

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.

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 – Patrick Duffy & Joseph O'Hara (A)

Sunday 10.30am – Bridget & Hugh Quinn (A)

Monday 11.00am – Michael Kennedy (RD)

Tuesday 10.00am – Mary Shannon (RD)

Wednesday 10.00am –

Thursday 10.00am –

Friday 10.00am – 1st Friday – Altar List of the Dead



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

Weekend Collections 23/24 April

1st Coll. (*The support of
Priests*) €210

2nd Coll. (*Share*) €130

House to House (*Incl. S/O*)
€590

*Thank you for your
continued support.*

Summer Schedule

Our Summer Schedule will begin on 4th June 2022. There will be a suspension of the 6.30pm Mass on Saturdays. The Mass times for the weekend will be 10.30am on Sundays only.

Easter Dues - Thank You

Sincere **thanks** to all who have already contributed their Easter Dues. Dues envelopes are available at the main entrance to the Church. Dues can be returned to the Parish Office/Sacristy or you can place them in a sealed envelope into the collection box at the weekend Masses.

Thank you for your generosity.

A Few Words from Fr Joe...

On Holy Thursday Archbishop Farrell distributed a Pastoral Letter to share his thoughts with us on the 'Building Hope' process that he started shortly after coming to Dublin. The first step was a consultation that many parishioners here participated in through the online survey. Thousands of people all over the diocese, of every age and opinion contributed to the information contained in the Task Force Report.

We are now moving to the implementation stage of the recommendations which came from the Report. In the Pastoral Letter we read "It is very clear the future will not look like the past. Our world has changed; we cannot return to the past." We are proud to have huge parishes, great and spacious churches, wonderful schools and up to date parish centres. We also have many people active in the liturgy and ministries, in parish leadership, through Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Committees, schools BOM and paid employment. Our clergy, and the religious around us have many years of service behind them and the age profile is certainly tending towards the senior years. Some of these things are the legacy of a different time, some show the commitment of people today.

The Archbishop is a man who likes to get people talking, and listening and acting together. In the diocese we have already had a number of years of parishes working together for mission. In our grouping, and under my care, the three parishes of Kilmacud, Mount Merrion and Clonskeagh have been managing pretty well to maintain parish life, liturgy and outreach, even in Covid times. But the question is: Where are we going? Who will take on the challenge of local leadership in the parish? The next stage in the journey is to take more specific steps towards meeting and creating a dialogue between the three parishes. Up until now it has been chiefly the priests who have been moving between the parishes, keeping 108 masses a month going and relating to the parish staff, volunteers and people. But the future will need to connect people in these three parishes more actively. There are many areas that we can talk about, Masses and Sacraments, Schools and young people, use of resources and personnel, funding the future and revising our priorities, to name a few. The Archbishop and his staff have provided materials and offered a road map. All of this can be found on the Diocesan Website, which has a 'Building Hope' tab. We are obliged to set up a steering group drawn from the PPC and PFC and others. I would be delighted to hear from anyone who might like to be considered for this committee now or to be an animator of groups going forward, or who has other skills to share. I don't expect this to be just a clergy led initiative, we are here at the service of the people and with particular tasks to sustain the sacramental life of the parishes. We can reactivate the service of senior parishioners with great experience of parish and church, and we can also appeal for a younger generation of parishioners to step forward into leadership. Those with children in school and college, with many years of family life to live here in the parish community must join with us and express how the local church can thrive in the future with your hands on the tiller, guiding all that we seek to do together. Without the vitality of youth, the insights of a new generation, their fervour for faith and commitment to practice that faith with the Christian Community, there is little point in restructuring.

The Archbishop says, and believes, "God is bringing forth something new" Isaiah 43:19, we want and need to play a part in giving life to this Godly work.

UKRAINE COLLECTION

Message from Mgr Joseph McGuinness, Exec. Sec. of the Irish Episcopal Conference:

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the recent Special Collection for Ukraine. Nationally, this collection has raised to date over €3.25 million. The war in Ukraine, and the terrible suffering which has resulted, has seen a tremendous outpouring of compassion and generosity from our parish communities. Your contributions will bring much-needed relief to those in the region whose lives and livelihoods have been devastated. The funds raised will be used by the international Catholic Church agency, Caritas Internationalis, which is currently operating on the ground in Ukraine and its surrounding areas. We continue to keep the people of Ukraine in our thoughts, praying for peace and an end to this appalling humanitarian crisis.

Building Hope
Prayer

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.
You constantly journey with us
even in our darkness and doubts.
We seek your way of loving kindness
to walk together as one family.
Open our eyes to recognise you
in the faces of one another,
in the breaking of bread
and in the splendour of creation.
May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope
and new life deep within us.
May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word,
bringing forth truth, justice and peace.
May the Holy Spirit working in
and through us do much more
than we can dare to imagine
as we live out our baptismal calling
in humble and loving service.
We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.
St Laurence O'Toole, pray for us.
St Kevin, pray for us.
St Brigid, pray for us.