

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

Parish Office

Parish Office Mon, Wed & Fri - 9.30am – 11am

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Mass Intentions For This Week

**Sunday – Des & Stephen Delany (A)
Colm Mooney (A)**

Monday – Eilish Hogan (RD)

Tuesday – Peter O'Hanlon (RD)

**Wednesday – Deceased Members of the Brennan
& Kelly Families (A)**

Thursday – Peter McNamee (A)

Friday – Billy Brown (A)



We extend our sympathy to the family of
Marie Kinsella
whose funeral was held in the parish this week.
*We prayerfully remember all those who are
Recently Deceased and whose Anniversaries*

Last Weekend Collections

1st Collection (*The support of Priests*) €450

2nd Collection (*Share*) €320

House to House (*Incl. S/O*) €350

Thank you for your continued support.

Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Knock

The Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Knock will take place on Sunday, 24th September 2023. All welcome. The coach departs from Ryan's Pub, Windy Arbour at 8:10am sharp.

Cost: Adults - €27, Children - €12.

Contact Una 087 2253845

CROSSCARE COLLECTION

This weekend, Crosscare will hold its **Annual Appeal for Homeless Prevention Services**. This will replace the Share collection at all Masses. Crosscare seeks your support to prevent more people from losing their homes as the housing and accommodation crisis continues. The number of people in emergency accommodation in Dublin is now well over 9,000; sadly, this includes almost 3,000 children. As well as providing residential homeless services, Crosscare is working with hundreds of families and individuals who are at risk of losing their existing accommodation. Please support the Crosscare collection if you can next weekend at all Masses in the Archdiocese, or you can donate online at www.crosscare.ie

You are invited to join us for a 'Cuppa' next Sunday morning as we host a 'Hospice Coffee Morning' after Mass next Sunday, 24 September.
Please come along and join us.

A Few Words from Fr Joe.....

A parishioner stopped me for a moment last Sunday on the way into Mass. It was a hot, humid morning, and I do admit to wishing we could stay outdoors. 'Father Joe' she said, 'you should be saying Mass in the park, it's packed!' I guess she was struck by the energy, the joy and the activities on the playing fields and comparing that to the small numbers in the church itself. There is no doubt that those in the community committed to sport put huge effort into their Sunday mornings. So many clubs, coaches, mentors, parents and kids get up and out at weekends to participate in sport. This in itself is wonderful and to be admired and appreciated. Naturally for those of us with a church and parish orientation there can be a conflict of scheduling and intention.

Another woman, after a meeting, mentioned to me that her husband had gone back to Mass last weekend for the first time since Covid. He had said to her, 'I heard the bells and thought right it's time to go', and he went! He also commented on the small numbers present, and no doubt we have many fewer at Mass now compared to before 2019.

A third woman, in her late 30's, talked to me about her mother's faith, regular attendance at Mass and explained that her mum really valued this time in the quiet and tranquillity of the church, switched off from all her activities and tuned into her spiritual journey, precious time.

So, we can identify three different groups within the parish faith community, the young sport orientated kids and their families who are busy at weekends, and the older Covid cautious parishioners who haven't returned yet, and those who are regularly present at our Masses.

I imagine that we all want to encourage, promote and embrace attendance at Sunday Mass. We cherish gathering with the community to pray and worship God, to encounter Jesus as we hear the Word and receive the Eucharist. At Mass, we are invited to respond to the needs of the community and hear about the life and activities of the parish, to meet and know each other, and the priests. In this way, we are church alive and faithful disciples.



**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

CREATION HOUR 2023 "Let Justice and Peace Flow"

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th @ 4pm,
Church of St. Thérèse, Mount Merrion**

*Join us in celebrating Creation in words and music and to hear Jane Mellett (Trocaire) reflect on
Climate Justice and the impact of Climate Change across the globe.*

Seed Exchange: Bring along your garden seeds (in paper bag/envelope with name of plant or flower)

*VERITAS bookstall *

INFO on Friends of the Earth BOLD project (older people input to Climate debate) &

*INFO on National Youth Council of Ireland's Climate Justice Project