Parish News & Announcements

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 19 Sept – Special Intention

Sun 20 Sept – Peter McNamee (A)

Mon 21 Sept – Billy Brown (A)

Tues 22 Sept – William, Susan, Imelda & Patty Hayden (A)

Wed 23 Sept – Hughie Downes (RD)

Thurs 24 Sept – Agnes McGearty (RD)

Fri 25 Sept – Dennis McGorry (RD)



We prayerfully remember all those 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, practice hand sanitising & *social distancing,* in order to protect evervone'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



The Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Knock, Sunday, 27th September 2020 can be viewed on Knock Shrine website www.knockshrine.ie and Facebook page

www.facebook.com/knockshrine/ Commencing with Rosary at 2.30pm followed by Holy Mass at 3pm

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



The Annual Crosscare collection will be taken up this 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.

Unequal Opportunities

Jesus does not see things as we do. Time and time again in his parables, he turns our expectations upside down and helps us to see things in a different light. Today, he tells the story of the landowner who pays the same wages to all his workers – those who were hired at the crack of dawn and those who only joined late in the day. Naturally, the 'early birds' are put out by this – they feel it is unjust, even though they received the wage they were promised. Maybe we sympathise with the complainers. In our individualistic society, we can fall into the trap of thinking that only certain people deserve good things. Those who work hard, who are law-abiding, who make the most of opportunities – they deserve a decent standard of living. Think of how often we hear people complaining about those who are struggling, saying they do not deserve assistance or 'handouts'? Such criticisms fail to take into account that not everyone has the same opportunities or privileges in life. But in this parable of Jesus, the landowner treats everyone the same, regardless of their productivity. He recognises that not all of them had the same opportunity – some were just luckier than others, in the right place at the right time. God is just and generous, and he expects us to have the same respect for everyone, regardless of their position in life. Sadly we do not live in an equal world where everyone's dignity is respected and everyone has equal opportunities. In this Season of Creation, we are mindful in particular of the world's poor who suffer most as a result of environmental destruction – damage that is often caused by the comfortable lifestyles of others.

> 'Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out.' (Pope Francis, Laudato Si')



"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.

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