

# 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 25 Jul – Muriel Flynn (RD)

Sun 26 Jul – Nora O’Sullivan (A)

Mon 27 Jul – Helen Grace (RD)

Tues 28 Jul – Liz McGrath (RD)  
‘Big’ Joe Mangan (Months Mind)

Wed 29 Jul – James Healy (RD)

Thurs 30 Jul – Liz McGrath (RD)

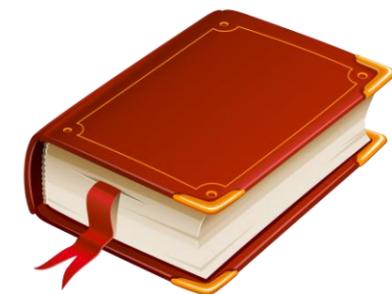
Fri 31 Jul – Special Intention

We prayerfully remember  
**Kevin Egan**  
whose Anniversary occurs at this time.



“Be strong and take heart, all you who  
hope in the Lord”

Psalm 1:24



### The First Reading

In the original Hebrew text of this reading, King Solomon asks God for the gift of a listening heart. Thereafter, Solomon was noted for his great wisdom, but his initial request was itself a wise one.

### The Second Reading

All things work together for the good of those who love God. In this short statement from the letter to the Romans, Paul teaches us about God’s providence, his ability to foresee and bless all our circumstances. Our task is not to understand how God is doing this, but to trust that it is happening.

### The Gospel

The people in the first two parables sell all they own to obtain a treasure they have found. The third parable cautions us against expecting perfection, even as we receive God’s gifts.

## Parish News & Announcements:

### The Deep End

Over the past few weeks, we have been reading Matthew 13, with its parables on the Kingdom of Heaven. Matthew uses this phrase to describe what our world might be like if we really lived like Jesus lives. This vision is not one focused on power, even though the word ‘kingdom’ might be misleading! It is more a web of relationships. Like the seed parables show us, God’s Kingdom grows quietly, in unexpected places; like seeds, it sometimes grows in the darkness, unseen.

Today’s parable focuses on treasure, something very precious. When we are obsessed with finding something, it consumes us. We will put all our resources, time or money, into finding it.

In this parable, Jesus urges us to strive for the ultimate treasure, i.e. God. During the Covid-19 crisis, many people have been thinking about what is most important in their lives.

A break from the ‘rat race’ forced all of us to slow down, to step back, to ‘pull the emergency brake.’ We saw who the real heroes in our society are. We witnessed many acts of kindness and community spirit.

We stepped back, paused. No doubt, things will not be the same again after this pandemic. But hopefully we will have awakened to what our ‘treasure’ really is.

*‘Historically, pandemics have forced humans to break with the past and imagine their world anew. This one is no different. It is a portal, a gateway between one world and the next. We can choose to walk through it, dragging the carcasses of our prejudice and hatred, our avarice, our data banks and dead ideas, our dead rivers and smoky skies behind us. Or we can walk through lightly, with little luggage, ready to imagine another world.’* Arundhati Roy, ‘The Pandemic is a Portal,’ Financial Times

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## Season of Creation 1 September – 4 October 2020



*“Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last two hundred years,”* Pope Francis

The Season of Creation or Creation Time, is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

*A prayer for our earth from Laudato Si’*

*All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.*

*Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.*

*Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.*

*O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.*

*Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.*

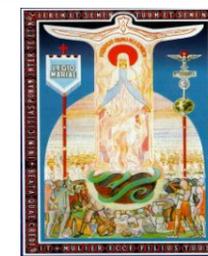
*Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.*

*Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.*

*We thank you for being with us each day.*

*Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.*

*Amen.*



### The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary have resumed their meetings in the Church Meeting Room in Clonskeagh Parish on Wednesdays at 8pm. Visitors welcome.

If you have been thinking of doing something in thanksgiving to Our Lady for bringing us safely so far through the Covid, or in petition for her continued protection, why not come along and see what is involved. Contact Una on: 0872253845

### Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage 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 7 days a week, 8.00am – 8.00pm, by calling 0818 222 024

**Weekend Church Collections** - There will be no baskets passed during Mass so place your offering into 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.