

Clonskeagh Parish Newsletter

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



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



Oasis Day - 24 October 2020



Step aside from the ordinary into the lovely surroundings of Manresa for an Oasis Day. Each day takes place in an atmosphere of silence and comprises a number of elements: reflections, guided meditations, prayer and an opportunity to meet with a spiritual director; a celebration of the Eucharist concludes each day. *Please email reception@manresa.ie or phone (01) 833 1352 for more information or to make a booking.*



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)

Luminous Mysteries (Thursday)

Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday, Friday)

Glorious Mysteries (Wednesday, Sunday)

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

November – Month of the Holy Souls
The November Altar List of the Dead is one of the many ways in which we remember our deceased relatives and friends, and join our intentions in the Masses the priests offer for the repose of their souls. Please take a **November Altar List of the Dead (Available at the back of the Church)**. Place your completed List in one of the envelopes provided and return it to the basket. The names of all those on the **Altar List of the Dead** are included in the 1st Friday Masses throughout the year.

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

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The Deep End – Emperor’s or Christ’s vision?

Continuing our reading of Matthew 22 today, the Pharisees are not impressed with Jesus’ teachings and decide to ‘entrap’ him, quizzing him about paying taxes. It is a dangerous question they ask because a simple yes or no response from Jesus could mean he is reported to the authorities. Jesus has no time for this and is quite direct with them asking: *‘Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?’*

The response is brilliant: *‘Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’* This text has sometimes been used to argue that religion should stay out of politics, economics or culture. However, the world we live in is one that falls short of the vision and values which Jesus preached: a dream of a world of love, peace, justice and compassion. Being a follower of Jesus means that one is actively involved in striving for this vision and this includes whatever political, economic or cultural issues we are confronted with. The focus in this passage is getting our priorities straight. Yes, give the emperor his taxes but do not forget what belongs to God i.e. God’s vision for this world.

The ‘empirical’ view and the ‘Christ-view’ of issues like direct provision, homelessness, evictions, the Black Lives Matter movement, climate action... are usually very different. The pharisees, we are told, *‘were amazed, left him and went away’*.

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This year **World Mission Sunday** will take place this weekend, **Sunday 18 October**. World Mission Sunday is helping communities to build schools, clinics, parish halls and Churches for marginalised communities and missionaries in our church family in Africa, Asia and Latin America. It provides missionary programmes that protect and care for children’s wellbeing by offering safe shelter, healthcare, education and hope for the future and it is vital to give generously to this special collection as the pandemic has brought about even more challenges in many war-torn countries but also these crises will remain thereafter. All return donations to: World Missions Sunday Office of the Holy Father’s Universal Solidarity Fund, 64 Lwr. Rathmines Road, Dublin D06 N2H1. *Further information email: info@wmi.ie or www.wmi.ie*

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People **ALONE** has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.