

Clonskeagh Parish Newsletter

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

Everyone who attends Mass in our church is to wear a face covering, to practice hand sanitising and social distancing, in order to protect everyone's health.

Parish Office

The Parish Office opening hours are:

Mon & Wed. - 9.30am – 12 noon.

Parish Office closed from 12.00pm on December 23rd until 9.00am 4th January 2021.

The **Sacristy** is open from 9.30am until 11am Monday – Friday

6.00pm – 7.30pm Saturday & from 10.30am – 11.30am on Sunday. Tel: 012837948

Email: parishofficeclonskeagh@eircom.net

Christmas Dues

Christmas Dues envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please take your envelope and return to the Parish Office/Sacristy or you can place them into the collection baskets at the weekend Masses.

Sincere thanks to all who have already contributed their *Christmas Dues*.



Thanks to all for your generous contributions to this worthy cause. The total amount realised for this collection is **€2335**. Thank you to all.

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



Mass Times

Weekday 10am Masses –

Monday – Friday (inclusive)

Weekend Masses are as follows:

Saturday – 6.30pm & Sunday – 10.30am

Diary for this Week – 4th Sunday of Advent

Sat 19 Dec – Special Intention

Hugh Leonard (Month's Mind)

Sun 20 Dec – Angela & Patrick Markey Snr. (A)

Simon Corballis (A)

Mon 21 Dec – Special Intention

Tues 22 Dec – Patrick & Winnie Quinlan (A)

Wed 23 Dec – The Rowan Family (A)

Christmas Eve -Thursday 24 Dec

10am Mass – Special Intention

Confessions after this Mass

6pm Mass - Pro Populo

8pm Mass - Pro Populo

Friday 25 December Christmas Day

9am Mass - Pro Populo

10.30am Mass - Pro Populo

We prayerfully remember all those who are **Recently Deceased & all whose Anniversaries** occur at this time.

Weekend Church Collections –

There will be no baskets passed during Mass so place your offering into the collection buckets at the doors. Feel free to donate online at <https://www.clonskeaghparish.ie/> Thank you for your continued support to these collections.

Parish News & Announcements

Few words from Fr Joe –

From December 17th the prayers and readings of the church turn towards the celebration of the birth of Jesus. During the first weeks of Advent our gaze is focused on the end of time, the second coming of the Lord, when everything will be completed. Now our thoughts are centred on welcoming the birth of Jesus as a past event that has an impact on our personal lives, our community of faith and the world in which we live. This is the moment when we accept the victory of God's love over all that is dark and difficult in human life. We are stuck again and again at the simplicity of the circumstances of the birth of the Saviour of the world, the door of the inn is shut against the virgin so close to delivering her child and with Joseph they explore instead the welcome of the stable, the straw lined manger and listen to the rejoicing of shepherds and the chorus of angels. From such humble beginnings, the plan of God unfolded, the Son was sent to live among us and his teaching revealed the hope of God that he would bring all of creation into his kingdom. The poor will always be at the centre of the mystery of God's entry into the world and welcomed at his table. We have to find the essence of this story in our contemporary lives, with all complexities that we face personally and as a community. We have to believe that the call into the fullness of life will move our hearts, strengthen our resolve and deepen our faith. Our 21st century faith is rooted in this ancient story, with its simple truth, bright light and broad reach. We receive this gift from God, whether we deserve it or not, as a sign of his unconditional love, and we respond with all our hearts, and all our minds and all our strength and life means so much more to us.

Crosscare Advent Appeals

A simple way communities can support each other

Crosscare Appeal for Support this Christmas as food collections cancelled.

Crosscare is appealing to people to support them on line this Advent as they will be unable to hold their annual Parish Food Collection for those most in need. Every December, Crosscare collected thousands of pounds worth of non-perishable foods to restock their foodbanks and support their community cafés.

This year, due to Covid 19 restrictions Crosscare will not be able to launch a food collection in the Diocese of Dublin as usual. However, in order to ensure they have adequate supplies, they are asking people to support them by making a donation on line to ensure families struggling to cope can have food on the table this **Christmas**. **We are appealing to those parishioners who would ordinarily have supported food drives and the unwanted gifts appeal to go on line and make a donation www.crosscare.ie**

Clonskeagh Parish Christmas Mass Times

Mass for Christmas, Mass times are as follows:

- **6pm Christmas Eve**
- **8pm Christmas Eve**
- **9am Christmas Day**
- **10.30am Christmas Day**

Please call the Parish Office on 01 2837948 to book a place at one of these Masses. (Parish Office details on next page). If you would like to assist with Stewarding or Sanitiser at these Masses please leave your name with the Parish Office.

If you have booked in for any of our Masses please be sure to arrive early so that we can check you in from our lists.

Confessions –

Clonskeagh on Thursday 24th December after 10am

Penance Services -

Kilmacud on Monday 14th 7.30pm

Mount Merrion on Monday 21st at 7.30pm