

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 11 Jan – William & Mary Grogan (A)

Sun 12 Jan – Pat Hughes (A) & John Cruite (A)

Mon 13 Jan – Marian & Michael Markey (A)

Tues 14 Jan – Special Intention

Wed 15 Jan – Special Intention

Thurs 16 Jan – Patrick Markey (RD)

Fri 17 Jan – Pat Deasy (RD)



We extend our sympathy to the family of **Bernadette Finnegan** 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.”

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

Entrance

The light of Christ has come into the world
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All men must be borne again to see the Kingdom of God

The water and the spirit bring new life in God's love.

God gave us his only Son out of love for the world

So that all men who believe in him, will live forever.



Recessional

God's spirit is in my heart,
who has called me and set me apart
This is what I have to do, what I have to do.
He sent me to give the good news to the poor
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more
Tell blind people that they can see
And set the downtrodden free
And go tell everyone the news that the Kingdom of God has come
And go tell everyone the news that God's Kingdom has come.
Just as the Father sent me
So I'm sending you out to be
My witnesses throughout the world
The whole of the world.

Weekend Church Collections

1st Col (For the support of Priests) €545

2nd Col (Share) €365

House to House €350

Thank you for your continued support to these collections.

Parish News & Announcements:

Baptism of Jesus

John the Baptist was driven by one mission: to point people to Jesus, to prepare the way for Jesus. Yet John is uneasy in this account of Jesus' baptism. The moment has arrived but he is standing before someone much greater than himself and is being asked to minister. John feels unqualified, unworthy of such a task. After some persuasion 'John gave into him' and accepted his responsibility. This is a lesson to all of us, not to let feelings of inadequacy stop us from carrying out our various missions and vocations in our lives. Jesus explains to John that this is necessary as a sign for the beginning of his ministry, a public statement of identity.

Today we might consider our own baptism and what it means to us. At that moment we were anointed as priests, prophets and Kings. To what extent do we live this out in our Christian lives? John points us towards Jesus and we can ask, do we also point the way to Jesus for others? How can we be a signpost for others?

Remember today those who pointed the way for you at various times in your life. Maybe a chaplain in school or college, a teacher, grandparent, a friend, a retreat you participated in. At various times in our lives we meet these 'signposts' which help us to grow in our faith and deepen our awareness of Christ's love. Let us celebrate all of these 'baptismal' moments today.

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Parish Office



The Parish Office opening hours 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

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**. Dues envelopes continue to be received into the New Year.

Crib Offerings

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

Thanks to everybody for their generosity!

A Call to Prayer



Pope Francis has asked for everyone *to pray to the Lord to help the people of Australia at this difficult time as major fires rage across the nation. He said "I'm close to the Australian people."* Major bushfires have broken out around Australia, with more than 10.3 million hectares (25.5 million acres) of land burned in recent weeks. More than twenty people have lost their lives in the fires. Firefighters have used the break from extreme heat and high winds to strengthen containment lines around several major fires, as the military continued efforts to provide supplies to thousands of people who have been left homeless. Complicating the recovery effort, authorities have forecast another temperature spike as soon as Friday, with little rain, meaning a return to hazardous conditions. Earlier this week, the president of the Australian Bishops Conference, Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane, issued a statement about the “unprecedented” crisis facing the country. Like Pope Francis, he too called for prayer, noting that “*A genuine Catholic response to a crisis of this magnitude must draw strength from prayer which inspires concrete and compassionate action. With broad and deep roots across the nation*”, the Archbishop said, “*the Church stands ready to walk alongside people throughout their journey of recovery*”.

Here in Clonskeagh we join together to pray for all those who have been affected by this disaster. We pray that the Lord will strengthen the people of Australia and heal the land.