

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 – Frank Caffrey (A)
– Paddy & Karl Day (A)



Baptism – We joyfully welcome Cillian Karl, Riley Joseph & Willow Rose into the Catholic Faith and we congratulate his parents and family on this special occasion.

Monday 10.00am – Special Intention

Tuesday 10.00am – Mass

Wednesday 10.00am – Mass

Thursday 10.00am – Nellie & Bob Williams (A)

Friday 10.00am – Barry Morrissey (Birthday Rem)



We extend our sympathy to the families of
Lucy Kirby, Joseph O'Brien & Josephine De Freine
whose funerals were held in this Church.
“May all our faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.”

Last Weekend Collections

1st Coll. (The support of Priests) €290

2nd Coll. (Share) €160

House to House (Incl. S/O) €690

Thank you for your continued support.

A reminder that the Share Appeal

Sunday takes place on the weekend of
November 12/13. More information next
week.

RETREAT AT MERCY CENTRE

5pm on Thursday, December 1, to 4pm on
Sunday, December 4. This three-day retreat
will provide participants with space to step
back from the day-to-day and focus on
preparation for Christmas, the birth of new
stirrings, and a deeper calling to connection.
We will explore the Gospel messages of the
Advent season and the journey of the Magi
from searching to discovering.

Residential: €385. Non-residential: €185.

To express your interest please email

programmes@mercyinternational.ie

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

The annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gift
of Priesthood, organised by St Joseph's Young
Priests' Society, will be held on *Sunday,*
November 20, at 3.30pm in St Andrew's
Church, Westland Row.

The celebrant will be Fr Seamus McEntee,
our Diocesan Chaplain and Director of
Vocations for the Dublin Archdiocese. The
homilist will be Fr Stephen Kennedy of the
Institute of the Incarnate Word community.

**“Be strong and take heart, all you who
hope in the LORD”**

Psalm 1:24

A Few Words from Fr Joe...

You might have seen the traffic chaos on Tottenham Court Road in London during the week. Some newly installed Christmas decorations, blew down and went bouncing up the street, causing cars to swerve, slam on breaks and stop, in a moment the whole area ground to a halt. The problem was simple, unexpected and caused a lot of consternation. With all that is going on in the world, war, famine and economic hardship it is hard to believe that this one little incident was picked up on social media, a video of the offending baubles careering down the street, smashing off a lamp post went viral and news outlets carried the story. And here am I repeating it again!

There was another story which caught the media attention in a similar way, a priest was preaching in Kerry, a video of his sermon went viral and the airwaves were lit up with commentary and controversy. Suddenly the teachings of the Catholic Church on a whole range of moral issues were being aired and anger, hurt and outrage all expressed. The priest was very strident in his choice of words and delivery and even the bishop had to come out and reprimand him and assure the world that this was not the Christian way to share a message. Many people and priests will have been very upset as this unwelcome situation unfolded.

Of course, the Catholic Church does have moral teachings and priests are well trained to know it. There are three main ways priests use that training, in the confessional, with pastoral sensitivity, in the class room where dialogue and discussion are encouraged and in their homilies. In none of these situations is it acceptable to be disrespectful, to use inflammatory language or to traumatise the listener. Priests are well used to hearing feedback and addressing anything that needs to be clarified. Jesus is the model that we try to imitate and his message is always expressed in love and with the intention of helping us draw closer to God and to live out our baptismal calling. We can all upset others at times by our choice of topic, words and tone, and for that we are usually truly sorry.

November – Month of the Holy Souls



- **November Altar List of the Dead** is one of the many ways in which we remember our deceased relatives and friends, and join our intentions in the Masses the priests offer for the repose of their souls.

Please take a **November Altar List of the Dead** (*Available at the back of the Church*).

Place your completed List in one of the envelopes provided and return it to the basket **or, you can pop them into the post box outside St. Joseph's or, if it is open, leave them in the Sacristy.**

The names of all those on the **Altar List of the Dead** are included in the 1st Friday Masses throughout the year.

- **Date For Your Diary**

On Sunday, 20 November, a Mass of Remembrance for all those whose funerals were held in this Church during the past year will be celebrated at **10.30am**.

We continue to prayerfully remember all the families in our Parish who have been bereaved during the past year.

We assure you of a continued remembrance in our prayers.

- **November Pledge**

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this sacrifice up for their deceased loved ones. You can do likewise – by taking this pledge:

Let us Pray... For Thy greater glory and consolation, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for Thy sake to give good example, to practise self-denial, to make reparation to Thee for the sins of intemperance, and for the conversion of excessive drinkers, I will abstain for the month of November, in prayerful remembrance of all the Holy Souls, from all intoxicating drinks. Amen.

For more information visit: www.pioneerassociation.ie

“It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead.”