

# Clonskeagh Parish Newsletter

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



## A Few Words from Fr Joe.....

Thank God for Zoom and the webcam and parish radio! This week, as during the entire pandemic the livestreaming of liturgies and prayer from the church in Mount Merrion and Kilmacud has been a lifesaver along with the Parish radio here in Clonskeagh broadcasting Fr Fergus saying Mass. For me the absolute highlight of the week, 57 families with their candidate for Confirmation came to a Zoom meeting and we listened to their prayers and music and watched their baptismal candles being passed from one generation to the next. This is how we meet the challenges of the present moment, by turning them into opportunities!

This Holy Week will be another moment that we stay apart to stay safe, but we will be praying in common as we join the parish liturgies, those on RTE or the wider church. So, I really want to encourage the Clonskeagh parishioners to share in the liturgy and prayer from the other two parishes in this grouping. For the first three days of Holy Week the Triduum of prayer led by Fr Lar in Kilmacud Parish will be a huge blessing for us as we join morning Mass and Evening Reflection. I am delighted he can help us with Reconciliation on Tuesday evening. Surely the Spirit of God is leading us into the deep and powerful experience of being church at home, with the family as the congregation and the screen being our window into mystery.

So, take the most you can from this way of sharing in the life and liturgy, it's not perfect but it is a lot more than nothing. Happy Holy Week.

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## Easter Ceremonies

Our Easter Ceremonies will be online this year. For the Easter Vigil we are recommending following the Mass from Knock. For the other ceremonies, we will stream simple celebrations, to view the ceremonies on the webcam please visit [www.clonskeaghparish.ie](http://www.clonskeaghparish.ie)

On Sunday, Palms will be blessed at Mass and available in baskets at the church doors afterwards.

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



# Holy Week

**JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK VIA WEBCAM ON [www.clonskeaghparish.ie](http://www.clonskeaghparish.ie)**

## **PALM SUNDAY - 10am MASS**

Jesus enters the City of Jerusalem on a donkey. A big crowd welcomes Him. They shout 'Hosanna', wave palm branches and lay them, along with their cloaks, on the ground for Him. At 10am Mass Fr Joe will bless palms as we together begin our journey into Holy Week and read The Passion from St Mark's Gospel. Blessed palms may be collected from the church after Mass.

## **MON - TUES - WED: 10am MASS / LITURGY IN MOUNT MERRION AND PARISH TRIDUUM IN KILMACUD - "Easter Hope in the Time of Pandemic"**

10am Mass & 7.30pm Prayer Service each day led by Fr. Laurence Gallagher CSsR. Reconciliation, reflection and renewal in preparation for Easter - via webcam on [www.kilmacudparish.ie](http://www.kilmacudparish.ie)

## **HOLYTHURSDAY-7.30pm-MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Jesus and the Apostles gather together in the Upper Room for a special meal - The Last Supper. We remember the words Jesus said at that meal; *'Do This in Memory of Me'*. We recall that Jesus washed the feet of the 12 Apostles. Perhaps place a jug and bowl of water on a table nearby as you too join the Mass of the Last Supper.

## **GOOD FRIDAY - 3pm - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

We enter into the Passion through the account from St John's Gospel and we recall the Way of the Cross. 'Hosanna'...replaced by 'Crucify Him'... and then finally, "It is accomplished". In our homes we can venerate the Cross and remember again the love Christ showed for us when he stretched out his arms on that Cross.

## **HOLY SATURDAY - 10am - WAITING WITH THE WOMEN OF THE CROSS**

After the grief and sorrow of Good Friday, now there is only silence. We may feel bereft, empty after the events of yesterday. The women who had followed Jesus from Galilee must have felt the same. Join us via webcam at 10am on Holy Saturday morning, as we spend some time with them in music, prayer and reflection.

**EASTER VIGIL - 11pm RTÉ One & RTÉ Radio 1 Extra/LW252.** - Easter Vigil Mass from Knock Basilica

## **EASTER SUNDAY - 10am MASS:**

Early in the morning some women go to the tomb. Jesus has risen from the dead. *Alleluia! Alleluia!* Perhaps prepare an Easter table with spring flowers, Easter eggs, maybe your baptismal or another candle, and join with Fr Joe as he lights our Paschal Candle.

