

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 18 Jan – Patrick Markey (Month's Mind)

Sun 19 Jan – Miriam Harkin (A)

Mon 20 Jan – Patrick Markey (RD)

Tues 21 Jan – Mary Fitzpatrick (RD)

Wed 22 Jan – John Donnelly (A)

Thurs 23 Jan – Ann Kehoe (RD) & Kathleen Barker (A)

Fri 24 Jan – May Heneghan (RD)



*We prayerfully remember
Patricia Egan*

whose Anniversary occurs at this time.

*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

All people that on earth do dwell
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Serve him with gladness praise him well:
Come now before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed,
In his great love created man:
God is our shepherd,
Every need He has supplied since time began.

Recessional

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them,
Whom shall I send?
Refrain

Weekend Church Collections

1st Col (For the support of Priests) €505

2nd Col (Share) €455

House to House €435

Thank you for your continued support to these collections.

Parish News & Announcements:

The Lamb of God

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist is inviting us to *look* at Jesus. He calls Jesus the '*lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world*'. We say these words often at mass and today we are invited to meditate on them more closely. What does it mean? In Jesus' time, two lambs were sacrificed in the Temple in Jerusalem each day. It was a ritual that invoked purity. Jesus will preach a love that is radical for many, in a world that was, and still is, broken. John refers to Jesus as the *lamb* as he knows that if one loves in such a way, they will suffer at the hands of unjust systems and institutions.

When we look at the 'sins' of our world today – broken relationships, crisis, can we also see those who, like Jesus, 'take away' the sins of the world? Christ's love was not passive, he actively challenged systems that were oppressive and which prevented people from living life to the full. Whether it be the climate crisis or the homelessness crisis or any number of issues we face, '*look*' where Jesus walks and is actively working to ease this suffering. When we hear these words at mass, let us be reminded of all those who sacrifice much to ease the sufferings of others. This is Christ, the 'lamb of God' active in our world today.

'The descent into the waters of our spirit, is a journey into the presence of divinity ... all human beings are children of God but not all live in the awareness that there is 'that of God' within them' W.L. Wallace

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The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place from **18 – 25 January** on the theme "*They showed us unusual kindness*" (Acts 28:2). The materials for the 2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the Christian churches in Malta and Gozo (Christians Together in Malta).

Background to this year's theme and resources On 10th February many Christians in Malta celebrate the Feast of the Shipwreck of St Paul, marking and giving thanks for the arrival of Christian faith on these islands. The story begins with Paul being taken to Rome as a prisoner (Acts 27: 1). Paul is in chains, but even in what turns out to be a perilous journey, the mission of God continues through him. This narrative is a classic drama of humanity confronted by the terrifying power of the elements. The passengers on the boat are at the mercy of the forces of the seas beneath them and the powerful tempest that rages about them. These forces take them into unknown territory, where they are lost and without hope. The 276 people on board the ship are divided into distinct groups. The centurion and his soldiers have power and authority but are dependent on the skill and experience of the sailors. Although all are afraid and vulnerable, the prisoners in chains are the most vulnerable of all. Their lives are expendable; they are at risk of summary execution (27: 42). As the story unfolds, under pressure and in fear for their lives, we see distrust and suspicion widening the divisions between the different groups. Remarkably, however, Paul stands out as a centre of peace in the turmoil. He knows that his life is not governed by forces indifferent to his fate, but rather is held in the hands of the God to whom he belongs and whom he worships (see 27: 23). Because of this faith, he is confident that he will stand before the emperor in Rome, and in the strength of this faith he can stand before his fellow travellers and give thanks to God. All are encouraged. Following Paul's example, they share bread together, united in a new hope and trusting in his words.

Upcoming Events

World Day of the Sick 2020

The World Day of the Sick Seminar will take place on *Saturday, February 8th from 9.30am to 1.00pm in the Newtown Parish Pastoral Centre, Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock, Co Dublin.*

This year's theme is on Hope in the Face of Suicide - (agenda attached). The World Day of the Sick Mass will take place the following day on Sunday 9th February in Church of the Guardian Angels, Newtontownpark Avenue, Blackrock, A94 WF89.

For further information please contact - Trish Conway on M: 087 6220349.

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ACCORD

The Annual Collection of **ACCORD** Dublin: The Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all *Masses on the Weekend of 15 & 16 February.*

The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection. ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers; Marriage Preparation courses, Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support so please give generously if you can. For further information contact Linda Chambers by email: LChambers@accordublin.ie

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.