

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 25 Jan – Deceased Members of the Kinahan Family

Sun 26 Jan – Pauline Ross (A) & Liam Hyland (RD)

Mon 27 Jan – Tony Preston (RD)

Tues 28 Jan – Patrick Markey (RD)

Wed 29 Jan – Marian Finucane (RD)

Thurs 30 Jan – Fr. Sean McGearty (RD)

Fri 31 Jan – Nora Morgan (RD)



*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

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here

Bow down before Him now in reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground,
Be still for the presence of the Lord the Holy One is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around

He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Recessional

God's spirit is in my heart,
He 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) €430

2nd Col (Share) €295

House to House €250

Thank you for your continued support to these collections.

Parish News & Announcements:

Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus withdrew to Galilee and made his home in Capernaum by the lake. Anyone who has been to the Holy Land will have visited Capernaum and will know that it is a beautiful place. In Jesus' time this was a thriving fishing town.

To 'repent' literally means 'to turn around'. We are called to transformation, to turn away from what is not life giving and embrace a full life.

It's hard to imagine behaving in the same way as Simon Peter and Andrew, leaving everything behind them and following Jesus. There must have been something very attractive about Jesus. The account in Matthew is quite short but one wonders if they had heard him speak many times before this moment. It takes courage to drop everything and follow something new. Obviously, they were ready for it, it was the right moment and their hearts said 'Yes!'

These accounts are the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Today perhaps you can reflect on moments you were called to something new and even though it meant leaving something behind, you knew it was the right choice. You were at peace with your decision despite the challenges it might bring. This process never ends, we are constantly called to 'repent', renew, rediscover, seek out.

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Celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2020

The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God's Creation. As Irish society changes, it is important that we reflect on the unique contribution of Catholic schools to our collective goal of education. Catholic schools offer a view of the world as the gift of God's creation. We are called to be co-creators of love and joy in the world, thus sharing God's love. We are called to be stewards of the environment, with a responsibility to protect the environment around us for future generations. While each Catholic school shares the profound commitment to this vision, every school lives out this message differently. God's creation is an ecology of relationships. We have the unique gift of being able to care for ourselves, for others and for the environment around us. We have a relationship with each of these.

Jesus teaches us to love one another as he has loved us.

This week, we celebrate the gifts and talents we have in living out Jesus' teaching. Saint Paul writes in his first letter to the Corinthians;

'For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.'

This year, we celebrate how we are each called to promote peace, unity and harmony in the world, in our words, thoughts and actions. In caring for others, the environment and ourselves, we learn to live in harmony with God's creation.

Let us pray...

*God of love and mercy, we know that you are always with us. May we always carry the light of Christ in our hearts, in our minds and in our actions, and may our school continue to be a place where we work as a community to help live the Gospel message; to love one another as you have loved us.
Amen.*

A Very Warm Welcome!



This weekend we celebrate the 'Do This In Memory Programme' for this year's 1st Holy Communion Classes. We warmly welcome the children and their families from *Our Lady's National School and St. Kilian's Deutsche Schule* to Clonskeagh Parish. We congratulate all the children as they prepare to receive their 1st Holy Communion. At this celebration of Mass the children encounter the wisdom of tradition in the living Faith of the older generation.

We would like to assure the children and their families of our continued prayers as they prepare for this very special day.

Upcoming Events - ALFIE LAMBE

ALFIE LAMBE (1932 – 1959)

The 10.30am Mass on Sunday, 9th February will be offered to celebrate the life of the Servant of God Alfie Lambe, and to pray for his Beatification.

The principal Celebrant and Homilist will be The Very Rev. Paul Churchill, JCD.

Alfie, a native of Tullamore, Co. Offaly, and a former Legion of Mary Envoy to South America has been designated as "the Servant of God" in recognition of the holiness and dedication of his short life. What is needed to progress his cause is a medically approved miracle through his intercession.

All are welcome. A cup of tea will be served

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.