

# 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.*

\*\*\*\*\*Please note our new Parish Office Email: [clonskeaghparish@gmail.com](mailto:clonskeaghparish@gmail.com)\*\*\*\*\*

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## Sacraments Update

The following public health advice regarding "Other Religious Ceremonies" has now been published on gov.ie:

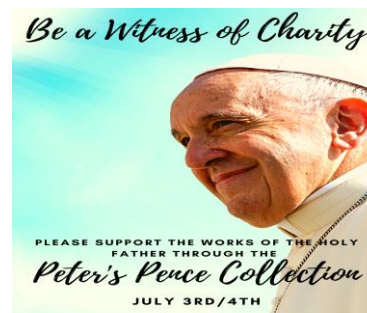
"It is advised that religious ceremonies such as Baptisms, First Holy Communions and Confirmations should not take place at this time. Further advice will follow on the resumption of these ceremonies when it is safe to do so "

## Summer Dues

Archbishop Dermot Farrell has written to all the parishes of the diocese to share with them information about the collections which support the priests, working, sick and retired, in Dublin. Compared to the first five months of 2020, this year has seen a huge decline in the income. Obviously with many months of no in person Sunday Masses, no baskets being passed, there has been very limited opportunity for people to contribute. The most positive support for priests came from the Dues at Christmas and Easter. So, the Archbishop has asked the parishes to make a 'Summer Dues' envelope available for anyone who might like to give a donation in place of their usual contributions to the First Collection at Mass.

*You will find these envelopes at the doors of our church and many thanks in advance to anyone who contributes in this way.*

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## Annual Peter's Pence Collection

The annual Peter's Pence collection took place last weekend – **the total amount realised was €365.**

The Peter's Pence Collection provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world.

*Thank you for your generosity in supporting the charities of*

## A Few Words From Fr Joe...



For fans of sport there has been such an abundance of coverage of games during the week, that you might never have left the couch! Rugby and GAA, Golf and Tennis, Cycling and Soccer, all being played at the highest level by exceptionally talented men and women. Some stadia have been empty, others have a sparse crowd and for others the fans are out in force and the atmosphere is terrific. Elite sport played at the highest level can be extremely passionate and energising, full of highs and lows, roars and groans and from the side lines, endless commentary, advice and admonition. "Ah ref!"

Behind the competitors and players are legions of coaches and staff, family and friends, all hoping and praying for success. Of course, there are winners and losers, the victorious and the vanquished, smiles and scowls, tears of joy and despair, stories of what might have been and near disbelief at unexpected success. There has been terrible pain and distress too, cyclists crashing to the ground, skin stripped off by the unforgiving road surface, a soccer player motionless on the ground, paramedics rushing to jolt his heart back into motion, a young tennis player overwhelmed by the occasion and ridiculed in commentary. There is a lot of human emotions, hope and defeat caught up in the world of sport.

Some of these men and women, icons and sporting heroes are superstars, mega rich and maybe a little spoilt, others still perform under an amateur code, playing for pride not profit. Together they have given us all relief from the stress and weariness of Covid, a welcome break from a dullness that had come into our lives. So, let's celebrate their talent, appreciating all that sports contributes to our world and acknowledge their God given talent and exceptional hard work.

If none of the above touches your life then maybe you'd have appreciated watching the kindergarten children at their Sports Day last week. With their parents roaring them on, tiny children ran in their egg and spoon race, a timeless and universal childhood experience, a first taste of competition, success or defeat, revealing an appetite for sport that can last a lifetime.



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

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