

# Clonskeagh Parish Newsletter

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



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



What's the best expression to use when speaking respectfully of a feisty senior member of the parish? I'm really not sure, so I will simply say, a lady came into the office to ask for a Mass card during the week. Shubert, in Vivienne's absence, was quick to show her the stand with its impressive array of cards. There she browsed, picked first one card, then another, holding a couple she liked between two fingers, slipping one back, taking a different one. A really careful process of choosing the most preferred card for the intention in her mind.

As I passed by, observing this, I compliment her choice and said how happy I was that the bookshop provided us with such nice cards, not too pious, very reverent and attractive. 'Well' she said, they could be a little more colourful, cheerful, uplifting! Indeed, you're right, said I, as she went onto explain that the Mass card brings such a message of hope, that everything about it should communicate, brightly and strongly, JOY.

It was such a nice moment, to hear the conviction and strength of faith behind the sending of the Mass card. As it happened the particular intention was to send birthday greetings to a friend, and of course the occasion is joyful and the card should be too. But behind the image on the front and words inside, was the intention of a woman of deep faith, connecting her greeting, with her trust in the gift of the Risen Lord shared in the Eucharist. It was a simple encounter, that lasted just a couple of minutes, but it has stayed with me during the week, in a joyful and uplifting way. Thanks to all who share their faith and hope when sharing a Mass intention.

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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."*

## YOUTH INITIATIVES (FROM THE OFFICE FOR EVANGELISATION AND ECUMENISM)

### KNOCK YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

**Saturday, 24th April, 12noon -2pm, via Zoom.** This will be a great interactive session for teenagers from across our Diocese to experience pilgrimage together through workshops, small group discussions, fun and prayer. To register for this youth group you will need to complete the online parental consent form with your parents by clicking here: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=OmwpOQKL0Ua2DW8iFevKayJb-gK7h5tOjDzUJL5UJ0xUNURQSkdYVvKRQUktIVFIWNzk5R0NTSOU5RS4u>

### ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK 2021

Ecumenical Bible Week 2021 is an exciting and successful venture which is now in its eight year and will run from **Pentecost Sunday (23rd May) to Trinity Sunday (30th May) 2021**. Ecumenical Bible Week (EBW) is led by the Archdiocese of Dublin and the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough in collaboration with many other Christian traditions ranging from the Evangelical Alliance to Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and support from the National Bible Society and Scripture Union. The overall theme this year is "Unlocking Faith Today: Responding to New Realities". This year EBW will have an opening and closing prayer event organised by Holy Trinity Rathmines on **Monday 24th** and St Finian's Lutheran Church on **Sunday 30th** respectively. To **Register visit** – [www.bibleweek.ie](http://www.bibleweek.ie)

### Overseas Volunteers Training Course September 2021 - Open to all!

Viatores Christi, a faith-based development organisation has specialised in the recruitment, training and deployment of overseas volunteers since 1960. VC runs an online volunteer preparation course covering Community Development, Health, Global Awareness, Mission, etc. This is open to all! Once completed, participants can be considered for volunteer roles through VC EU Aid Volunteers #EUAVI programmes. If you want to know more, click [here](#) or visit the News section of our website [www.vcvolunteers.ie](http://www.vcvolunteers.ie) or email [info@viatoreschristi.com](mailto:info@viatoreschristi.com)

## SUPPORT SERVICES

### AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie)

### COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.

The support line is open seven days a week, **8am - 8pm, by calling [0818 222 024](tel:0818222024)**