

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.

Parish Office

The Parish Office is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9.30am – 12 noon.

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Sacristy/Parish Office Telephone: 01 2837948 Website: www.clonskeaghparish.ie

Mass Intentions For This Week

Saturday 6.30pm – Mary Margaret Geraghty (RD)

Sunday 10.30am – May Nunan (RD)

Monday 10.00am – Tom Doyle (RD)

Tuesday 10.00am – Sean O'Connor (RD)

Wednesday 10.00am – Tony Daly (RD)

Thursday 10.00am – Detta O'Brien (RD)

Friday 10.00am – Special Intention



We prayerfully remember all those who are
Recently Deceased & all whose **Anniversaries** occur at this time.

Weekend Collections

1st Coll. (*The support of Priests*) €260

2nd Coll. (*Share*) €220

House to House (*Incl. S/O*) €250

Thank you for your continued support.

Christmas Dues

Sincere thanks to all who have already contributed their **Christmas Dues**.

Christmas Dues envelopes are still available at the back of the Church. Please take your envelope and return to the Parish Office/Sacristy or you can place them into the collection baskets at the weekend Masses.

A FEW WORDS FROM FR JOE.....

I bumped into three mums outside the school one day during the week. They were chatting, keeping an eye on their kids playing nearby and waiting for the others to finish school. I've often found this to be a fantastic time to have an impromptu meeting with parents, a sort of in between moment, they are relaxed and available, with time for a chat.

So, three things were memorable for me in that encounter. Firstly, how friendly and affable they were, that's no surprise, but after such a long time of not engaging with each other in this way, it was lovely that they were interested. Secondly, they were up for the chat about how much the parish and the wider church needs their involvement if we are to have a happy and effective future. They were very aware of the way their parents and older parishioners have built up the parish over the years. They know that as one generation ages the next generation has to step up to the plate, and participate. Thirdly each of them had deep and moving insights into the effect of the pandemic on their faith and participation in Church. This was so good for me to hear, that their absence from Mass and not being able to bring their children, with the wider family, even at Christmas, was a real loss for them.

One mum was strong when speaking about the negative way some of her friends, who aren't interested in church, criticise her for staying in touch with her faith, and involving her children in the choir and activities here. I felt that if we had more time to talk, we could build up this positive feeling she had, and help her to build confidence in the face of that criticism.

Maybe that is our common task as hopefully the effects of Covid on our church life begins to wane. We need to be positive, to renew our activity levels, re-engage with ministries, with Mass and wider parish activities. As we believe so fervently that this spiritual dimension of life is invaluable, we will do all we can to secure the future of the parish to the best of our ability.

• Synods are a time to dream and "spend time with the future": We are encouraged to create a local process that inspires people, with no one excluded to create a vision of the future filled with the joy of the Gospel. The following dispositions will help participants (cf. *Christus Vivit*):

- An innovative outlook: To develop new approaches, with creativity and a certain audacity.
- Being inclusive: A participatory and co-responsible Church, capable of appreciating its own rich variety, embraces all those we often forget or ignore.
- An open mind: Let us avoid ideological labels and make use of all methodologies that have borne fruit.
- Listening to each and every one: By learning from one another, we can better reflect the wonderful multi-faceted reality that Christ's Church is meant to be.
- An understanding of "journeying together": To walk the path that God calls the Church to undertake for the third millennium.
- Understanding the concept of a co-responsible Church: To value and involve the unique role and vocation of each member of the Body of Christ, for the renewal and building up of the whole Church.
- Reaching out through ecumenical and interreligious dialogue: To dream together and journey with one another throughout the entire human family.

Catholic Schools Week

Living Life to the Full Catholic Schools Week 2022 begins on Sunday, 23 January, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, and its theme is 'Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full'.

In light of the challenges and uncertainty we have collectively faced over the past year, this year we are presented with the opportunity to reflect on how our faith sustains us and how we as a community support and care for each other. In this context, we can consider ways that the parish community can honor and support the work of their Catholic school during this week-long celebration.

More on this next weekend.