

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.

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Mass Intentions For This Week

Saturday 6.30pm – Tom, Connie & Joan Kehoe (A)

Sunday 10.30am – Nicholas O'Connor (A)

Monday 10.00am – John McDaid (RD)

Tuesday 10.00am – Deirdre Donegan (RD)

Wednesday 10.00am – Patricia Horgan (RD)

Thursday 10.00am – Eileen Fanning (RD)

Friday 10.00am – Martha Murphy (RD)



We extend our sympathy to the family of

Mary Doyle

whose funeral was held here in the Church this week.

We prayerfully remember all those who are

Recently Deceased & all whose Anniversaries occur at this time.

"May they rest in peace. Amen."

ALFIE LAMBE (1932 – 1959)

Holy Mass for the Beatification of the Servant of God, Alfie Lambe, one of Ireland's candidates for sainthood will be offered in the Church of The Three Patrons, Rathgar, on Sunday, 31st October at 12.15p.m. The principal Celebrant and Homilist will be Very Rev Paul Taylor, P.P. Rathgar.

Alfie, a native of Tullamore and a former Legion of Mary Envoy to South America has been designated as "the Servant of God" in recognition of the holiness of his short life. His Cause was introduced by the Archdiocese of Buenos Aires in 1978 and work on it is progressing both in Buenos Aires and in Ireland.

A Few Words From Fr Joe...

"Warp speed", "Beam me up Scottie", "To go bravely where no man has gone before", these lines from Star Trek were a part of mine, my sisters and many others childhood. The Star Fleet mission was to explore new frontiers and they got into a lot of tight situations along the way. Yet somehow, no matter the adversity, how big the enemy fleet, or the technical issues, they stuck together, and prevailed. It was almost like there was a higher power watching over them, delivering them from hopeless situations and refreshing them to regroup and set out again. Maybe it was Mr Spock's pointy ears that kept them going!

These memories were awoken from the deep recess of my psyche during the week when William Shatner, who played Captain Kirk back then and now aged 90, was sent into space by Jeff Bezos. There was a certain amount of hype before the event, he would be the oldest human ever to go into orbit and given his age it was both an act of courage and a huge risk for him to do this. I didn't get caught up in finding out how to watch it live, but I do admit to being captivated by his interview immediately after touch down.

The news item captured first an image of take-off, the cigarette shape rocket rising straight up from the earth, then into orbit and finally out of the bright blue sky, over the desert the little capsule with its three parachutes appeared and fell rapidly to earth, landing in a huge explosion of sand. And moments later, there he was, old yet strong, standing in the desert in his flying suit, gushing emotion filled words of joy. He said it was the "most profound experience of my life", clearly the reality far exceeded the thousands of times he had flown into space in the safety of a movie set and studio!

He described passing through the soft blue atmosphere of earth and into the darkness of space and looking at the fragile earth and loving it all the more. He was moved to reflect on life and death and wonder if this cosmic journey in a capsule was any way like the journey of the soul. At the end, he said "I hope I never recover from this" as is so often the case when a profound spiritual experience touches into the depth of our being, we would want to hold on to it forever. Perhaps he has had his faith affirmed, his hope strengthened and his resolve to be ready to meet his creator renewed. He is an extraordinary man, whose personal experience, now shared and seen can touch us all and move our hearts and minds to contemplation of God and as the hymn says 'his power throughout the universe displayed.'

SUPPORT SERVICES

AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone in and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, **8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.**