

Clonskeagh Parish Newsletter



Mass Times

Weekday 10am Masses –

Monday – Friday (inclusive) will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Oratory.
(Funerals will be celebrated in the Main Church.)

Weekend Masses are as follows:

Saturday – 6.30pm & Sunday – 10.30am

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

Coeliac

If you are **Coeliac** you are welcome to receive Holy Communion from the Chalice.

Please come forward with the Eucharistic Ministers.

Diary for this Week:

Sat 7 Dec – Vivion Daly (A)

Mary Staves (RD)

Sun 8 Dec – Thomas & Elizabeth McCoy (A)

Tommy, Kathleen & Tom McGuinness (A)

Mon 9 Dec – Helen Mayland (A)

Tues 10 Dec – Brigid McCarthy (RD)

Wed 11 Dec – Gavin Ryan (RD)

Thurs 12 Dec – Special Intention

Fri 13 Dec – Julia Law (A)

Cup of Tea in St. Joseph's after Mass. All welcome!



*We extend our sympathy to the family of
Ann Kehoe
whose funeral was held in the Church during the week.*

*We prayerfully remember all who are
Recently Deceased and all whose
Anniversaries
occur at this time.
“May they rest in peace. Amen.”*



Entrance Hymn

Promised Lord and Christ is he,
May we soon his kingdom see.

Chorus

*Come O Lord, quickly come,
Come in glory, come in glory,
Come in glory quickly come.*

Teaching, healing, once was he
May we soon his kingdom see.

Chorus

Risen from the dead is he
May we soon his kingdom see.

Chorus

Recessional Hymn

O comfort my people and calm all their fears
And tell them the time of salvation draws near.
O tell them I come to remove all their shame
Then they will forever give praise to my name

Proclaim to the cities of Juda my word
That “gentle yet strong” is the hand of the Lord
I rescue the captives, my people defend
And bring them to justice and joy without end

“All mountains and hills shall become as a plain
For vanished are mourning and hunger and pain
And never again shall these war against you.
Behold I come quickly, to make all things new”

Parish News & Announcements:

Change of heart

‘Once again, we come to the Holiday Season, a deeply religious time that each of us observes, in his own way, by going to the mall of his choice.’ (Dave Barry)

We might recognise ourselves in the above statement! We are so used to the commercial side of Christmas – the frenzy of ads and gift-buying, the extravagant decorations and parties – that it is easy to forget what we are really celebrating.

That’s where John the Baptist comes in. We first meet John in Luke’s Gospel, before he is even born: Elizabeth’s pregnancy is announced at the same time as Mary’s, though John will be born first. The next we hear of John, he appears as God’s messenger (as we hear in today’s Gospel), preparing the way of the Lord. His job is to set the stage for Jesus to begin his ministry, and his central message is repentance. The Greek word for repentance was metanoia, which literally means a change of heart, or turning one’s life around. So John is inviting his audience to make a break with the past, turn to God, and go in a different direction. When Jesus begins his own ministry, his first message is the very same: ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’

This is a fitting message as we enter the second week of Advent. As we prepare to welcome Jesus, we are invited to metanoia, or change of heart. As we ponder the mysteries of Christmas, we are nudged onwards in a new direction. This week, we could make a conscious effort to move away from the noise and lights of ‘the mall’, to still our minds, and to open our hearts to God’s call.

*‘Christmas is a season for kindling the fire for hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart.’
(Washington Irving)*

Intercom -Triona Doherty

Parish Office



The Parish Office opening hours for the coming week are:
Wed. & Fri. - 9.30am – 12 noon.

The **Sacristy** is open from 9.30am until 11am Monday – Friday, 6.00pm – 7.30pm Saturday & from 10.30am – 11.30am on Sunday. Tel: 012837948

Weekend Church Collections

1st Col (For the support of Priests) €510

2nd Col (Share) €360

House to House €400

Thank you for your continued support to these collections.

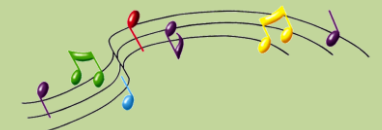


St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

The annual collection for **St. Vincent de Paul** takes place at all Masses this weekend, **7/8 December**. It replaces the usual Share Collection.

Please give as generously as you can at all Masses this weekend.

Musical Journey Through Advent



Join vocalist Kerrie O'Connor, harpists Mary Louise O'Donnell and Teresa O'Donnell and violinist Naomi O'Shea for a series of **Advent Reflections** in Avila Carmelite Centre, Donnybrook.

Tuesdays 10th & 17th December 7.30pm - 8.30pm See www.avilacentre.ie for details

Listen – Sing – Reflect



ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

7.30pm

Monday 16th December

Church of St. Thérèse

Mount Merrion



Parishes of Mount Merrion, Kilmacud & Clonskeagh
All welcome

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

Psalm 1:24