

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)
(Bank Holidays 11am)
Saturday 6.30pm
Sunday 10.30am

Diary for this Week

Sat 8 Aug – Elizabeth Murray(A)
Richard Fitzpatrick (Month's Mind)

Sun 9 Aug – Joseph Boylan & Deceased
Members of the Boylan Family (A)
Leo, Peggy & Noel Cannon (A)

Mon 10 Aug – Breda Kealy (RD)

Tues 11 Aug – Richard Kenny (RD)

Wed 12 Aug – Special Intention

Thurs 13 Aug – Liz McGrath (RD)

Fri 14 Aug – Matt Gilsean (RD)

Sat 15 Aug – 11am Mass
– Walter & Julia Nolan & Barth Shanahan (A)
Today, 15 August, we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. This day is a Holyday of Obligation.

We prayerfully remember all 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

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.

Parish News & Announcements:

The Deep End - That Sinking Feeling

Have you ever used the expression ‘My heart sank’? It is usually used to describe an experience of extreme disappointment or anxiety; a moment when our courage or hope fails and we feel that things are about to turn out very badly indeed. We might be going along just fine, confidently navigating life’s twists and turns, when something knocks us off balance. It could be an illness, a financial blow, falling out with a family member or friend, worry about a son or daughter.

Especially when we lose someone close to us, grief can make us feel as though we are sinking. What strikes me about today’s Gospel is that Peter doesn’t hesitate about taking that first step out of the boat. Once he sees who is calling him, out he gets and begins to walk towards Jesus. But then, as soon as he feels the force of the wind, as soon as he realises that the conditions around him are challenging and frightening, he loses courage and starts to sink.

Wind and storm are metaphors for situations we face. Sometimes it is a single thing that knocks us back. Sometimes it is a build-up. A few months ago, at the early stages of ‘lockdown,’ we thought it wouldn’t be so bad to take a break and stay at home for a few weeks. But as the weeks turned into months, many people were overwhelmed by increasing feelings of loneliness, fears for health and anxiety about the future. It can feel like sinking.

The good news of today’s Gospel centres around the line, ‘Jesus put out his hand at once and held him.’ As soon as Peter starts to falter and sink, Jesus reaches out to steady him and pull him to himself. When we are in trouble, sometimes all we can do is trust in God. When our faith and hope are shaken, and we are sinking, he will reach out and hold us close.

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Remembering Fr Tony

“Always look for the best inside yourself and don’t be afraid to let others see that” Fr Tony Coote

The first anniversary of the death of Fr Tony Coote, ADM will take place on Friday 28th August. 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, Mount Merrion 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