

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 22 Feb - Deceased Members of the Keane Family (A)
Kevin Redmond (A)
Thomas Clarke (A)

Sun 23 Feb – Martin Leonard (A)
Mary Finlan (A)
Alex Gilbert & Deceased Members of the Gilbert Family (A)

Mon 24 Feb – Patricia (Patty) Neylan (RD)

Tues 25 Feb – Special Intention

Wed 26 Feb Ash Wednesday – Angela Phelan (RD)

Thurs 27 Feb –Ger Mohan (RD)

Fri 28 Feb – Angela McKeon (RD)
Cup of Tea for all in St. Joseph's after Mass.
All welcome!

*We extend our sympathy to the families of
Angela Phelan & Marie Bourke
whose funerals were held in the church this week.
We prayerfully remember all those who are recently
deceased and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



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



Entrance Hymn

Christ be near at either hand
Christ behind, before me stand,
Christ with me where 'er I go
Christ around, above, below

Christ be in mind heart and mind
Christ within my soul enshrined
Christ control my wayward heart
Christ abound and ne'er depart



Recessional Hymn

When creation was begun,
God has chosen you to be
Mother of his blessed Son,
Holy Mary full of grace.
Ave, ave, ave Maria

When creation was restored,
you are there beside the Lord,
Whom you cherished and adored,
Holy Mary full of grace.
Ave, ave, ave Maria.

All of us are children too,
often doubtful what to do
Needing to confide in you,
Holy Mary full of grace.
Ave, ave, ave Maria

Weekend Church Collections

1st Col (For the support of Priests) €355
2nd Col (ACCORD) €660
House to House €265

Thank you for your continued support to these collections.

Parish News & Announcements:

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Day of Prayer for Temperance

The power of forgiveness 'I bear no ill will. I bear no grudge. Dirty sort of talk is not going to bring her back to life. She's in heaven and we shall meet again. I will pray for these men tonight and every night.' These words of Gordon Wilson echoed across the world in 1987, just hours after his 20-year-old daughter Marie was killed in an IRA bomb in Enniskillen. Very few words in the history of the Northern Ireland conflict had such a powerful impact. His extraordinary capacity to forgive the people who had caused him so much pain helped to move along the slow process.'

Gordon Wilson was the personification of the words of Jesus: 'love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.' It is one of the most difficult and challenging passages in the Gospels; one commentator calls it 'Jesus' most unreasonable command.' Living under oppressive Roman rule, with torture and murder not uncommon, the disciples knew what it was to hate their enemies. As we read and listen to the news today, the cruelty of people continues to astound and upset us. But Jesus reminds us that everyone is human. All are children of God, who 'causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good.' While we clearly don't accept or excuse the terror and evil in the world, we cannot dehumanise those who carry out despicable actions. It is much easier said than done, but we must strive to meet hatred with love. With God, there is always forgiveness; there is always hope.

'Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.'
Martin Luther King Jr

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The Season of Lent

'Lent is a season of Fasting, Prayer, and Alms Giving in preparation for the joy of Easter'



• **Fasting** – Some ideas of fasting include: Fast from judging others, fast from harsh words, fast from discontent, fast from anger, fast from worry, fast from complaining & fast from idle gossip.

• **Prayer** – **Wednesday 26th February – Ash Wednesday**– Ashes will be distributed at the **10am Mass**.

• **Alms Giving** -Trocaire once again invite us to join in with their Lenten Campaign. The Trocaire packs are available at the back of the church. All families in the parish are encouraged to take the pack from the back of the church and join in the Lenten Campaign.

St. Benildus College, Upper Kilmacud Road, Stillorgan is holding an **Open Day on Tuesday March 3rd 2020.**

Guided School Tours are offered from 8.25am – 11.45am and from 1.15pm – 2.45pm

www.stbenilduscollege.com

Are You a Good Listener?

SeniorLine, Ireland's only confidential telephone listening service for older people, needs women and men aged 55+ to train as telephone line volunteers. You would work a three hour rota every three weeks in the Royal Hospital, Donnybrook. Your role would be to listen with empathy to a range of calls, which may involve loneliness, health and family worries. You do not give advice but you do support callers in each situation presented. Full training is provided. If interested, please phone Anne on 087-7450721

ACCORD



The Annual Collection of **ACCORD** Dublin: The Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, was collected at all Masses last weekend 15 & 16 February.

The total amount realised for this collection amounted to €660.

Thank you all for your generosity to this worthy cause.

