

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 29 Aug – Very Rev. Tony Coote (A)

**Sun 30 Aug – Paddy Cahill (A)
Bridget & Michael Joyce (A)**

Mon 31 Aug – Mary Bradley (A)

Tues 1 Sept – Special Intention

Wed 2 Sept – Special Intention

Thurs 3 Sept – Thelma Walsh (RD)

**Fri 4 Sept – 1st Friday of the Month –
Altar List of the Dead**

*We prayerfully remember
Colette Kennedy
whose Anniversary occurs 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 & social distancing, in order to protect everyone's health.

Baptisms

Baptisms will resume on the 1st Sunday of each month. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we have to limit the numbers to 12 per family, including Parents & Godparents. Please contact the Parish Office for more information: Telephone: 01 2837948
Email: parishofficeclonskeagh@eircom.net



Directed Retreat (06-15 Sep)

The retreat's days of Individual guidance help you to recognise and attend to where God is in your life. The directed retreat is intended to create an environment where you can meet God intimately and discover that you are uniquely loved and called by God. The retreatant is offered the opportunity to meet with the director every day, to be accompanied their review of the prayer and reflection. 'Directed' or 'individually guided' retreats have become part of the core ministry of Manresa. There are several key factors in the directed retreat which help you on its journey of discovery: personal prayer, reflection, silence, daily meeting with a director and participation in the Eucharist. Directed by Retreat Team, Guest Directors and Presenters.

8:00 pm Sun 6 Sept to 9:00 am Tues 15 Sept 2020

Cost: €665 En suite accommodation -Full board

Please use the Contact Form on:

<https://www.manresa.ie/programmes/8-day-directed-retreat-06-15-sep> or (01) 833 1352 for more information or to make a booking.

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

Psalm 1:24

Parish News & Announcements

Fr Tony: Bearer of Hope

We were blessed to have had Fr Tony as our 'parish priest' and friend. Mount Merrion, Kilmacud & Clonskeagh were his first parish appointments and Tony brought an energy and freshness which was joyous, occasionally chaotic and always liberating. Children and parents alike, making their way to school in Mount Merrion, will remember the raised hand and cheery 'Hiya', as Tony strode up the carpark to the church in the morning. Others will remember the easy response 'Cool!...let's do it!' agreeing to every positive idea or initiative which crossed anyone's mind in the course of a meeting (always brief!) or a casual chat. There were many recipients of Tony's quiet kindnesses – the visit in tough times, the kind word, the funny story, the thoughtful gift, the shared coffee or bottle of wine. He brought joy and good humour with his warm smile and frequent laugh; he prompted reflection with those succinct homilies and he gathered us together in prayer; at Mass, through inspired liturgies, on retreat in Glendalough or the Aran Islands, on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, in novena prayer to St Óscar Romero - whose life and courage inspired him. Through these myriad of ways he drew us to the Jesus he spoke of and to the values which Jesus Christ shared with us during His life on earth. Pope Francis speaks to us of attracting people to the Joy of the Gospel. Tony epitomised that, indeed it was said of him by one of his doctors that he embodied his faith. Tony's faith inspired action and outreach – to the Syrian refugees, to the people of Haiti and of course for IMNDA ...and we walked with him, while we could.

Tony's vision was of an open, healing and welcoming Church. 'Love, not Judgement' he had emblazoned on flags flying during the Year of the Mercy. To illustrate our parish family - handprints of all colours and sizes proudly stamped, by any and all who wished to join in, on huge banners subsequently affixed to the external walls of Clonskeagh, Kilmacud and Mount Merrion churches. If there was a suggestion that the execution of such a paint project might cause a bit of a mess, Tony eyes would light up at the sheer chaos and fun of it! Tony had a great capacity for joy - the handprint project was fun and was a powerful visual representation of inclusion. Tony's faith and hope in the face of his diagnosis and death were inspirational and he attributed that to his faithful family, his dear friends, the kindness of parishioners and his closeness to Jesus. Writing, the year before he died, Tony said "I have always felt close to Jesus Christ...I cling to him now and know that despite any darkness there will always be a glimmer of light." Tony spoke powerfully of that glimmer of light...that Hope. He chose a yellow balloon as a symbol of Hope for Walk While You Can ...and he was a bearer of that Christian Hope to us too. We thank God for his life. As we remember him and his family and grieve him on the first anniversary of his death, we remember too his challenge to us; *"Wherever we are, remember that goodness is within us and lets us be bearers of hope."*

Please take home a copy of Fr. Tony's Remembrance Card, available at the back of the Church.

Fr Tony Coote R.I.P. 16-06-1964 – 28-08-2019

Season of Creation 1 Sept – 4 Oct 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.