

Clonskeagh Parish Newsletter

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



Mass Times

Weekday 10am
Monday – Friday (inclusive)
Saturday 6.30pm
Sunday 10.30am

Diary for this Week

Sat 11 Jul – Teresa Walsh (RD)

Sun 12 Jul – Frank McHugh (A)

Mon 13 Jul – Des & Sean Keogh (A)

Tues 14 Jul – Muriel Flynn (RD)

Wed 15 Jul – James Healy (RD)

Thurs 16 Jul – Kevin Egan (A)

Fri 17 Jul – The Holy Souls

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

Weekend Church Collections - There will be no baskets passed during Mass so please watch out for the collection buckets at the doors. Feel free to donate online at <https://www.clonskeaghparish.ie/>

Thank you for your continued support to these collections.

Parish News & Announcements:

The Deep End

Today's Gospel is in three parts: the parable Jesus taught, an explanation on how to listen, and an explanation of the parable Jesus taught. The parable itself is well known and concerns seeds, where they land, and what happens to them. We might take note of the seeds as representing God's Word and the effect it has, or does not have, on us. What makes the difference in the parable is the type of soil the seed lands on and how suitable it is for growth to take place. Let us consider our own hearts as the soil: how open are we to receiving seeds that may be planted there? What condition is our 'soil' in? Any decent gardener will know that good soil is key in order to cultivate anything. Soil needs to be weathered, broken down; it can be too acidic, or it can be too alkaline. Good soil needs organic matter such as compost or manure. It needs lots of air and water; it needs to be tended and prepared. We too are weathered down by various forces in our lives, and at times have manure thrown at us. This can either close us down and harden our hearts, or it can open us up help us to grow, ready to receive the seeds that are scattered. Like the soil, we must take care of our bodies, hearts, and minds, adopt a holistic approach to our well-being. The lesson on 'hearing' in the Gospel today is also important. How do we listen? Do we listen or read God's word while being distracted by many things, or are we fully attentive, even for a few minutes each day? How do we listen to one another? Fully attentive or with one eye on our phone? There is a great richness in the text today, spend time with it. Perhaps think about how you might prepare better the soil for planting.

'The soil is the great connector of lives, the source and destination of all. It is the healer and restorer and resurrector, by which disease passes into health, age into youth, death into life. Without proper care for it we can have no community, because without proper care for it we can have no life.' (Wendell Berry)

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First Anniversary Mass & Permanent Memorial for the Very Rev Fr Tony Coote PP

Dear Parishioners,

It is hard to believe that by the end of next month a year will have passed since the passing of Fr Tony Coote, who departed this life on August 28th 2019 after his courageous and inspiring journey through his illness. We commend his soul to the love and mercy of God, whom he loved so dearly and served selflessly.

As we approach his first anniversary, we remember especially Tony's mother, family, and friends in our prayers.

We are mindful of Tony's many and varied roles in life, especially his role for ten years as a dear and beloved Administrator/Parish Priest of Mount Merrion, Kilmacud and Clonskeagh.

As is right and fitting, we will be offering a number of Masses in Fr Tony's memory, commencing Friday 28th August and throughout the weekend, including Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th August. Hopefully the entire parish community will have an opportunity to participate and remember Fr Tony at one of these anniversary Masses.

It is also appropriate at this time, to honour Fr Tony with a form of permanent memorial, commemorating; the three tenets of his faith - "inclusivity, compassion and love"; the inspiration he was to so many parishioners and friends; the love, respect, gratitude and appreciation that we have for him and his inspiring ministry in our parishes of Kilmacud, MountMerrion and Clonskeagh.

In planning for such a memorial, we would like to invite you to send any ideas and suggestions you may have to frtonymemorial@gmail.com. Many thanks to those who have already provided some suggestions which include, in Mount Merrion, the planting a specimen tree and the refurbishment of the parish meeting room to be named in Fr Tony's memory and, in Kilmacud, the placing of a memorial plaque and a bench in the grounds of St Laurence's Church. We will work with a small memorial evaluation committee and liaise with Fr Tony's family, in discerning a most fitting memorial.

There is an open subscription for everyone who would like to donate to assist with the permanent memorial, with any excess funds going to the charity supported by Fr Tony, the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association (IMNDA), to support those currently suffering from the disease.

Thank you for all the many ways you supported and cared for Fr Tony in his happy and relaxed days and when he struggled with serious illness and at the close of his life. He received so much, from so many, and it meant everything to him.

We welcome all your thoughts and look forward to hearing from you. With joyful blessings this Summertime!

Fr Joe Mullan Adm.