

# 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 (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 – Louise Crosbie (A)

Sunday 10.30am – Thomas & Elizabeth McCoy & Thelma Walsh (A) Bobby Hume (A)

Frank Caffrey & Paddy Day (Month's Mind)

Monday 10.00am – Fiona, Niall & Eamon Whelan (A)

Tuesday 10.00am – Eva, Pat & Ciaran Dunne (A)

Wednesday 10.00am – All Deceased Members of The Quinn & Whelan Families (A)

Thursday 10.00am – Eddie Nugent (RD)

Friday 10.00am – Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary



We extend our sympathy to the family of

**Eamon Walsh**

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.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to support those seeking assistance to the best of our availability. For the many families that are helped they are faced daily impossible choices, but at this time of year for many these impossible choices get harder, put oil in the tank or get the present on their child's list. This year, more than ever, your help is needed to make sure that children and families have what they need to share in the magic of the season.

On Sat/Sun **11/12 December**, St Vincent de Paul will be holding a church collection in the hope to raise funds for people who are struggling this Christmas. For more information, please contact your local SVP Volunteers. As the level of requests for assistance is on the increase all assistance from parishioners is very much appreciated.

SVP St Gall

## A Few Words From Fr Joe...

Turn on the lights! Well, as we are now into December, and it is so dark and cold, I for one love to see the seasonal lights appearing. The big bright lights which transform the city centre, ripple through the shopping centres, rise from the tower in RTE, land at the airport and are all over public building are one thing, the special lit walks in some parks another, but the lights I love are those which appear inside and outside the homes in the community.

Trees festooned with lights, façades of houses radiating joy, and from windows, gutters, chimneys, decorations capture the joy and fun of Christmas. To see Santa and his sleigh, stars and snowflakes, all shimmering in the darkness, which now comes so early, is just wonderful. White lights, blue lights, multi-colour bulbs draped through the trees, lights on strings, flashing and pulsing with colour and energy all generously installed and freely shared, from each house to the whole neighbourhood.

In the coming 10 days or so there will be a tree in the window of almost every home, its twinkling brightness telling the story of every family making ready for Christmas Eve. Parcels will soon arrive as visitors share their gifts and sibling and parents wrap up the presents and place them there.

I guess there will be many cribs coming down from the attic, dusted off and set in place, slowly filling with the characters from the best-known story in the world, for now the little manger will lie empty. Eventually Christmas will come and another light, so simple, a candle, may appear in a window an expression of faith, of welcome for the stranger and an embrace for the child Jesus.

All these lights are telling the story of Christmas, that darkness is banished by the coming of the Lord, we will welcome the light of the world with all our heart.

These little birds are lighting up my kitchen!



## The Feast of The Immaculate Conception



On **Wednesday, 8 December**, we celebrate **The Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This is a Holyday of Obligation. **Join us for Mass at 10am on this day.**

*'O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.'*

## ON LINE APPEAL FOR FAMILIES IN FOOD POVERTY - DECEMBER 2021

We in **Crosscare** need your support to help families experiencing food poverty this Christmas. We are working with hundreds of families and children in Dublin who struggle to get basic food supplies. Families need our help this Christmas, but not just for Christmas in the months after Christmas, which many people find challenging.

Due to Covid restrictions, the online appeal for donations replaces the food collection in parishes in previous years. Your ongoing support for **Crosscare** makes a huge difference to those most in need. We are asking for donations to continue this vital work at Christmas and into 2022. Please help us to help them. Support our appeal to end food poverty by giving what you can online at [www.crosscare.ie/donate](http://www.crosscare.ie/donate) or call 01 8360011