

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) 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 – Michael Copeland (A)



Baptism – We joyfully welcome Polly into the Catholic Faith and we congratulate her parents and family on this special occasion.

Monday 10.00am –

Tuesday 10.00am – Josephine De Freine (RD)

Wednesday 10.00am –

Thursday 10.00am –

Friday 10.00am –



We extend our sympathy to the families of **Seán (John) Sheridan & James Gahan** 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*) €335

2nd Coll. (*Share*) €230

House to House (*Incl. S/O*) €330

A reminder that the Share Appeal Sunday takes place on this weekend.

A message from Archbishop Dermot Farrell –

I am writing to you today about Share, the Diocesan Development Fund, which depends on the generosity of parishioners across the Archdiocese. Through the work of the Dublin Diocesan Offices, Share provides a range of essential services to our parishes and schools. In the Diocesan Offices we are fortunate to have a dedicated and skilled group of people whose work is indispensable. They serve the Archbishop, priests, deacons, parish pastoral workers and all in pastoral leadership roles, ensuring the daily functioning of the Church in the Archdiocese. All these services are invaluable to parishes and are primarily funded by the Share collection. The supporting financial schedules convey the very significant impact the pandemic has had. Considerable savings have been made through reduced numbers of staff in the Diocesan Offices, as also identified in the tables provided. With the final closure of Clonliffe, and the move to smaller diocesan premises, further savings can be achieved.

While the purposes of the Share collection have changed over the years, it is an essential source of funding in the Archdiocese, supporting parish life and ministry. Please give as generously as you can on this Share Appeal Sunday, and continue to support Share every Sunday. Thank you for your understanding and generosity.

A Few Words from Fr Joe...

Walking through the church grounds the other day I stopped to watch the gardeners at work. One man was blowing the leaves into piles, while another shovelled them into blue bags. His friend was bent over digging small holes under a tree, preparing a place for bulbs which will flower in spring. Another was running the mower over the grass, which amazingly was still growing in the early days of November. All the gardeners were dressed in winter clothes, hats, padded jackets, gloves, slightly reddened faces and just the odd little drip at the end of the nose showing the chilly temperature. I really loved watching these men taking care of the environment around the church as winter creeps in. Now the trees are bare, the flowers have died away and fewer people stop and sit, that's winter.

As nature shows us that dying is a natural part of cycle and rhythm of life, we enter into a month of special remembrance of the dead. Those who left us during the past year are honoured at an annual mass for the bereaved, led by the funeral ministry team, and it's always deeply moving to see so many parishioners and friends, united by a common bond of loss, and yet able to support each other on the journey of grief. We have marked the Feast of All Saints and mark All Souls Day. Many have sat down and written an Altar List, composing memories with the names of generations past. As I wrote my mother's name, Julie, I realised that today, November 13th is her 32nd anniversary, they are gone from us, but never forgotten. Our Scripture reassures that we are a people of hope and the Lord himself has promised to bring us to a place prepared.

Last year in this November note I wrote about a boy tragically killed by a sliotar in a freak accident at school, I wonder how his family are doing, and pray for them. Since then so many have died in war, famine, pandemic and so many accidents. The bravery of another young boy, Hamish O'Flaherty and his courageous words continue to inspire us, speaking at his dad's funeral in Creeslough he encouraged us to "be grateful: for your families, take care of them. Be thankful because you won't have them forever. So, use the time you have wisely."

We can't live in an endless summer, we grow in faith by accepting loss and praying for the dead. We can use our time wisely. May they rest in peace. Amen.

November – Month of the Holy Souls



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 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.

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



St. Laurence O'Toole,
man of faith,
you had the openness to
accept a position of
leadership in your
community
at an early age.
Bless our young people
with a spirit of generosity
to offer themselves in the
service of the Gospel.

*St Laurence O'Toole
Pray for us.*