

# Clonskeagh Parish Newsletter

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 28 Dec – 6.30pm – Tomás O’Faolain (RD)**

**Sun 29 Dec – 10.30am - Patrick Quinlan (A)  
Gerry O’Rahilly (A)**

**Mon 30 Dec – 10am - Special Intention**

**Tues 31 Dec – 10.00am - Mass**

**Wed 1 Jan – 11am - Mass**

**Thurs 2 Jan – 10am – Patricia Egan (RD)**

**Fri 3 Jan – 10am – Altar List of the Dead**



*We extend our sympathy to the family of  
**Patrick Markey**  
whose funeral was held here during the week.*

*We also prayerfully remember all who are **Recently Deceased** and those whose **Anniversaries** occur at this time.*

**“May they rest in peace. Amen.”**

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



## 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.)*

## Entrance Hymn

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo still their joyous strains.

*Gloria, in excelsis Deo (2)*

Shepherd why this jubilee?  
Why your rapt’rous strains prolong?  
Say what may your tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song.  
*Chorus*

## Recessional

Adeste Fideles, Laeti triumphantes  
Venite, venite in Bethlehem  
Natum Videte, Regem angelorum,  
*Venite Adoremus,*  
*Venite Adoremus,*  
*Venite Adoremus Dominum*

O come all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold him  
Born the king of angels

*O come, let us adore him (3)*  
*Christ the Lord*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye citizens of Heaven above,  
Glory to God in the highest  
*Chorus*

## Parish News & Announcements:

### Displaced

*‘One of the unsettling things about my journey, mentally, physically, and emotionally, was that I wasn’t sure when or where it was going to end.’ (from A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier by Ishmael Beah)*

We like to imagine, sometimes, what the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph were like. What was their daily routine? How did they eat, work and pray together? There are very few details in the Gospels about Jesus’ early years, other than the accounts of his birth and one story detailing the time he went missing in Jerusalem and was found in the Temple.

But in today’s Gospel we get an insight into some of the early challenges faced by this little family. While Jesus was still small, Joseph was urged in a dream to escape with the family to Egypt as Jesus’ life was under threat. Can you imagine what that experience was like for them – leaving their home and fleeing to another country, not knowing when, or if, it would be safe to return home? Sadly, millions of people in our world do not have to imagine this type of experience – they live it every day. Like many others, the Holy Family were, for some time, forced to leave their home country due to persecution – this is the very definition of a refugee or displaced person.

This painful human experience was at the very heart of the family experience of Jesus himself. Later in Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus tells us that when we welcome strangers, we welcome Jesus himself. Compassion and welcome for strangers, particularly those who are vulnerable, was a key element of Jesus’ life and ministry. It should be central to ours, too.

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## Christmas Dues

Envelopes have been distributed and are available at the tables near the doors for Christmas Dues.

The gift of money at Christmas and Easter for the care of priests is essential both for the upkeep of our active priests but also for the sick and retired priests who are now cared for in nursing homes. This care is very expensive and only made possible through your donations.

The elderly men, after a lifetime of ministry can’t express thanks to you directly, so on their behalf, thank you for all you contribute to their care and well being.  
*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**.

Dues envelopes continue to be received over the holidays and into the New Year.

## Parish Office – Christmas Timetable



The Parish Office will re-open Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The **Sacristy** will be open from 9.30am until 11am Wednesday –Friday & from 10.30am – 11.30am on Sunday.  
Tel: 012837948

## Unwanted Gifts Appeal



The staff at St. Mary’s Pro-Cathedral in Dublin have a solution for your unwanted Christmas gifts - bring them to the crib in the Cathedral and they will give them out to people around the city who may not have received anything this year. Unused/Unwanted Gifts [non perishable] Campaign (26<sup>th</sup> December 2019 [until 12 noon] to 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020). You are invited to bring unwanted gifts [non perishable] that you received to the crib so that they can be redistributed through *Crosscare – the Diocesan Social Care Agency. Crosscare, the social care agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin, will collect the unwanted gifts after January 6<sup>th</sup> and redistribute them to people most in need.*