

Clonskeagh Parish Newsletter

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

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

Since **December 30th** and for at least
one month we are operating our parish
under level 5 restrictions, the details of
these restrictions are available on
the [gov.ie](https://www.gov.ie) website.

The churches are open for *private
prayer* and those over 70
and those with underlying conditions
are asked to limit their contacts, stay in
place at home in so far as possible and
to exercise a heightened sense
of personal care.

The *Parish Office* is closed to the
public and not available for in person
visits to book masses or get Mass cards.

Please email
parishofficeclonskeagh@eircom.net
as the emails are checked remotely.

We all need to exercise caution in our
interactions with the public and with
each other. The norms of social
distance, hand washing, and masks are
to be strictly observed.

Fr Joe Mullan Adm.



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



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***.

Church Collections –

At the moment the best way to donate to
the Church is through our online payment
facility which is available on our Parish
website.

Please feel free to donate online at
<https://www.clonskeaghparish.ie/>
Thank you for your continued support.

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

Parish News & Announcements

Few Words from Fr Joe –

How many pine needles are there on a Christmas Tree? I wondered about this when I took down my tree just after the Epiphany. Having removed all the lights and decorations, the tree looked fine to me, but the floor was carpeted with pine needles. Then I pulled the tree towards me, and danced it across the room, into the hall and pushed it out the door. It still looked good, but oh my God there were pine needles everywhere. I picked up the big bits, brushed away all the needles stuck along the edges of the carpet and then hoovered and hoovered and hoovered. When at last I was finished, got the hoover packed away, and darkness was closing in I reached over to close the venetian blinds and roared in frustration as another cloud of needles fell onto the pristine chairs and carpet below. I think that for as long as this lockdown lasts I will be picking up errant bits of Christmas Tree.

Still it was worth it, the lights from all our houses, on trees inside and out, have illuminated the dullness of these mid-winter days. Finding light shining through the darkness is a real theme of Christmas, and it comes from our wonder and awe by the crib, in the generosity of parents, family and friends, and yes even Santa himself, as so many gifts have been given and received. We have a lot to be thankful for even in this strangest of years. Covid may have changed our plans but our hearts were in the right place. Covid can't control who we love, how we share or shake our belief in the one born in Bethlehem. We will take up the challenges of the New Year, drawing strength from longer days, hopefully brighter and warmer, and remain strong in our resolve to make the most of our time, to care, love and support each other. We will dream of better times and hope that they come soon, reuniting us with those we love, lifting the veil of fear and anxiety that many experience and restore the best of the life we had before. Hopefully we will be all the better after these tough months, kinder, more aware of the needs of others and ever generous in our care of the vulnerable and the poor. Happy New Year.

P.S. there are pine needles on my pillow, they must have been stuck in my hair! Ahhhhhhhhhh

Priory Institute Online Open Day 23 January

Is this for you? Why not join us on January 23 and see.

Take the opportunity to visit and learn about what it would be like to study with us during our online Open Day this January. Come and meet with teaching staff and students, see how our online learning platform works and sit in on a lecture on theology. We will be available to answer all of your questions about student life here and to talk theology over a zoom call.

This will be an enjoyable day for anyone interested in theology - whatever you decide to do.

We would be delighted if you could spread the word to your friends and anyone else you think may be interested.

Register your interest now by selecting the button at the bottom of this page or please call or email us with any questions. We'll be in touch after Christmas.

Date

23rd January 2020 11:30am-1:30pm

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