

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****

Sacristy/Parish Office Telephone: 01 2837948 Website: www.clonskeaghparish.ie

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 Communion 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.

TASK FORCE: BUILDING HOPE – PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Archbishop Farrell has set up a Task Force under the title of *Building Hope*. The Task Force aims to stimulate engagement with the whole diocesan family and shape an inclusive approach to a pastoral strategy appropriate to our times. It is intended to support parish communities to undertake a radical renewal, looking to the future with creativity, enabling the Archdiocese of Dublin to act now, so as to give effective witness and service in the years ahead. You are invited to take part in this consultation. There is a video, a prayer and a form on the www.dublindiocese.ie website. Please watch the video from the Archbishop and join with your family to pray and to discuss the future of the Church together. It is hoped that you might nominate one member of your family to return to the website and make a contribution by filling out the form. The consultation form will remain online until the **18th July 2021**.

A Few Words From Fr Joe...

Last Sunday evening a friend came round for a bite to eat and to watch the final of Euro 2020 with me. Like everyone else we too had to choose a side. As we both lived in Rome for a few years and came to love and admire so much of Italian life and culture it was hard not to side with the boys in blue. But on the other hand I've also lived in London, have English family members and am much more familiar with the guys who play in the premiership and for the well-known English clubs. So maybe we were just neutrals!

So there was a match, two goals, one a piece, then extra time and finally a nerve wracking penalty shootout. There was an ecstatic winning team and the other side who tasted defeat, such is the sporting life. But what followed was extraordinary as defeat turned to criticism and bitter loss was expressed in unforgivable racism, shameful and upsetting. Every team has a spirit, and resilience in the face of defeat often brings out character and strength. Teams turn to their manager for support and encouragement and the manager of England seemed to excel in his capacity to hold and hug, stand with his players, calling out not their failure but his own decision making. He was proud of the young men in his charge and while deeply saddened by the loss he expressed only love and affection, admiration and hope for better times ahead. But his leadership and compassion wasn't in itself enough to extinguish the vitriol and bile flowing through social media.

As the first wave of reaction waned some extraordinary personal statements emerged from among the player group. Young black men especially courageous in accepting the sadness of the loss of a game, but undaunted in their self-awareness of what really matters in life. A moment of madness saw a mural dedicated to one of the players defaced and then countless acts of affectionate admiration repurposed the same mural as a totem of public support. This young man, who is gifted at football, has also raised millions to feed hungry children and as always the light overcame the darkness, the bitterness and contemptible commentators drowned out in the chorus of praise and recognition. This is something that touches deep into the human spirit, something that Jesus knew and taught, there will be adversity and moments when 'men speak all kinds of calumny against you' but love will endure and with hope and joy, triumph.

Meanwhile a slogan heard a million times, 'bring it home' became the victors chant of 'bring it Rome' and so Italy awoke to welcome back the winners, the spoils of victory are sweet and no better nation to celebrate. The cup seemed to have spent the night in captain Chiellini's bed and with his Azzurri team mates they proudly brought it to their President and Prime Minister, missing out on the Pope who was in hospital and then to the Piazza and their beloved fans. I doubt that there was any regrettable social media commentary in Italy, and maybe others can learn from them. As always sport is about so much more than the game and leaves us with much to reflect on and improve.

*Rest in
Peace*

We extend our sympathy to the family of

Frank Convey

whose funeral was held in this Church.

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

"May they rest in peace. Amen."