders for our parishes. It will be very important from this time on that we have well trained men and women in our parishes to take on many of the aspects of pastoral life that was previously done by priests. The formation of children for sacraments, meeting families for baptism, couples for weddings, the bereaved for funerals, leading public prayer in absence of a priest and managing the church buildings and staff, all of this important work will have to carry on. In these Easter days we recall the very simple beginning of the Church, how it depended on 'disciples' to share the good news and men and women working together to cover all the ministries. All the church has ever needed are people passionate about faith and committed to the service of others.

### Easter Dues

Many thanks to all who returned Easter Dues. These contributions are for the support of your priests. The first call on them is for the elderly sick and retired men who have given long years of service and are now looked after in nursing homes. This care is costly and well deserved, the older men are no longer in active ministry and don't get the chance to thank you for supporting them. All priests really appreciate your kindness and generosity.



### Can you spare an hour for Sunflower Days?

Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services, Harold's Cross & Blackrock are in urgent need of your help.

### Sunflower Days 7th & 8th June

If you could donate an hour or two of your time to lend a hand selling Sunflower pins to help raise funds on our national collection day please contact **Ann or Mary on: 01 4911072** or [fundraising@oh.ie](mailto:fundraising@oh.ie). Thank you

## Congratulations



The children from *Our Lady's National School* celebrated their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May. *We congratulate all the children and we would like to assure the children and their families of our continued prayers.*

Just a reminder of the date for St. Kilian's D.S. 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Ceremony - **18<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 11.30am. All welcome to join the celebrations.**

## Ministry Sunday Collection – 18/19 May 2019

**This weekend of 11/12 May**, will continue to be an irreplaceable occasion to reflect on the importance of the ministerial priesthood and on prayer for vocations to the priesthood. This is an urgent call for the future of our diocese.

There will no longer be special collection today as it is - with the smaller number of seminarians - the funds collected over the past years are now sufficient for the near future.

In his message for the World day of Prayer for Vocations Pope Francis says that there can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! He encourages us, especially the young, not to be deaf to the Lord's call.

*'If he calls you to follow his path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Do not yield to fear, which paralyses us before the great heights to which the Lord points us.'*

**Next weekend, 18/19 May**, we will for the first time hold a new collection which will be called the **Ministry Sunday Collection**.

This annual collection will replace the Share Collection and will be devoted to support the building up of new forms of lay ministry in our parishes. The work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus in our changing religious culture will require more lay men and women working in various ways alongside our priests at the heart of parish communities.

The Ministry Sunday Collection is about ensuring that we will have the people we need - men and women who will be to the fore in making our parishes vibrant faith communities into the future.

While many of those involved will be volunteers, we will have to equip and train leaders and provide facilities for formation. We want to work towards a situation where all parishes in this Archdiocese benefit from their gifts and expertise. The new collection is one-step in that process.