

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 – Noel Goulding (Month's Mind)

Sunday 10.30am – Gary & Ina Cleere (A)

Monday 10.00am – Patricia Horgan & John Rogers (RD)

Tuesday 10.00am – Albert Tee (RD)

Wednesday 10.00am – Eithne MacDonald (RD)

Thursday 10.00am – Ann Harrison (A)

Friday 10.00am – Service of Word and Sacrament



We extend our sympathy to the family of
Michael Copeland
whose funeral was held here in the Church this week.

The Priory Institute

Online Theology Open Evening, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Click [here](#) or email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com to find out more about our Online Open Evening on Thursday 2 December 7pm. This is the link to register for the Online Open Evening <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/priory-institute-open-evening>

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

A Few Words From Fr Joe...

I can't remember the last time a week passed by and I didn't say at least one funeral Mass. Free from that obligation I've been busy this week with some of the practical things that need to be attended too at the three churches. An issue with the 'Loop' system in Kilmacud, the ongoing improvements to the front entrance to the Church there and responding to a serious and I hope isolated act of vandalism, took up a lot of time. While I was there looking after these various bits and pieces of housekeeping I was made aware that the pub and shops nearby had introduced parking restrictions. Needless to say, when such changes occur it's very likely that there will be increased use of the church parking.

During the summer, I had two companies look at the parking situation at all three parishes. From these meetings, we began to get an idea of the difference in approach with 'pay and display' and various types of barriers. Many people have mentioned to me the parking arrangements at Merrion Road Church and Dundrum and how they have tried to manage free and easy access to their parking for Masses and funerals for their parishioners while also getting some much-needed income for the parish from others who just use the church car parks.

In Clonskeagh we are very close to shops, Luas and housing estates and many people park in our grounds. In Mount Merrion the car park near the Union Café is very busy with people availing of the freely offered space to such an extent that often we find very few spaces available for funerals and parish needs. And in Kilmacud the proximity to a restricted parking area and the village puts a lot of pressure on space.

So, I think the time has come to move towards some car park management system to be put in place in all three parishes. In so far as there is 'pay and display' parking it won't be enforced at Mass times and will always have a 15 mins grace time to facilitate school drop offs etc. There will be special areas around the church restricted and free for those going to mass and to pray. The benefit for the parishes is better management and availability of the car parks when we need them and of course some small income would assist with insurance, lighting and upkeep of the car parks. By keeping the parking cost to just €1 per hour (€5 per day) we would like to encourage people to use the car parks as they do currently. If you have any questions or would like to meet me to discuss this topic please get in touch.

Finally, I had a meeting with a company run by two exceptional young women who are past pupils of Mt Anville School. They have developed a very simple method of cashless payments, using our mobile phones, which I think might be a huge benefit for our parishes. So more about that next week.

Returning to matters more spiritual Fr Alan Hilliard, writer and broadcaster, with a special interest in Migrants, will lead the annual Advent Service of Reflection and Reconciliation on Monday December 20th in St Therese, Mt Merrion at 7.30pm for all three parishes. We are working on dates for sacraments in 2022 and the number and times of Masses for Christmas. We propose to have just one Mass on Sunday 26th December in each church to gather and celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family together.

We continue to do all we can to keep our churches safe in these Covid times and hopefully we will be able to continue without any new restrictions. Please wear your mask, sanitise your hands and maintain social distance.

November – Month of the Holy Souls



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.