

# Clonskeagh Parish Newsletter



**Mass Times in Ordinary Time**  
**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 21 Dec – Deceased Members of the Rowan Family**  
**Stephen Langton (A)**

**Sun 22 Dec – Rosaleen Gallagher (A)**  
**Kathleen Bradley (A)**

**Mon 23 Dec – Vincent Masterson (RD)**

**Tues 24 Dec – 10am Funeral Mass -**  
**Patrick Markey R.I.P.**  
**11am – 11.30am Confessions**  
**7.30 pm Carol Service**  
**8.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass**

**Wed 25 Dec – 10.30am Christmas Day**

**Thurs 26 Dec – 11am St. Stephen's Day**

**Fri 27 Dec – Special Intention**



We extend our sympathy to the family of **Rita O'Brien** whose funeral was held here 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*

Dead and buried once was he  
 May we soon his kingdom see  
*Chorus*

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

## Recessional

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
 And ransom captive Israel  
 That mourns in lonely exile here  
 Until the Son of God appear

*Chorus: Rejoice, Rejoice O Israel  
 To you shall come Emmanuel.*

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
 Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
 In ancient times did give the law  
 In cloud and majesty and awe  
*Chorus*

## Parish News & Announcements:

### Joseph the Dreamer

Pope Francis has spoken on several occasions about his devotion to St Joseph. St Joseph is his favourite saint, he says, because he shows us how God reveals his plan to us in our times of silence and rest. He keeps a statue of a sleeping St Joseph on his desk, placing prayer requests under it.

Speaking on a trip to the Philippines in 2015, he said: 'I have great love for Saint Joseph, because he is a man of silence and strength ... Joseph's rest revealed God's will to him. In this moment of rest in the Lord, as we pause from our many daily obligations and activities, God is also speaking to us. But like St Joseph, once we have heard God's voice, we must rise from our slumber; we must get up and act.'

Today's Gospel recalls the central role played by St Joseph in the story of the birth of Jesus. A man of honour from the outset, the goodness of his character is further highlighted by his response to God's voice. When he wakes up after hearing God's instructions in a dream, he immediately acts on it and takes Mary into his home. His openness to God's will is a crucial element in the story that follows: his partnership with and support of Mary, the birth of Jesus, his care for the child 'who is to save his people'.

Christmas is very near now, and we are busy and preoccupied with our preparations. A good time, perhaps, to pause in silence, to rest with God, and to listen to what he might have to say to us.

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The Society of St Vincent de Paul wish to thank the parishioners for their support during our recent Christmas appeal.

**The total amount collected was €4280.**  
 St Gall SVP Clonskeagh



## Parish Office Christmas Timetable

The Parish Office will be closed from **Tuesday 24th December** and will **re-open** on **Monday 6th January 2020**. The **Sacristy** is open from **9.30am until 11am Mon, Tues, 6.00pm – 7.30pm Saturday & from 10.30am – 11.30am on Sunday**. Tel: 012837948

## Weekend Church Collections

**1<sup>st</sup> Col (For the support of Priests) €425**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Col (Share) €325**

**House to House €275**

*Thank you for your continued support to these collections.*

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

## Christmas Ceremonies

**Tuesday 24 December Christmas Eve. Vigil Mass**  
 10am Mass  
 11am – 11.30am Confessions  
 7.30 pm Carol Service  
 8.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

**Wednesday 25 December Christmas Day**  
 10.30 am Mass

**Thursday 26 December St. Stephen's Day**  
 11.00 am Mass

**Friday 27 December**  
 10.00 a.m. Mass

**Saturday 28 December**  
 6.30pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday 29 December**  
 10.30 am Mass

**Monday 30 December**  
 10.00 a.m. Mass

**Tuesday 31 December**  
 10.00 a.m. Mass

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## The Christmas Crib



We hope that you enjoy the Crib this year!

We thank **Mr. Tom Hanrahan, Mr. George Corcoran & Mr. Gerry Hume** for all their hard work in setting up the crib.

## Crib Offerings

The *Crib Offerings* will be donated to the Holy Family Maternity Hospital in Bethlehem under the care of the Sisters of Charity.

*“Jesus born in Palestine, lives today in Bread and Wine”* (Hilaire Belloc)

## Christmas Card & Mass Times

Christmas Packs are available at the back of the Church. Please take one home with you.

## Christmas Dues

\*Sincere thanks to all who have already contributed their *Christmas Dues*.

\*They can be **returned** to the **Parish Office/Sacristy** or you can place them into the collection baskets at the weekend Masses.