

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****

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

Mass Intentions For This Week

Saturday 6.30pm – Paddy Tierney (A) & James (Jay) Dollard (Month's Mind)

Sunday 10.30am – Antonia, Robert and Paquita Hume (A)

Monday 10.00am – Mary Vaughan (RD)

Tuesday 10.00am – Special Intention

Wednesday 10.00am – Bill & Aggie Quigley (A)

Thursday 10.00am – Bill Deane (RD)

Friday 10.00am – James McLoughlin (RD)

We prayerfully remember **Paddy Keogh (A) & James (Jay) Dollard (MM)**

We also prayerfully remember all those who are

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

"May they rest in peace. Amen."

Archbishop Farrell's Pastoral Letter: The Cry of the Earth—The Cry of the Poor

At this time every person on our planet is confronted with two interconnected crises: the coronavirus pandemic and the ecological crisis. Both define our age. Both require urgent action. But it is the reality of climate change that is 'humanity's defining challenge.' Over the coming decades, the havoc of the pandemic will pale when compared to that of climate change.

To respond to the climate crisis, and to mark the Season of Creation—which began on September 1st and continues until the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on October 4th—Archbishop Farrell has published a pastoral letter, *The Cry of the Earth—The Cry of the Poor: the Climate Catastrophe—Creation's Urgent Call for Change*. This pastoral is an invitation to all people—those in the Church and those beyond—to reflect on the climate crisis in new ways, so that the baptised may live the life of faith more vibrantly, and everyone may respond more actively to the serious situation in which the world finds itself. The pastoral letter is available online, as well as in hardcopy from Veritas.

A Few Words From Fr Joe...



Good news is always welcome and it has been great during the week to hear about the plan for reopening society as we learn to live with the residual of Covid. The expression 'new normal' is being used to describe how we will do things in a familiar way, with great hope and expectations, while remaining alert to public health and the wellbeing of ourselves and others.

Immense gratitude is felt for all in the medical and scientific world who have brought us to this point and to all who work in the community who have supported us during the past 18 months. At this time there are many priorities, to get young people back to school and college, to get business working again, to restore the activities in the community that we all depend on.

For the parish and for the whole church this is also a time of finding our way into this new normal. On the one hand are the practical adjustments and adaptations to accommodate congregations and gatherings at 50% capacity and then a month later the return to full congregations, singing etc. To keep it simple from Sept 6th we will close off every second bench and set the capacity of the church at around 300. We will begin to return to the usual mass collections and use of leaflets. Hand sanitiser will continue to be available and mask wearing will continue according to health guidance. Our priority is to have safe, comfortable gatherings with full participation in the liturgy. Of course, we don't know how quickly parishioners will want to return to Mass and we have to hope that the space available will meet this demand. By the end of October, we will see the end of restrictions and guidelines and be fully active once again.

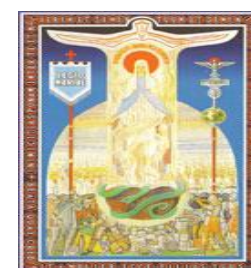
Soon the parish will be able to offer normal services, meetings can resume and ministries can be refreshed and renewed.

There is a backlog of sacraments waiting to be rescheduled which has to be undertaken alongside the usual daily masses and funerals. We are actively working with schools and parents to find days and times for all these postponed celebrations.

This is a demanding time for all parish staff, and the priests, so your support and patience will also be greatly needed and much appreciated.

Thanks to all who participated in Fr Tony's anniversary last weekend and to those who contributed to the Haiti school project in his memory.

The Season of Creation began on Sept 1st and there will be many ways in the next 6 weeks to reflect together on the earth as our common home and the needs of the poor.



Legion of Mary

The Parish Praesidium of the Legion of Mary has resumed its meetings.

They now meet in here in St. Joseph's every Wednesday at 7.30p.m.

New members / visitors are always welcome.

For further information please contact Una 087 2253845