

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 15 Aug – Peter Kelly (A)

Sun 16 Aug – Peter Brett (A)
Ciaran & Michael Joyce (A)

Mon 17 Aug – Mary Maloney (RD)

Tues 18 Aug – Brendan McKeever (RD)

Wed 19 Aug – Mary Kelly (RD)

Thurs 20 Aug – Martin Feeney (RD)

Fri 21 Aug – Richard Fitzpatrick (RD)

We prayerfully remember
all who are **Recently Deceased** and those whose
Anniversaries occur at this time.
“May they rest in peace. Amen.”



Weekend Church Collections

There will be no baskets passed during Mass so please place your offering into the collection buckets at the doors. Thank you for all your contributions to date, and your generosity to the parish and to the clergy is very much appreciated. If you would like to continue to contribute to the 1st collection and Share collection in this manner rather than bringing cash to Mass, you can set up these as recurring payments on the website. If you are having any difficulty with Easy Pay please click on the refresh button. Otherwise please contact the office and we will assist you.

Contactless payments are a convenient and safe method of donation during this time.

Feel free to donate online at

<https://www.clonskeaghparish.ie/>

Thank you for your continued support to these collections.

We encourage everyone who visits the church to wear a face covering, to practice hand sanitising and social distancing, in order to protect everyone's health.

Parish Office Notice

The Parish Office will **close** for Summer Holidays next week, **Monday, 17 August**, and will reopen on **Monday, 24 August**, at **9.30am**.

The **Sacristy** will be open as usual from 9.30am until 11am Monday – Friday & from 10.00am – 11.00am on Sunday.

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The First Reading

This short reading sums up a great deal of the concern of the biblical prophets: We are to ‘have a care for justice,’ and in so doing, we can be confident that our sacrifices will be accepted on God’s altar.

The Second Reading

St Paul is perhaps history’s most striking case-study in the workings of God’s providence: originally a zealous Pharisee who despised pagans and persecuted Christians, he is now proud to be a Christian missionary to pagans.

The Gospel

We cannot know the tone with which Jesus spoke his apparently harsh words to the pagan woman, but the outcome is clear: Jesus is impressed by her great faith and grants the healing she asked for.

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

Psalm 1:24

Parish News & Announcements:

The Deep End • A Woman of Faith

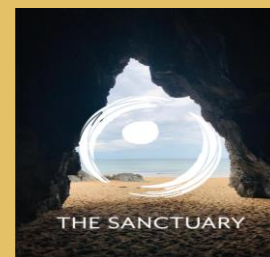
You can almost hear the chuckle. It is not mentioned, but I always imagine that Jesus smiles or even laughs as he delivers the line, ‘*Woman, you have great faith.*’

Today’s gospel recounts an unusual exchange between Jesus and the unnamed Canaanite woman who challenges him. She has seen what Jesus can do, she has faith, and she is advocating for her daughter. She is persistent, shouting out to Jesus and apparently also badgering the disciples, to the point where they plead with Jesus to ‘give her what she wants.’ Jesus’ rebuke seems shockingly unkind: ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the house-dogs’.

But the woman doesn’t give up. It is a matter of justice for her, as is evident in her witty response about the dogs getting the scraps from the master’s table. ‘Good for her!’ – we feel like cheering. It’s a strange story, with Jesus at first appearing cold in his response to the woman. But as we know, he has a tendency to test his followers. His disciples, who know him well and have seen lots of miracles, often fall short. But this woman passes with flying colours. Jesus can see that she is a person of strong faith, clever and determined. She is not easily dismissed. In allowing her to state her case, Jesus also presents a challenge to the religious and social status quo. This pagan woman (Jesus’ reference to ‘house-dogs’ tells us a lot about her status) exhibits more faith than his own disciples. Jesus does not want us to be silent, compliant or complacent.

He rejoices in those who are brave and persistent, and eager to challenge the injustices they see around them – those who have the gift of changing minds and hearts. We might call it the gift of prophecy.

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THE ART OF COMPASSION

Compassion can be defined quite simply as the ability to recognise, move towards and be with suffering, with an intention to relieve it. Compassion is an action. It has the potential to empower. Whether it is your own suffering or the suffering of another, it is resisting the urge to look away. Instead, it is a ‘turning towards’ with an open heart and a deep wish to relieve suffering in a bid to help ourselves and others flourish.

The wonderful news is that research shows that compassion can not only be learned, but it can be cultivated through practice and training. This 5 week course is an introduction into the practice of training in compassion.

Who this is for: It would be beneficial to have some experience of mindfulness/meditation; however, all are welcome - **24th August – 28th September 2020**

*There will be no class on Monday, 7th September *

Monday evenings - 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm - ONLINE

If at home or away you can access all The Sanctuary courses online.

For more info please visit www.sanctuary.ie

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.

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.