

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.

“Mav they rest in peace. Amen.”

November Pledge



Many people choose to abstain from alcohol
for the month of November and offer this
sacrifice up for their deceased loved ones. You
can do likewise – by taking this pledge:

*Let us Pray... For Thy greater glory and
consolation, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for Thy
sake to give good example, to practise self-
denial, to make reparation to Thee for the sins
of intemperance, and for the conversion of
excessive drinkers, I will abstain for the month
of November, in prayerful remembrance of all
the Holy Souls, from all intoxicating drinks.
Amen.*

For more information visit: www.pioneerassociation.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.*



JESUIT CENTRE OF SPIRITUALITY

8-day Directed Retreat (13-22 Nov)

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. The retreat's days of Individual
guidance help you to recognise and attend to where
God is in your life.

Lough Derg November Memorial Service



Lough Derg November Memorial Service for
deceased pilgrims and benefactors will take place
live via webcam from St. Mary's Church, Pettigo,
Sunday 22nd November at 7.00pm at:
www.churchservices.tv/pettigo
To enrol a departed loved one, please contact us
by email: info@loughderg.org,
Tel: 0(0353) 71 9861518 or write to Fr. Flynn,
Prior, Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal F94
YC60

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

Psalm 1:24

Parish News & Announcements

The Deep End – The Time is Now

I am a procrastinator. If a task is awkward or unpleasant, I am likely to put it off till another day. In any given week, I have a 'to-do' list I need to get through. The most important items always get done – things that can't be avoided, like work deadlines or paying bills. But bigger projects often get put on the long finger and I find myself transferring items to the following week's list. It is part of life to learn how to prioritise, and to be prepared to tackle the important things. Even when we are not ready to face a certain situation, sometimes we need to push ourselves to just dive in. Among the wedding customs in Jesus' time was a night-time procession from the bride's home to the grooms. The bridesmaids would go out with torches lit to welcome the groom and his entourage. The parable in today's gospel sets two groups in contrast – the 'foolish' bridesmaids who run out of oil because they have failed to prepare, and the 'sensible' ones who are ready with their lamps and oil, who recognise the importance of the task. Only one group was ready when the groom approached. This parable encourages us to focus on the here and now, to nurture our relationship with God in the present and to live well. There is no point in procrastinating, or waiting until the bridegroom is at the door. As well as having the light of faith, we need the fuel – the actions – to keep it lit so we are ready when the Lord comes.

‘It's a terrible thing, I think, in life to wait until you're ready. I have this feeling now that actually no one is ever ready to do anything. There is almost no such thing as ready. There is only now. And you may as well do it now. Generally speaking, now is as good a time as any.’ Hugh Laurie

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November – Month of the Holy Souls



Altar List of the Dead

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 **or, you can pop them into the post box outside St. Joseph's or, if it is open, leave them in the Sacristy**. The names of all those on the **Altar List of the Dead** are included in the 1st Friday Masses throughout the year.

Recently Bereaved

We continue to prayerfully remember **all the families** in our Parish who have been bereaved during the past year. *We assure you of a continued remembrance in our prayers.*

Let us Pray...

O Lord, we praise and thank you for the gift of our loved ones who have died and whom we remember during this month of November. We are mindful particularly of those who have died this past year; those who died from COVID-19, those who died from other natural causes and those who died tragically. We thank you, compassionate God for walking with us in all the dark moments of our grief and loneliness. Even when we find it hard to see you, we know and trust that you walk beside us, and in the Resurrection of Christ, Your Son, the victory of love in Jesus Our Lord, you give us a reason for living; a reason for hoping. Lord, continue to be a light for us, giving us direction and courage in this difficult time. May we live our lives treasuring the memories of those precious ones we have known and loved. We trust Lord that you are treasuring them with us. Help us, Lord, to bring light and hope to others. We make this our prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

“It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead.”