

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!

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 4 Jan – John Corcoran (A)
Ann Kehoe (Months Mind)
Patrick Kehoe (A)

Sun 5 Jan – Clare Bradley (A)



Baptism – We joyfully welcome William, Emily & Isabella into the Catholic Faith and we congratulate their parents and families on this special occasion.

Mon 6 Jan – Feast of the Epiphany

Tues 7 Jan –

Wed 8 Jan – Special Intention

Thurs 9 Jan – Frank Whelan (RD)

Fri 10 Jan – Pat Deasy (RD)



We extend our sympathy to the family of **Mary Fitzpatrick** whose Requiem Mass was celebrated in the Church this week.

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

Entrance Hymn

Joy to the world, the Lord has come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart proclaim his word
And heavens and nations sing (3)

He rules the world with truth and grace
And make the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love (3)

Recessional

Adeste fideles, laeti triumphantes
Venite, venite in Bethlehem.
Natum videte, regem angelorum
Venite adoremus (2)
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 ages
O come let us adore him O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

Weekend Church Collections

1st Col (For the support of Priests) €470
2nd Col (Share) €325
House to House €305

Thank you for your continued support to these collections.

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

Parish News & Announcements:

World Became Flesh

Today we hear the beautiful prologue to John's Gospel. It would be worth finding the time to meditate on these verses during the week. They are beautifully rich. 'In the beginning was the Word...' in Greek, logos. This logos (Word) has far more meaning than its English translation can give. It refers to all-knowledge; all-being; that which is forever; the Word that is Divine, Creator of the universe, Being, God, Father and Mother of all things.

We read in this prologue that not one thing came to be without God. Do we really see God at the centre of all things? In our environment, in nature, in all created beings? Science tells us our universe is 13.8 billion years old. We cannot even conceive of such a time scale. John tells us of God at that point, at that great flaring forth of all creation, when everything came to be. This Word was with God at that moment and was God.

If we truly believe in the Incarnation, let us be alert and awake to the Incarnation of God every day in our lives; Christ present in all people, in every created thing, for God is fully at work in creation at every stage, then, now and forever. For creation and incarnation are not different events, but the same event, the same process.

'God is always incarnate, always bound to the world as its lover, as close to it, as we are to our own bodies, and concerned before all else to see that the body, God's world, flourishes.' (Sallie McFague)

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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, 6th January 2020. The **Sacristy** will be open from 9.30am until 11am Monday–Friday & from 9.30am – 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 (26th December 2019 [until 12 noon] to 6th 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 6th and redistribute them to people most in need.*