

# 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)

## Mass Intentions For This Week

**Saturday 6.30pm – Michael Kennedy (A)**

**Sunday 10.30am – Des & Stephen Delany (A) Monica Barker (A)**

**Monday 10.00am – Dr Nuala Corcoran (A)**

**Tuesday 10.00am – Special Intention**

**Wednesday 10.00am – Catherine Pender (RD)**

**Thursday 10.00am – Ken Hicks (RD)**

**Friday 10.00am – Special Intention**

We 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 on online, as well as in hardcopy from Veritas.

## A Few Words From Fr Joe...



The last trip I made before Covid was a two-night visit to Munich to visit my niece, her husband and two children. I always enjoy seeing them when they visit Ireland but with so many people to see and so much to do when they are back, it is hard to have much time with them. I'm always happy making the trip over to them, sharing family meals together, taking the kids out for treats, that works well. In February 2020, kissing Aisling goodbye at the airport, and saying “See you soon” actually turned into a separation of over 18 months.

Last week they were home and I headed up North to have a day with them. The reunion was joyful, lots of smiles and laughter, relief in the still not full on bear hugs! I took the two kids out for a hike and ice cream, one had changed school and become a teenager, the other was full of chat about her First Communion which will happen in September, more than a year later than planned. Then we sat in our childhood haunt for the ice creams and treats, all of this was so uplifting, but I felt that to enjoy the moment there wasn't much talk about how the last 18 months had been for them. It wasn't until we sat at the dinner table that the conversation turned to how they coped, both adults working from home, the kids doing their school work, all of them ‘stuck’ in the house during the long Covid winter. They developed coping mechanisms, a walk before lunch in the nearby forest, every day, in all weathers, getting some outside time in the day light. There was pain and struggle in that conversation, so much isolation from family and friends and also much that they were grateful for. Then after that part of the conversation, with the reality faced and shared, we began to talk about the future.

What are you looking forward too? What will be different in at school and work? How will we all have changed and yet remain pretty much the same.

I mention all of this because I believe in parish life, in our groups and ministries we will need to enjoy getting back together, and then talk through the experience of Covid and then plan for the future. We will be reawakening the life we share in common and taking steps to go forward as a faith community. We will both experience change and meet the familiar. The future depends on a renewal of our energies, our contribution to parish and our capacity to welcome change. It's not going to be easy, so let's go forward one step at a time, and don't forget to stop for ice cream, walks and treats!

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## CROSSCARE ANNUAL COLLECTION 2021

The Annual Collection for Crosscare, the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin will be taken up at all Masses in the Diocese on the weekend of 18th and 19th September 2021. It will replace the usual Share collection. Through their services for Homeless, Youth, Migrants and Refugees, Crosscare focuses on helping people and families when they need it most or when they can't find support anywhere else.

In their Community Foodbanks and Cafes, they provide food parcels and nutritious meals every day. Demand for their services continues to increase as the pandemic has impacted the most vulnerable in our parishes and communities.

**Please give generously in the second collection at all Masses on 18th and 19th September next or on line at [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie)**