

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.”

Bereaved Children’s Awareness Week 23rd – 27th November

Every November, the Irish Childhood Bereavement Network organises a series of events across Ireland to highlight bereaved children’s needs and provide a voice for them to be heard. The main reason we need to have a week like this is to help raise awareness of the fact that children express grief differently, they feel the impact but may not have words to express it so it often shows in their behaviour. For more information visit:
www.childhoodbereavement.ie



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.



Advent Triduum (07-11 Dec)

Choose from either of two weeks of Advent to spend some time with the seasonal themes. Come and share an Advent time of waiting and watching as we stand on the threshold of mystery about to be revealed.

This year, our first Triduum will begin on the evening of Monday, 30 November, finishing with Mass and breakfast on the morning of Friday, 4 December. The second Triduum will take place a week later: beginning on Monday 7 December and ending on the morning of Friday 11 December. Daily Mass, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

Early booking is recommended to ensure a place.



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.*

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

Parish News & Announcements



Few words from Fr Joe - Welcome Fr Donie O'Connor MHM!

Archbishop Martin has appointed Fr Donie as a curate to assist in Kilmacud, Mount Merrion and Clonskeagh Parishes. This is great news for the people and priests of the parishes and we will do all we can to make Donie feel at home here. Some years ago, Donie left a message on my answering machine in a happy uplifting voice with a lovely Kerry accent, “Hi I’m Donie and I’m available to assist in any way I can.” Since that time, I have got to know Donie well and admire his great faith, joyful approach to ministry, interesting homilies and friendly approach to parishioners and priests alike. I asked him to say a little bit about himself and here are his words

“When I returned from my mission work in East Africa a few years ago I began to search for another parish community experience here in south Dublin. I remember ringing around the different parishes letting them know that I was available to help. The response from the first two parishes was the same – ‘we will take your name and get back to you’ – they never did. Then I rang Fr Joe Mullan, his response was so different – ‘drop down for a cup of coffee and a chat’. Joe gave me a gracious welcome and made me feel at home. He had me working in the parish the following day. To me that’s church because church is about hospitality.

I am so grateful and feel so blessed to be joining your team and community. I believe ministry is never about competition but cooperation. I look forward to sharing my stories, gifts and talents with yours – together building and elevating the community as we celebrate with passion the joy of the Gospel.”
Donie – is a Mill Hill Missionary, from Killarney, Co. Kerry. He has worked in Kenya and Uganda.

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.”