

# Clonskeagh Parish Newsletter

Let us remember those who are housebound and listening to our Parish Mass on the Parish Radio today!

## Legion of Mary

The Parish branch of the Legion of Mary have cancelled their meetings until further notice.

*We prayerfully remember all those who are recently deceased and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



## COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

**SeniorLine** is a FREEPHONE service and our older callers can call free between 10am and 10pm every day of the year on 1800804591. The corona virus is a particular threat to older people and subsequently SeniorLine has put in place a number of protocols to support our many older callers from all over Ireland. Any caller, concerned about Covid 19, will receive the most up to date guidance as recommended by Government sources. Good health practice is reinforced at all times. This information is updated daily as the situation changes and is available to each of our volunteers at the phones.

**ALONE** has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.



## CLONSKEAGH PARISH CORONAVIRUS MEASURES

DUE TO MEASURES INTRODUCED BY HEALTHCARE AUTHORITIES LIMITING ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC INDOOR GATHERINGS TO 100 PEOPLE,

- MASS WILL CONTINUE ON WEEKDAYS AT 10AM IN THE MAIN CHURCH
- SUNDAY MASS IN THIS CHURCH IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

## LIST OF CHURCHES WITH WEBCAMS

Church of St. Therese, Mount Merrion  
[www.mountmerrionparish.ie](http://www.mountmerrionparish.ie)

St Mary's Pro Cathedral, Dublin 1  
[www.procathedral.ie](http://www.procathedral.ie)  
<https://www.dublindiocese.ie/watch-listen-live/>

## RTE NEWS NOW

RTÉ will air Mass every weekday at 10.30am from St Eunan's and St Columba's Cathedral, Letterkenny, on RTÉ News Now. The broadcasts will continue at least until 29 March, when current public health measures will be reviewed by the Government. RTÉ News Now can be accessed on Saorview (channel 21), Sky (521), Virgin Media (200), Eir (517) as well as via the RTÉ Player, the RTÉ News Now app and via RTÉ.ie/news. This content will also be available on the RTÉ Player, both live and on catch-up.

## RADIO MARIA

Mass is broadcast daily at 10.00am and on Sunday at 10.00am and 11.00am. Listen on Saorview ch210

## Parish News & Announcements:

### Pray with Pope Francis and Act of Consecration of Ireland for the Feast of the Annunciation

Pope Francis has called for all Christians to respond to the coronavirus pandemic "with the universality of prayer, of compassion, of tenderness", adding, "Let us remain united. Let us make our closeness felt toward those persons who are the most lonely and tried". Speaking after the traditional recitation of the Angelus, the Holy Father called on all Christians to join together in prayer. "In these trying days, while humanity trembles due to the thread of the pandemic, I would like to propose to all Christians that together we lift our voices towards Heaven," he said.

#### *The "Our Father" on the Annunciation*

On Wednesday, 25 March, the feast of the Annunciation, he has invited "the Heads of the Churches and the leaders of every Christian community, together with all Christians of the various confessions, to invoke the Almighty, the omnipotent God, to recite at the same time the prayer that Jesus, our Lord, taught us" – the Our Father. "On that day on which many Christians recall the Annunciation to the Virgin Mary of the Incarnation of the Word", Pope Francis prayed, "may the Lord listen to the united prayer of all of His disciples who are preparing themselves to celebrate the victory of the Risen Christ".

#### *A special 'Urbi et Orbi' blessing*

The Pope also announced that on Friday, 27 March, he will preside over a moment of prayer on the sagrato of St Peter's Basilica, the platform at the top of the steps immediately in front of the façade of the Church. "I invite everyone to participate spiritually through the means of communication", he said.

The ceremony will consist in readings from the Scriptures, prayers of supplication, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; and will conclude with Pope Francis giving the Urbi et orbi Blessing, with the possibility of gaining a plenary indulgence for all those who listen to it live through the various forms of communication. The blessing "to the City [of Rome] and to the World" is normally only given on Christmas and Easter.

The Director of the Holy See Press Office confirmed that the moment of prayer on Friday will be broadcast live from the Vatican, beginning at 6 pm Rome time. He noted that the plenary indulgence attached to the Urbi et orbi blessing is subject to the conditions foreseen by the recent Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary.

### ACT OF CONSECRATION OF IRELAND TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY FOR PROTECTION FROM THE CORONAVIRUS

#### Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord - Wednesday 25 March 2020

Archbishop Eamon Martin is inviting Bishops, Clergy and all the Faithful to join with him at the 12.00 noon Angelus on the Feast of the Annunciation, Wednesday 25 March, in consecrating Ireland and her people to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for protection from the coronavirus.

People are encouraged to participate and unite themselves in prayer in their homes and workplaces.

*The Act begins with the recitation of The Angelus.*

#### *The Apostles Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

#### *The First Joyful Mystery of the Rosary: The Annunciation of the Lord*

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Health of the Sick, at this time of great challenge to our country from the coronavirus, we consecrate to Jesus through your Immaculate Heart: ourselves, our family, the members of our parish and Diocese, and the people of Ireland.

O Mary, Queen of Ireland, when you appeared at Knock, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress, and brought them comfort in a time of sorrow. Be with us now as a sign of salvation and hope, as we entrust ourselves to your loving care. We renew the promises of our Baptism and Confirmation and ask your intercession that we may be always faithful to Christ and to His Church. Bring under your mantle of protection all those who are suffering because of the coronavirus, and those who care for the sick and minister to their needs, as your Son implores us to do for one another.

O Loving Mother, at the foot of the Cross, with steadfast faith, your Immaculate Heart was pierced by grief at the suffering of your Son. You know what we need during these difficult days. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us – He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. O Blessed Mother, Our Life, our Sweetness and Our Hope, we wish that this Consecration be for the glory of God and that it lead us safely to Jesus your Son.

A Naomh-Mhuire, a Mháthair Dé, guigh orainn na peacaigh, anois agus ar uair ár mbáis. Amen.