

# Clonskeagh Parish Newsletter

Let us remember those who are sick and housebound in our Parish today!



We extend our sympathy to the family of **Paddy Terry** whose funeral was held in the Church this week.

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



## October – Month of the Rosary Why not discover/rediscover the beauty of the Rosary this month?

You are invited to **pray the Rosary** during the month of October.

### Joyful Mysteries (Monday, Saturday)

The Annunciation  
The Visitation  
The Nativity  
The Presentation in the Temple  
The Finding in the Temple

### Luminous Mysteries (Thursday)

The Baptism of Jesus  
The Wedding of Cana  
The Proclamation of the Kingdom  
The Transfiguration  
The Institution of the Eucharist

### Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday, Friday)

The Agony in the Garden  
The Scouring at the Pillar  
The Crowning with Thorns  
The Carrying of the Cross  
The Crucifixion

### Glorious Mysteries (Wednesday, Sunday)

The Resurrection  
The Ascension  
The Coming of the Holy Spirit  
The Assumption of Mary  
The Coronation of Mary

*The one who seeks grace, finds it in Mary's hands.*

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

## Parish News & Announcements

### The Deep End - Creation

Today marks the end of the Season of Creation, a time to remember that we are protectors of this earth and have been given responsibility to care for it, not to plunder and destroy it. The parable told in the Gospel today also speaks to this as we hear that the workers of the vineyard have lost sight of their original agreement with the owner and, consumed by greed, have lost their way.

Today is also the feast of St Francis of Assisi. He experienced all of God's creation as family: 'Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Wind, Sister Water'. He was a mystic and a pilgrim who saw how intimately connected everything in this world really is. The COVID 19 crisis has reminded all of us of this deep interconnection; what happens in one part of the world affects us all as we share one common humanity and live together on a common home.

During the days of lockdown many of us became more aware of simple things like birdsong, trees, flowers, the earth resting. Pope Francis says that this deeper awareness, 'takes us to the heart of what it is to be human' and gives us an opportunity to regain a sense of awe and wonder for creation. 'Just as happens when we fall in love with someone, whenever St Francis would gaze at the sun, the moon or the smallest of animals, he burst into song.' (Laudato Si', 11). The roots of the environmental crisis are deeply spiritual. As we bring this Season of Creation to a close, let it be a spring-board into contemplation and action where our relationship with God's creation is concerned. This is an urgent call. And one which faith communities have a responsibility to respond to. 'Truly much can be done!' (Laudato Si', 180).

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### About Day for Life 4 October 2020



Day for Life is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. How can Catholic parishes and communities be places of welcome, assistance and support?

On this twenty-fifth anniversary of St John Paul II's letter Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life), we renew the call for respect and celebration of all life. The parish is a 'family of families' (Amoris Laetitia, 87). We ask our parishes to be places of welcome, where we can support pregnant women and celebrate the precious gift entrusted to them. We recognise that family is often 'a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems' (Amoris Laetitia, 57). We want to provide support for women and men who face difficult circumstances, as well as those who have experienced abortion and seek comfort in the Lord and their community. Our Pledge 'As a Catholic, I promise to foster a culture of welcome and acceptance of new life. I will pray and work for better legal protections for pregnant women and the child in the womb.'

Let us pray....

For our parents through whom we received the gift of life – that, in their own lives, they may experience the power of God's love.

Guide our actions we pray, O Lord, and through the power of your Holy Spirit, bring to fulfilment in our lives the plan that you have for our good, from the first moment of our conception. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

*'Hope in Him, hold firm and take heart.' Psalm 27*

**ACCORD Dublin** is now a separate legal entity (still part of the Archdiocese of Dublin) and we are trying to raise awareness of its services through embedding website links in all the Archdiocese's parish websites. We already have a link on the Archdiocese website but we only have one link to a parish website so far. ACCORD Dublin would be very grateful if you would consider putting such a link on your parish website.

The website is [www.accorddublin.ie](http://www.accorddublin.ie)  
It would greatly help us to harness the Google search algorithms if you would include the following words:

ACCORD Dublin has launched a new website. For Sacramental Marriage Preparation Courses or for Marriage and Relationship Counselling please visit [www.accorddublin.ie](http://www.accorddublin.ie)

