

# Clonskeagh Parish Newsletter

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



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## 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)\*\*\*\*

Sacristy/Parish Office Telephone: 01 2837948 Website: [www.clonskeaghparish.ie](http://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.*

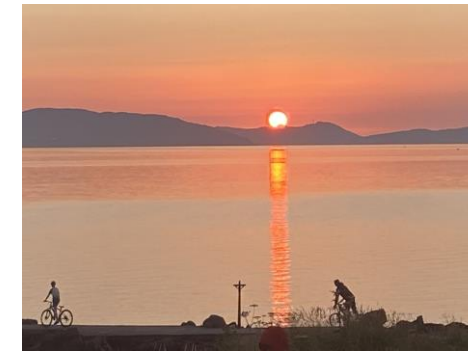
## PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

Archbishop Farrell is asking for people and priests to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life on a regular basis. As you are well aware, the need is great, so let's answer God's call and "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest"

## NEW VOCATIONS TEAM FOR THE PRIESTHOOD IN DUBLIN

Archbishop Dermot Farrell has appointed a New Team for Vocations to the Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Dublin. Fr. Séamus McEntee is now the new Director of Vocation to the Priesthood with Fr. Bill O'Shaughnessy as the new Assistant Vocations Director. Fr. Séamus has assisted on the vocations team for the past seven years and is delighted to be working alongside Fr. Bill in this exciting role of assisting men discern their call to priesthood as well as vocations promotion. Let us pray that God will continue to call enthusiastic men to the priesthood for our Archdiocese. If you know of anyone who thinks they might have a vocation to be a priest or is interested in finding out more about being a priest for the Archdiocese of Dublin, please ask them to contact either Fr. Séamus or Fr. Bill on the Vocations Team at: [vocations@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:vocations@dublindiocese.ie) or check out: [Vocations | Archdiocese of Dublin \(dublindiocese.ie\)](http://Vocations | Archdiocese of Dublin (dublindiocese.ie))

## A Few Words From Fr Joe...



Sunset at Buncrana

I'm just back from a week's holiday relaxed and refreshed, what a difference the weather makes. I was with my sister and a priest friend in Derry, a city so perfectly perched on the Foyle with Donegal on one flank and the beautiful North Coast on the other.

Derry people are exceptionally friendly, love the chat and finding out about their visitors, and proud of their city. In fact, they have a lot to be proud of, the dark days of the troubles are recalled on vivid murals, seen while walking the incredibly intact city walls, while the stunning Peace Bridge spans the Foyle and invites the two communities on the opposite sides of the river to cross over and know each other. It was my first time back since John Hume died and his legacy is both the peace and the prosperity and the care given to his native city by government and local authorities.

On the one hand there was huge investment in jobs and on the other there are resources to keep the public spaces attractive and inviting and a rich programme of cultural events and festivals to enrich both the locals and visitors alike.

Driving out from the city the hinterland is so beautiful, Lough Foyle, Lough Swilly, the North Coast, hills and glens, beautiful nature, inviting towns, terrific beaches. Choices of places for walks and bike rides, boat trips and picnics abound, and when it's a week of blue skies, balmy days and still evenings, it felt like paradise.

I left here tired and irritable and more than ready for the break and return so grateful for the beauty that is within our own island, for the company of family and friends, and renewed by the simple pleasures of life.

The one moment that will stay with me was sitting for an hour on the beach in Buncrana watching the sunset behind the hills of Donegal, surrounded by young people having fun, families wrapping up their day at beach, eating excellent ice cream and watching the golden orb of sun decline, ending a perfect day and with the promise of more to come.

Overwhelmed by the beauty of God's creation and the joy of the natural world.



We prayerfully remember

**Monsignor Conor Ward**, Recently Deceased.

We prayerfully remember all those who are

**Recently Deceased & all whose Anniversaries** occur at this time.

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