Clonskeagh Parish Newsletter

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

Diary for this Week:

Sat 12 Sept – Kitty O'Connor (A) Michael Kennedy (A)

Sun 13 Sept – Monica Barker (A)

Mon 14 Sept – Patrick Joseph McKenna (A)

Tues 15 Sept – Patrick & Rose Fanning (A) Special Intention

Wed 16 Sept – Colette Kennedy (A)

Thurs 17 Sept – Special Intention

Fri 18 Sept – Special Intention

We extend our sympathy to the family of Brian Burke whose funeral was held in this church during the week. We prayerfully remember all who are Recently Deceased & all 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.



Mass Times

Weekday 10am Monday – Friday (inclusive) (Bank Holidays 11am) Saturday 6.30pm & Sunday 10.30am

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin has sent a message to all Parishes strongly reminding us all "that the restrictions in place are not arbitrary or optional. It is a question of Christian responsibility and solidarity in the common task of limiting the spread of the virus." +Diarmuid Martin Everyone who visits the church must 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

Online courses at Lumen

We are happy to announce autumn 2020 semester is now open for application – this year sees four modules on the topics of seeking to understand the meaning of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and how the early Church devoted much time to reflecting on the Psalms is offered not only in the Lumen building but also online. Online modules are distinct events, independent of their in-centre equivalent and require separate booking. Each online module consists of five pre-recorded talks (30-40 minutes each) and a webinar and costs €35. For further information please visit

our <u>www.lumenop.ie</u> or Mobile: <u>085 872 7482</u> - Email: <u>info@lumenop.ie</u> for more information

"Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord" Psalm 1:24

Parish News & Announcements



The Annual Crosscare collection will be taken up next weekend 19th/20th September.

As you will appreciate Crosscare need our support now more than ever before to help those most in need in our communities at this time of crisis.

Crosscare's focus has always been to serve the most vulnerable in our society. During this crisis we are working hard to ensure that the essential services we provide remain available to our service users while operating in line with Government and HSE advice to ensure that our service users and staff are protected. While some of our face to face services have had to be adapted to meet HSE requirements, as much as possible we are continuing to provide supports through other remote means including phone and web based technologies.

We ask for your support with this very worthy cause.

Infinitely loved

The parable of the unforgiving servant highlights the generous love of God and sets a blueprint for our treatment of others. The master who cancels the servant's large debt does so out of compassion, and the servant is grateful – but not so grateful that he is willing to take pity on a fellow servant who owes him just a small amount. It seems he has learnt nothing; he has neither appreciated the gift he has been given, nor is he willing to pass it on to others. We are each loved infinitely by God. He has provided us with every good thing, and we are expected to live accordingly. Because we have been loved, we must love. In this Season of Creation we focus in particular on our relationship with creation. We have been gifted with this wonderful world, with all its beauty and natural resources. Yet in so many ways, we have failed to appreciate this gift. We depend entirely on the earth's resources, yet instead of respecting them we have plundered them, causing great harm to the earth and its inhabitants. We have built comfortable and cheap lifestyles at the expense of the world's poorest people. If we carry on this way, there will be no gift to pass on to future generations. We are like the servant in the gospel – taking, but giving nothing in return.

Today, we are called to act as people who are loved infinitely by God. All of creation speaks of God's love for us. We are deeply connected with the earth and all of its people. We must live a life which is not centred exclusively on ourselves, but on the needs of others.

'Creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of all, and as a reality illuminated by the love which calls us together into universal communion.' (Pope Francis, Laudato Si')

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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

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.