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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LOUGH DERG 2021:

Lough Derg regrets that it will not be possible in 2021 to reopen Station Island for the Traditional Three Day Pilgrimage or even for the autumn programme of Day Retreats. Lough Derg will again offer the opportunity to "*Do Lough Derg from wherever you are*" on 3rd – 5th July. The outdoor *Pilgrimage on the Lough Shore Pilgrim Path* will also be available as the summer goes on. Further information from Lough Derg office 0(0353) 71 9861518 or www.loughderg.org

FAMILIES WALKING TOGETHER IN HOPE

The 'Walking Together in Hope' initiative will be launched on 25 August 2021 at Saint Mary's Pro-Cathedral. The Archdiocese of Dublin will provide some simple and achievable ideas for families and parishes starting in September 2021. We want to encourage families to take part in various initiatives to support faith lived in the home and celebrated together in our parishes. Our goal is to celebrate moments of hope and joy in family life, with resources suitable for learning, living and leading faith that are complementary to the way family is lived today.

Prayer for Exam Time

Lord, I ask you to help me at this stressful time.

I feel that in addition to carrying my own burdens,

I am carrying the expectations of so many others – family, friends, society.

Help me to keep calm at this time, so that I can think straight and apply myself to the best of my ability. Let your Spirit help and inspire me, so that I can remember all that I have studied and put together my answers in the best way. Guide me in all ways so that I will find fulfilment in You. Amen



We extend our sympathy to the family of **Michael Redmond** whose funeral was held in our Church. We prayerfully remember all those who are Recently Deceased & all whose Anniversaries occur at this time. "May they rest in peace. Amen."

A Few Words From Fr Joe...

Last weekend we welcomed Fr Clement and members of the Indian Community from the Syro-Malabar church to visit in Mount Merrion. The came to each Mass to share their story of the suffering and hardship that COVID 19 has brought to their family and friends back home.

Fr Clement had written to me to ask for prayers and assistance in response to the calls for support that came to him from his Bishop who is struggling to get oxygen and essential supplies to his parishes. He shared that a huge number of priests and religious, more than 500, had died from Covid having contracted the virus while serving the poorest of people in the remote areas.

He mentioned that one of his classmates had died and that another, Fr Paul, was on a ventilator and critically ill. Today he let me know that Fr Paul had succumbed to the virus and died early this morning. Their suffering goes on and on. In the words spoken to us the Indian community asked for prayers and petitions and where possible financial support.

He indicated to us what a donation of €10, 20 or 50 would provide and needless to say many parishioners were only too happy to give generously, thank you.

The crisis in India won't go away quickly and the suffering and losses experienced now will be felt in families for years to come. This pain and grief has also been felt here in Ireland and throughout the world. In a strange way, the global pandemic has made us all aware of how we are dependent on each other, sharing food and medicine and realising that the similar experiences of living through this hard and demanding moment in history is our common and shared story.

The faith that we share is also global, universal and expresses our trust in the one God who holds us, and India and all people close. We pray in thanksgiving for all the blessings that have come to us, the insights that enlighten our minds and moments that have moved us to compassion. May our celebration of this Feast of Corpus Christi help to root our lives in the sacrifice of the Mass and care of the whole community of faith.

SUPPORT TO HELP INDIA FIGHT THE SECOND WAVE OF COVID-19



Every donation makes a difference, regardless of its extent.

- €50 will help purchase of an oxygen concentrator, they cost €500 per unit.
- €25 can provide essential kits (Med+Ration) to two families.
- €10 can provide one sanitizer kit. Syro Malabar Catholic Church Dublin is planning to deliver 20 Oxygen Concentrators, 1000 essential kits and 1000 sanitizer kit in the coming weeks.

Please donate by choosing one of the following options:

- 1. Click here to donate:
 - https://pay-payzone.easypaymentsplus.com/Customer/ProductList?id=10179
- 2. Visit website -www.syromalabar.ie. or Facebook page Syro Malabar Church Dublin
- 3. By Envelope Collection

