

# Clonskeagh Parish Newsletter

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



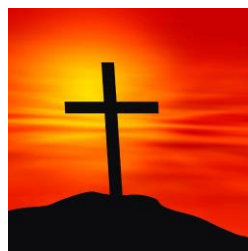
## A Few Words from Fr Joe.....



When you grow up at the foot of the mountains in Ireland you get to see a lot of sheep. They are dotted all over the landscape, bouncing around in the heather and gorse, bleating all the while. At this time of year, they are joined by the lambs, always an uplifting sight to see. Even modern shepherds mind the sheep. Mostly they have quad bikes, tractors and trailers, some even have drones, but yet they still rely on their dog to move the sheep. It's an awesome sight to see a man standing, watching his sheep, and with a distinct whistle his dog takes instructions and carries out his command. It is a unique language; the shepherd knows his sheep and his faithful companion assists him in bringing them to shelter and safety. What Jesus saw in his day, we still see today.

So, when we come to Good Shepherd Sunday we first encounter the love and protection that the Lord has for us all. Then from his example we discern our vocation within the Christian community, some will follow in the footsteps of the Apostles and become the shepherds of today's community in ordained ministry. Others will see in the witness and example of the women who walked with him and be inspired to one of the many ministries rooted in compassion and care. Together we will all live under the watchful eye of our Lord and Master.

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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.”*



## “He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures (Luke 24:45)”

It was (and is) curious that each of the speakers of our recent Lenten talk's series spoke of the Scriptures.

How St Therese turned to the “luminous” Scriptures when heavy theological theses were “breaking her head”. How St Benedict promotes the Bible par excellence as a recipe for Christian Transformation. How is our knowledge of God to deepen and grow over a lifetime? The story of the two followers of Jesus on the road to Emmaus is a beautiful story. The two (looking sad) were talking about all the things that had happened when Jesus approaches them. “Why it seems you are the only traveller to Jerusalem who doesn't know what has happened these past few days” says Cleophas. And Jesus says: “Is the message of the prophets too difficult for you to understand?” *Then starting with Moses and going through the prophets (and the Psalms) he explained to them everything in the Scriptures concerning himself*. As we read and listen, ruminate and rest in the Scriptures we grow and deepen in our understanding of God. We can become transformed.

*“Were not our hearts burning within us when he was talking to us on the road and explaining the Scriptures”?*

For parishioners who wish to deepen their understanding of the Scriptures during this Eastertide, a useful website for resource materials is [www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie](http://www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie)

## 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)

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### 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)**