

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

We all need to exercise caution in our interactions with the public and with each other.

The norms of social distance, hand washing, and masks continue to be strictly observed.

Everyone who visits our church is to wear a face covering, to practice hand sanitising and social distancing, in order to protect everyone's health.

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Celebrations of Sacraments



Since the relaxation of Covid 19 restrictions on May 10th 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 7th there will be more clarity on what is recommended, and we can plan accordingly.*

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

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).

A Few Words from Fr Joe.....

The lifting of the restrictions on intercounty travel was very uplifting for all those who live locally and have family and friends in other parts of the country. We have all been living for many months in our local area, rarely putting fuel in the car, as so many journeys have been on foot, two wheels or short runs in the car.

So, with great anticipation of the journey ahead I reverted to being my dad, filled the car to the brim, checked the tires and the oil, and passed through the car wash for good measure. Setting out on Sunday afternoon, heading for the M1 and pointing North, I was heading 'home'. Even after nearly 36 years as a priest in Dublin, and 48 years since I came to school here, the North is still home for me. I hadn't been there or seen a single member of my family since last August. I can admit to being almost giddy with joy at the thought of seeing everyone, catching up on their Covid survival stories and even the simple pleasure of sleeping in a different bed.

The trip, just two nights away, was wonderful. They recognised me and I them and within minutes the feeling of separation disappeared, the familiar enveloped me and the oh so ordinary was just perfect. The lighthouse at the end of the harbour wall, still rotates, casting a shadow on my bedroom wall, as it has done since childhood. The mountains of Mourne are a little scarred from recent fires, but still as majestic as ever, sweeping down to the sea at Newcastle. Some things just never change.

I hope it will be like this for us coming back to church too. The same seat we always move to is waiting. The familiar scent of candle and incense will greet you. The saints and their shrines continue to console. Approaching the Altar for the Eucharist is to join in a procession of brothers and sisters in the Lord to be fed with heavenly food. Hopefully within a short time we can slip back into the routine of being at the church, gathering with the parish, praying with one heart and mind and moving forward into a better future.

The Spirit that summons us here, that dwells within us, freely sent to us from our Father in heaven will guide us on this journey.



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

"May they rest in peace. Amen."

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

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>