

# Clonskeagh Parish Newsletter

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



## Clonskeagh Parish Mass Times are as follows:

•10am Monday to Friday •6.30pm Saturday (Vigil) •10.30am Sunday

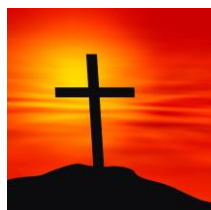
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## A Few Words from Fr Joe.....

During the week, we all listen to and watch the news. People often lament the amount of 'bad' news that is broadcast and wish that there could be other stories shared of all the efforts, achievements and generosity which abound in the world. News impacts us. We can't turn away from the stories of Covid 19 in India, we know and love so many people from India who are part of our community. We can't shut out the scenes of violence in Israel and Palestine, the clashes, street fighting, the rockets in the night sky, the precision bombs felling huge buildings and targeting individual cars. These are places with biblical names and remind us of the Gospel stories we hear every day. Even the grainy footage of violence in Northern Ireland 50 years ago as the 10 dead in Ballymurphy are vindicated, Fr Hugh Mullan among them, a priest with a similar name to my own, shot as he crawled into gunfire to anoint a fallen parishioner, more like a scene from the trenches of the First World War than an insight into the unbearable loss of life on this island. All of these news stories evoke the desire to find political solutions to conflict and the fair sharing of resources from people of faith. With the Easter message deeply lodged in heart and mind, Christians are called to be peacemakers, active in building up the Kingdom of God. We want and work for a just world. Trocaire brings our Lenten alms into many of these places of conflict in order to promote the work of justice. Individual faith communities attend Sunday Mass and pray, seeking God's help in the words of St Francis *"Lord make me an instrument of your Peace."*

The news may be bad, but the Spirit of God assures us that love will triumph over evil, Jesus has ascended to the Father and that God will never abandon us.



We extend deepest sympathy to the family of

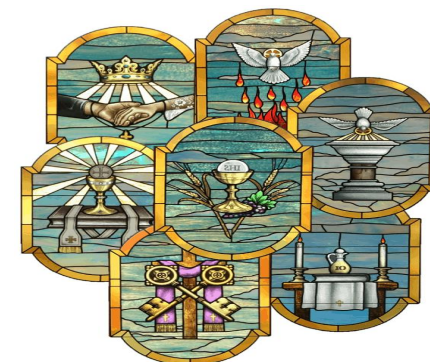
**Martin (Bart) Devaney**

whose funeral was held in the Church during the week.

We prayerfully remember all those who are **Recently Deceased** & all whose **Anniversaries** occur at this time.

*"May they rest in peace. Amen."*

## Celebrations of Sacraments



Since the relaxation of Covid 19 restrictions on May 10<sup>th</sup> we have been delighted to return to daily Mass and to have 50 mourners present at funeral Masses. As you know celebrations of First Communion and Confirmation are not permitted during May and June and are likely to begin at the end of August, starting with the Confirmations of the Classes from 2020 who are still waiting patiently. Baptisms may well begin first, however the Archbishop is very alert to the fact that the health guidelines are still very much against indoor gatherings and family celebrations and given that the parents and children involved are mostly unvaccinated it is important not to rush these celebrations.

After June 7<sup>th</sup> there will be more clarity on what is recommended, and we can plan accordingly.

## 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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### THE PRIORY INSTITUTE

**Online Theology Open Day**, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend **Saturday** lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. To find out more about the Online Open Day on 12 June please visit:

<https://prioryinstitute.com/events/priory-institute-open-day>

### 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**