

# 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 – Austin English & Eileen Nolan (A)**

**Monday 10.00am – George Haugh (RD)**

**Tuesday 10.00am – Jenny Murphy (RD)**

**Wednesday 10.00am – Mass**

**Thursday 10.00am – Jenny Murphy (RD)**

**Friday 10.00am – Christine Murphy (A)**



*We prayerfully remember all who are  
Recently Deceased and 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)* €205

House to House *(Incl. S/O)* €250

*Thank you for your continued support.*

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

*Psalm 1:24*

## Cup of Tea

Next Sunday, 27 November, after 10.30am  
Mass there will be a *‘Getting to Know You  
Cup of Tea’*. Please join us for a chat and a  
‘cuppa’ at the back of the Church.

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## Longing for Light - A Waiting People

Kerrie O'Connor and her group **Vox  
Hiberniae** together with the Carmelite  
community of Avila, Donnybrook will  
facilitate an advent day retreat on Saturday  
26th Nov, 10-4pm. Join them on the eve of  
Advent to prepare in quiet, Word and music.  
Donation only. Contact Avila to  
book: [info@avilacentre.ie](mailto:info@avilacentre.ie) or 016430200

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## Rialto Football Club

The annual mass in memory of the deceased  
members of Rialto Football Club takes place  
on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in The  
Church of Our Lady of Fatima, Rialto. All  
welcome.

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

To express your interest please email  
[programmes@mercyinternational.ie](mailto:programmes@mercyinternational.ie)

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## A Few Words from Fr Joe...

This week I've been 3 years in my current position as Moderator of the parishes of Clonskeagh, Mount Merrion and Kilmacud. When I was asked to undertake this role I really did wonder if it would be possible to manage and minister in three parishes effectively, and I'm still trying to work that out! I was appointed by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, now long retired. I came here before Covid with no idea that within a few months of starting that the other priest colleagues would be cocooning, that the only Mass for the parishes would be an online offering and that all the funerals would fall to me.

During those early months the schools were closed, the sacramental preparation stalled and the very few meetings were on the new ZOOM platform. When parishioners remerged all were masked, the church was partitioned, the offices had glass screens and we still didn't have any face to face meetings. While the current situation is far from normal it's a lot better than it was. Of course, some new realities have begun to impact the parishes, the war in Ukraine and the rising cost of living affects us all and in the winter months energy costs for heat and light will increase greatly.

For three weekends in October we counted the numbers attending the weekend masses and very predictably it is clear that we only have between half and two thirds of our pre-Covid numbers. Definitely better than the empty churches, but still a cause for concern.

On the positive side, I continue to be impressed with the number of people who come for special occasions, for baptisms, funeral, communions and confirmations. It seems when people have a personal connection, intention or celebration that they are happy to be here.

Yet we are a Sunday people, our faith tradition is built on coming together as a community of believers, both saints and sinners, to share in the praise and worship of God and to be fed by Word and the Eucharist. So, I pose this question, for you to share as Advent approaches, “Are you coming back?” I hope the answer is yes and that little by little we can see a renewal in our parish activity, energy, volunteering and social connections.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Masses  
throughout the year.

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

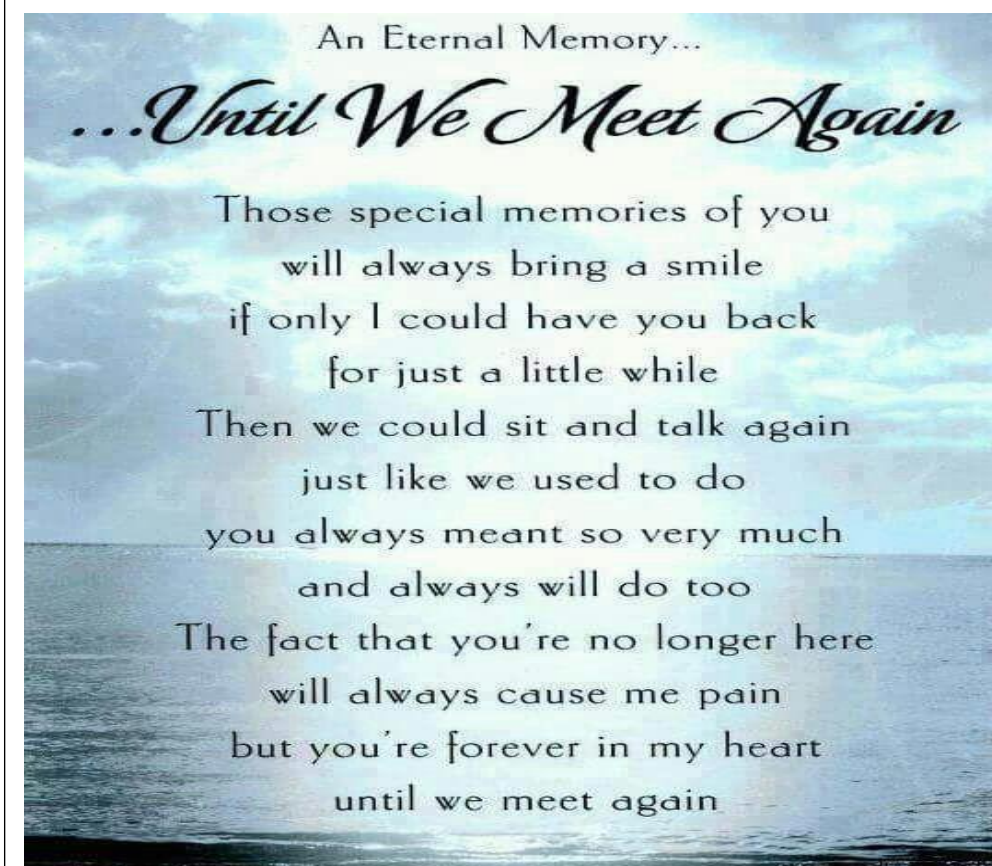
## A Time of Gathering Together with the Bereaved of our Parish

A warm welcome to **all the families** gathered here this weekend to remember  
their loved ones who have died during the past year.

We are happy to have an opportunity to pray with you on the journey of  
bereavement.

*We assure you of a continued remembrance in our prayers.*

We invite you to a cup of tea after Mass.



An Eternal Memory...

*...Until We Meet Again*

Those special memories of you  
will always bring a smile  
if only I could have you back  
for just a little while  
Then we could sit and talk again  
just like we used to do  
you always meant so very much  
and always will do too  
The fact that you're no longer here  
will always cause me pain  
but you're forever in my heart  
until we meet again