

# Clonskeagh Parish Newsletter

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



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

All across the country this weekend people are dreaming, making plans, thinking about what they can do, when they can travel and visit family and friends, at the heart of this dream is our desire to be with those we love. More than anything we are social beings and the deprivation, the hardship of being cut off from others has been a deeply painful and challenging aspect of the whole Covid-19 era.

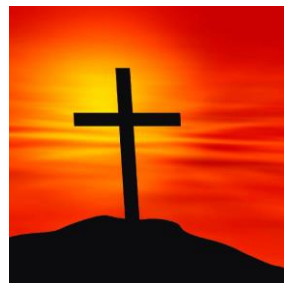
While people have been fantastic, remaining strong and positive, looking out for others and appreciating the work of the frontline workers, we have been praying for this day, a good news day.

I haven't seen a single member of my family since August of last year, and have rarely eaten in company since Christmas, so yes, I too am dying to see, hug and hold, those I love. Bring it on!

The atmosphere in the church building during these months has been so strange, eerily quiet, doors closed, Masses devoid of parishioners, not a cough, a child crying, or a dropped coin, just silence. Hopefully that is coming to an end now and God willing we will never have to close again.

Like every other sector of society, we will have a gradual return to parish life. The headlines today speak of up to 50 people being allowed attend religious services and we will work towards doing what is permitted in a safe, secure and supportive way. Hopefully by next weekend we can be more specific about the schedule of masses, the numbers and return of Sacraments alongside Mass.

It goes without saying that we are deeply grateful to all the staff, priests and parishioners who have literally kept the show on the road during the past 15 months and we are very hopeful that many of ministry and leadership groups will reactivate and carry on their excellent work in the months ahead.



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

## EVENTS AND OUTREACHES

### 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)

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### TARSUS SCRIPTURE SCHOOL: PENTECOST 2021

- “Babel to Jerusalem and beyond: Acts 2:1-11” (**Jessie Rogers**)
- “There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13” (**Kieran J. O’Mahony**)
- “Breathing new life: John 20:19-23” (**Sean Goan**)

Please visit: <https://www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie/> to register for this event.

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### YCD CONNECTED – BRINGING YOUNG PEOPLE TOGETHER

The Young Church Dublin invite you to join our connected group for Young Adults (20’s 30’s) We meet online **every Wednesday, from 8.00-9.00pm** for some time of fellow, reflection on Scripture and prayer together. It provides an opportunity to connect in with other young adults in a community of faith. For more information, please email: [kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.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)**

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