

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 18 May – Frank & Kitty Phelan (A)

Sun 19 May – Philip & Clare Bradley (A)

Mon 20 May – Patrick O'Loughlin (A)

Tues 21 May – Special Intention

Wed 22 May – John McEvitt (RD)

Thurs 23 May – Patricia Quinn (RD)

Fri 24 May – Colleen Murphy (RD)



We extend our sympathy to the family of **Thomas (Tom) Kelly** whose funeral was held in the church during the week. We prayerfully remember **Anne Fogarty (Month's Mind)** **Frank & May Convey (Anniversaries)** "May they rest in peace. Amen."

Weekend Church Collections

1st Col (For the support of Priests) €410

2nd Col (SHARE) €335

House to House €345

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

Love is his word, love is his way, feasting with all, fasting alone,
Living and dying, rising again, love, only love is his way.

Refrain:

Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,
Better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his way, love is his mark, sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at the table, host to the twelve, love, only love, is his mark.

Refrain



Recessional Hymn

When creation was begun,
God had chosen you to be
Mother of his blessed Son,
Holy Mary, full of grace.

Refrain:

Ave, ave, ave Maria.

When creation was restored
You were there beside the Lord
Whom you cherished and adored
Holy Mary, full of grace.

Refrain

All of us are children too,
Often doubtful what to do.
Needing to confide in you
Holy Mary, full of grace.

Refrain

Parish News & Announcements:

A few words from Fr. Joe ...

There has been a lot of talk during the week in different media about the whole question of taking sacramental preparation out of schools. A survey in the Dublin Diocese indicated that a lot of schools' favour change, that parishes are struggling to understand the high level of participation in the special sacramental days when there seems to be very little continued contact with Mass and parish life. Many parents indicated that they are happy enough with the situation as it is.

I have been involved with four First Communions this month and I just have to admire the teachers and school staff who have worked very hard to make the whole experience very positive for all concerned. Great work was done with the children in the classroom, with the school choirs, musicians and with art, various teachers, the school principals and secretaries all gave generously of their time too. It seems to me that schools excel in drawing together the academic, the practical, the spiritual, the needs of individual children, the hopes of parents and they alleviate the pressure on parents and priests. So maybe there is a case for taking the sacramental preparation out of schools, but whatever the gain may be there is also a lot that can be lost. There are already parishioners offering invaluable assistance, parents playing their role in the preparatory Masses and parish staff ensuring that the church is available for practices, well presented for the celebrations. When change comes I hope we don't lose too much of the work of the unsung heroes. I like the sacraments being supported by the school, I appreciate involvement of parents and others and I always hope that children will grow in faith and be a part of the active faith community drawing closer to our Lord.



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. Thank you

Congratulations



The children from *St. Kilian's Deutsche Schule* celebrated their 1st Holy Communion on Saturday, 18th May.

We congratulate all the children and we would like to assure the children and their families of our continued prayers.

Ministry Sunday Collection – 18/19 May 2019



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

This new 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.

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