

# 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)

•10.30am Sunday

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

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## Mass Intentions For This Week

Sunday 10.30am – Ada Delany (A) & Daisy Duffy (A)

Monday 10.00am – Frank Convey (A)

Tuesday 10.00am – Prayer Service

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Thursday 10.00am –

Friday 10.00am – Prayer Service



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

*“May all our faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.”*

### Last Weekend Collections

1<sup>st</sup> Coll. (*The support of Priests*)  
€295

2<sup>nd</sup> Coll. (*Share*) €300

House to House (*Incl. S/O*) €395

*Thank you for your continued support.*

### Car Park

As you will notice the  
Church Car Park now  
has Pay & Display in  
operation.

*Please note that there  
will not be any charge  
during Mass times.*



Archbishop Farrell is once  
again asking the  
parishioners to make a  
summer offering towards the  
support and up keep of their  
priests.

“As Covid restrictions  
reduced significantly the  
monies collected in parishes  
earlier in the year the  
summer offering will help to  
make up the shortfall.”

*Envelopes available at the  
back of the Church.*  
Thank you for your support.

## A Few Words from Fr Joe...



I’m sure we have all spent some time during the week wishing the weather was better, praying for some sunshine, asking God to banish the dark clouds, heavy rain and bring us some of the blue skies and gentle breezes that we need so much. The weather of course is one of those things we can’t change, even with fervent prayers, but we adapt to the conditions, grabbing brollies and jackets, we watch for a break in the clouds and go out, we get caught in a shower and shelter under a tree, the sun comes out, we sing.

There are many changes in the life we share together as church too, things that we have little control over. Just as we adapt for the weather, I imagine we will change our church habits and behaviours too.

Of the three parishes in our grouping, Clonskeagh has the smallest attendance at Mass since Covid 19 made its unwelcome appearance. The numbers at Saturday evening Mass had shrunk back to about 50 people and Sunday mornings around a 100. The church is vast, the back seats seem to be the preferred place to sit and gosh but it is difficult to celebrate Mass joyfully. So, for the summer we combined the two celebrations at 10.30am on Sunday.

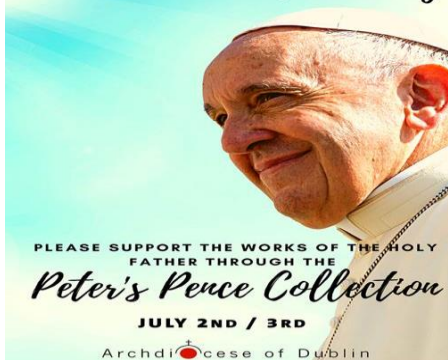
I arrived for Mass at 10.15am the choir were rehearsing and their laughter and music were immediately uplifting. As the congregation gathered and spread through the church the 152 people present felt like just enough. At the end of Mass a cluster of white haired parishioners gathered with an Indian family, new to the parish, to extend the hand of friendship and as that congregation was leaving a whole family were coming in for a Baptism. When I left at 12.15pm, the two hours had flown by, Sunday had been well celebrated and it felt good.

As you can imagine the first reaction to the ‘dropping’ of the evening mass and the combining the parish celebration into a single viable Mass was met with some negative comment, which is entirely understandable. Yet the change is effective, but only works if priests and parishioners adapt willingly and with a sense of purpose. That’s the challenge of the present moment, for us all, and I am sure we will not be found wanting. *Here’s to hoping for some sunshine this week!*

## Peter’s Pence Collection

The Peter’s Pence collection takes place this weekend, July 2 & 3. The collection provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works and apostolic mission around the world.

*Be a Witness of Charity*



## DCU THEOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS

Study Theology and World Religions at the postgraduate level at DCU. The MA programme has been expanded to include a strong comparative and interreligious component: it is an MA in Theology and World Religions.

The programme will go ahead in the coming academic year on campus, as it did last year. The Theology programme is carried out on the beautiful All Hallows Campus in Drumcondra.

The DCU BA in Theology and Religious Studies is a part-time, flexible programme is designed for mature students, and holds lectures on Thursday evenings and a handful of Saturdays throughout the year.

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