

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) will be celebrated in St. Joseph's
(Except Funerals & Holy Days)

● **10.30am Sunday**

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Mass Intentions For This Week

Sunday 10.30am – William Dwyer (A)
Mary & Jim Doyle (A)
Laura O'Kelly (Month's Mind)

Monday 10.00am - Mass

Tuesday 10.00am - Mass

Wednesday 10.00am - Mass

Thursday 10.00am - Mass

Friday 10.00am – Michael & Bridget &
Michael Moloney



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

Last Weekend Collections

1st Coll. (*The support of Priests*) €310
2nd Coll. (*Share*) €290
House to House (*Incl. S/O*) €350
Thank you for your continued support.



October – Month of the Rosary
Why not discover/rediscover the beauty
of the Rosary this month?

You are invited to **pray the Rosary**
during the month of October.

Home Prayer – You are invited to pray
the Rosary with your family at a special
time.

- *Joyful Mysteries (Monday, Saturday)*
- *Luminous Mysteries (Thursday)*
- *Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday, Friday)*
- *Glorious Mysteries (Wednesday, Sunday)*

The one who seeks grace, finds it in Mary's hands.



There will be a 'Cup of Tea' in St Joseph's on **Friday 14 October** after the 10am Mass. All welcome.

A Few Words from Fr Joe...

Here are some words I wrote almost 10 years ago. It was at this time that we felt the need to start talking in Dublin about the direction we were beginning to move in.

“An old teacher in the seminary told us there is no holiday in the spiritual life! Well that's as maybe but holidays from the parish certainly feel great. To have time for travel, family and friends is a welcome experience. But in fairness to our teacher he had a point, even on holidays I can't resist visiting churches, attending Mass and looking at the way parishes in other countries work. In my brother's parish in Fareham, South East of England, there is just one Sunday Mass at their local church and I was pleasantly surprised to find the 9.00am congregation almost filled the church. The liturgy was good, the priest was from Africa and the age profile was the elderly and some families with young children. In France last Sunday the Mass was in a neighbouring village at 10.30am (the priest had said a 9.00am mass some miles away). Again there was a great atmosphere as people were arriving from 10.15am, kissing each other on both cheeks! There was a good sized congregation, music and a 20 minute homily! Again the profile of the people who gathered was very similar, older folks and some families. Interestingly in the notices the priest mentioned 3 upcoming weddings, yet there was no one of that age group present in the church. In this cluster of parishes the priest told me there are 24 steeples, with three priests, all elderly assisted by some sisters and parish workers. This parish, like so many in France, he told me went into decline after the 1914-18 war. He showed me a plaque on the wall, 24 young men from the village perished, many more were wounded and the rural communities never really recovered. Our Irish experience, I told him, also had a huge loss of young people from the countryside but through emigration rather than war. The church in England and France continues to pray, worship and evangelise. It works out of meagre resources but with a lot of pride in the Gospel message and a faith in God's promise to be with us always in Christ. They are past talking about the problems of diminishing numbers of priests and people. They are simply getting on with what they can do and try to do their very best. I am sure there is a lot we can learn from them. And yes it is great to be back home too.”

Re reading them I realise how far we have come, now we look more like France and England did, except we are holding on to many masses for convenience rather than taking the brave step of calling the parish to come and pray as one body. That will no doubt happen soon enough, when we have no longer any choice. I hope we can imitate their energy and commitment, even when we are few.

Leave it to Him

‘God knows what is my greatest happiness, but I do not. There is no rule about what is happy and good; what suits one would not suit another. And the ways by which perfection is reached vary very much; the medicines necessary for our souls are very different from each other. Thus God leads us by strange ways; we know He wills our happiness, but we neither know what our happiness is, nor the way. We are blind; left to ourselves we should take the wrong way; we must leave it to Him.’

St John Henry Newman Memorial 9 Oct

Vox Hiberniae

Kerrie O'Connor and her group Vox Hiberniae have put together a reflection "A Celtic Journey with St. Francis of Assisi - Harp, Strings and Voice" to mark his feastday and the end of the Church's month of creation. It can be viewed at www.youtube.com/c/voxhiberniae

THREE ROLES WITH ARCHDIOCESE

The Archdiocese of Dublin is currently seeking to fill three roles. The **Compliance Co-Ordinator** will ensure that processes, transactions and other functions in parishes and the Diocese are carried out in a legal and ethical manner adhering to the internal policies and procedures of the Diocese.

The **Faith Development Co-ordinator for Adult Faith and Pastoral Councils** will accompany parishioners in the development of approaches to develop adult faith; develop new approaches to adult faith; develop resources for adult faith development and Pastoral Councils; and provide regular training and resources for adults to grow in faith, for Pastoral Councils and those in lay ministries.

The **Faith Development Co-ordinator for Youth and Young Adult Ministries** will develop an integrated approach to the development of youth and young adult ministries informed by the vision of *Christus Vivit*; To develop a vision document for the Archdiocese of Dublin based on *Christus Vivit* and the Archdiocesan Statement of Mission; and develop a Youth Ministry Leadership catechesis programme based on new practices arising from *Christus Vivit*.

The full job descriptions are attached to this email and can also be found at <http://dublindiocese.ie/vacancies/>. Applications should be made to Tim Conway at Adare HR at tconway@adarehrm.ie