

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 (11am on Bank Holidays) •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 – Mass of Remembrance

Sunday 10.30am – Mary Doyle (Month's Mind)

Monday 10.00am – Noel Goulding (RD)

Tuesday 10.00am – Rose Roberts (RD)

Wednesday 10.00am – Brendan Quinlan (RD) & Maria Dwyer (A)

Thursday 10.00am – Special Intention

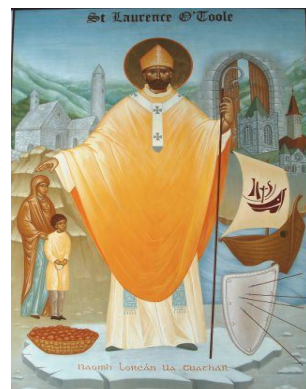
Friday 10.00am – Rose Roberts (RD)



We extend our sympathy to the family of
Paddy Day & Frank Caffrey
whose funerals were held here in the Church this week.

TRÓCAIRE SPECIAL APPEAL FOR EAST AFRICA – THANK YOU

The total amount raised for this special collection was **€1065**. Trócaire are providing life-saving aid to vulnerable communities in East Africa and DRC, where millions of people are being pushed to the edge of starvation. Thank you all for your generous support. For more information see www.trocaire.org



On Sunday 14th November we celebrate the Feast Day of St Laurence O'Toole, Patron of the Dublin Diocese.

A Few Words From Fr Joe...

I don't often catch the bus early in the morning when students are on their way to school. Yet there I was the other day, just after 8, waiting and watching as bus after bus disgorged boys and girls, all in uniform, some chatting together, most alone, earbuds in place, oblivious of the world around them, making their way to school and class. Just one smiled and nodded as he brushed past, back pack weighing him down, hurl in hand, I guess he had both academics and sport on his agenda. Hurling was already on my mind as I'd noticed St Laurence's School bedecked in the Crokes flags the day before, maybe the young man is dreaming of similar challenge and success one day. All the best to Crokes on their way to Parnell Park for the Hurling Championship Final!

Later, in the afternoon news filtered through of the tragic death of a school boy, Harry, in Kilkenny, hit by a sliotar in a freak accident. I thought again of the lad from earlier and all the thousands in our schools across the country who love to puck around with their friends, learn and improve their skills and never imagine such a tragedy happening. It is simply beyond belief.

The local priest, a past man of the same school, and a huge follower of the game, spoke to the media after the hours he'd spent with the stunned, grieving family. There's no explanation as to why these things happen, he said, it's a heavy cross for the family and community to carry. All we can do is support them through their darkest hour and be there for them. The strength in belonging to a community is this unconditional love, total support and willingness to stop everything and just be there for each other. No doubt when it's time for the requiem mass a sensitive and uplifting liturgy will be offered and all the dimensions of this young life, ended so suddenly will be offered back to the God who created him, the Lord who accompanied him and the Spirit which dwells within every moment of his existence.

Our own Mass for the bereaved is another moment when the anguish and grief felt so deeply after the death of a much loved one is remembered. Yet in God's mysterious ways, acceptance and hope have crept in, replacing tears, it is very uplifting to meet the families again in such a prayerful atmosphere.

So in whatever way we are touched by loss and grief, know that here we are a supportive faith filled community, united in prayer for the month of November remembering all our departed relatives and friends. May they rest in peace and enjoy eternal peace and light.

November – Month of the Holy Souls



A Time of Gathering Together with the Bereaved of our Parish

A warm welcome to **all the families** gathered here this weekend to remember their loved ones who have died during the past year.

We are happy to have an opportunity to pray with you on the journey of bereavement.

We assure you of a continued remembrance in our prayers.



Altar List of the Dead

The November Altar List of the Dead is one of the many ways in which we remember our deceased relatives and friends, and join our intentions in the Masses the priests offer for the repose of their souls. Please take a **November Altar List of the Dead (Available at the back of the Church)**. Place your completed List in one of the envelopes provided and return it to the basket **or, you can pop them into the post box outside St. Joseph's or, if it is open, leave them in the Sacristy**. The names of all those on the **Altar List of the Dead** are included in the 1st Friday Masses throughout the year.