

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)

•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 – Richard & Alice Brennan (A)

Monday 10.00am – John Leonard (RD)

Tuesday 10.00am – Tommy Kenny (RD)

Wednesday 10.00am – Joe Cregan (RD)

Thursday 10.00am – Patrick Tierney (A)

Friday 10.00am – Nuala Peyton Corcoran (A)



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

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

Last Weekend Collections

1st Coll. (The support of Priests) €450

2nd Coll. (**Crosscare**) €1180

House to House (Incl. S/O) €350

Thank you for your continued support.

CROSSCARE ANNUAL COLLECTION

The Annual Collection for Crosscare, the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin was taken up at all Masses in the Diocese last weekend. *The total amount realised in Clonskeagh was €1180.* Thank you for your generous contribution to this very worthy cause.

Rosary at the Grotto

The Legion of Mary was started by Frank Duff on 7th September 1921. To mark the closing of its Centenary year, 7th September 2022 and the eve of Our Lady's birthday, 8th September, The Rosary and the full Legion prayers will be recited at 3p.m. at the Grotto, Patrick Doyle Rd (near Windy Arbour Luas stop), on **Friday, 7th October**. Everybody will be warmly welcomed on this special occasion. (Arranged by the Legion of Mary)

A Prayer for our Earth

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Amen. (Laudato Si', 246)

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A Few Words from Fr Joe...

Opening of the academic year Masses and Services are a wonderful gathering of the whole school community. For many reasons, an energy pulsates through the environment when so many students gather with their teachers in the church. The daily and Sunday congregations tend to spread out, each person keeping a healthy gap from the person at the other end of the pew. The young people pack so many into each bench that there is always one practically falling off the end. For the young, their strength is in closeness, being together, doing something in common. Of course, being Catholics, even at their young age, they have learnt that in church we never sing out loud in praise of God, nor do we offer responses with all the umph of which they are able. Our church is still far too solemn. Yet they do bring talented singers, accomplished musicians and with the guidance of talented teachers their choir makes great music which all enjoy.

I love the opportunity to gather, pray and talk to the whole school community, but I don't find it easy. I admit to being perplexed at times as to why the message of Jesus Christ that has given my own life meaning, excitement, joy and many challenges just doesn't seem to land in the youth culture of today. Queen Elizabeth spoke of Jesus as her role model giving her inspiration and being her anchor, seeing him as someone who stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing taught her to seek out and respect and value all people. That is a wisdom that comes late in life looking back and appreciating how faith has helped. For the young growing into life, meeting endless new challenges, coming to know themselves and others, embracing life with passion it might not be so easy to embrace an anchor!

Reuven Simon and Joseph Sebastian died in a drowning accident in Derry just as the school year began. These two typical 16 year olds were taken out of life just as they were beginning to live. The loss, grief and shock rippled through the community where they lived, the faith community to which they belonged and they were buried in the uniforms of their school community. Each of these communities of life loved them, celebrated their gifts and mourned their passing. Their classmates cried, prayed and stood in silence. When I watched that response to loss it renewed my conviction that young people are innately religious, need ritual and a message of hope, and they get it.

Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday

Sunday, 25 September, is Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday. This year the theme of the day is “Safeguarding – a Gospel Value”. Children occupy a central role in the teachings of Jesus, who pointed to the child as the ultimate symbol of the Kingdom of God.

‘Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it’ (Lk 18:17).

Safeguarding Sunday is now a regular part of the diocesan calendar. It falls each year on the fourth Sunday in September. Over the past year or so, we have done a lot of talking and a lot of listening, both as part of the Synod and as part of the Building Hope project that I launched at the beginning of 2021. The talking and the listening in themselves bring us together and are part of the building up of the Kingdom of God.

We must be ever mindful of the generosity of parents who open their families to us, and the particular responsibility that brings with it. We should remember too, our responsibility to the vulnerable members of our community. The Church must always be a place of safety for those for whom the world may not always feel secure and welcoming.

Finally, I ask you to remember in your prayers all those who have suffered abuse.

+ Dermot Farrell

OPEN EVENING

OUR LADY'S GROVE SECONDARY SCHOOL
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Tuesday October 4th 2022

5:00 - 7:30 pm

Principal's address at 5:15pm and 6:15pm

We look forward to welcoming you and your children to the Grove

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