

# 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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## Parish Office

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

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## Mass Intentions For This Week

**Sunday – William Dwyer (A)**

**Josephine De Freine (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)**

**Monday – Lilly Forbes (RD)**

**Tuesday – Ann Boyle (RD)**

**Wednesday – Special Intention**

**Thursday – Helen Gahan (RD)**

**Friday – Joe & Ellen Tierney (A)**



*We prayerfully remember  
all those who are  
Recently Deceased and whose Anniversaries  
occur at this time.  
May all our faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.*

## Last Weekend Collections

1<sup>st</sup> Collection *(The support of Priests)* €450

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection *(Share)* €265

House to House *(Incl. S/O)* €580

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## Prayer for the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*, the first word of the original Latin, meaning, "We stand before You, Holy Spirit," which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, and is attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace. For the Synodal journey from 2021 to 2023, we propose to the following simplified version,<sup>1</sup> so that any group or liturgical assembly can pray it more easily.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.

<sup>1</sup> The original version of the *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus* can be found on the Synod website.

## A Few Words from Fr Joe.....

Kilmacud Parish hosted an excellent talk on the Synod about a week ago. The only female Secretary General of a Department in the Irish Bishops Conference, Julieann Moran was the speaker. Her address on the Synod pathway was passionate, informed and lively. At one point, she used the expression 'optics' when describing an experience at the European Synod meeting in Prague. She had gone into the opening session, where all the countries of Europe were reporting back on the Synod outcomes in their own country. To her amazement the room was laid out with rows of seats facing a stage, where 6 priests or bishops were sitting up on high looking down, and all the participants, men and women, lay and ordained were on the lower level. She recounted how she had stood and asked to speak, and in her address challenged the optics of the men on the stage. She encouraged them to come down into the gathering and in the format of every other meeting in the whole synod process, sit in a circle where all can listen to each other.

I was fascinated to see the images of the opening of the next chapter of the Synod of the whole church in Rome this week. In the Paul VI Hall there were only round tables, Pope Francis sat on the same level as the participants and addressed them eye to eye. I don't think anyone could be other than impressed with the optics of that moment.

The Synod is important, new ideas are being explored, men clerical and lay and some women are full participants, with voting rights, a first for the church. We are all invited to accompany the Synod with prayer, to read about it in a weekly Synod newsletter, and to talk to each other about it. I hope it's not just the optics that are changing!

## Synod 2023

*From Archbishop Farrell: 'This historic, month-long event gives me hope'*

This month, lay women and men, members of religious orders, priests and bishops from around the world will gather in communion with Pope Francis to pray, reflect and discuss what a synodal Church looks like. A body has many parts and for the body to function well, to be energy filled, all the parts must play their part, and play in harmony (1 Cor 4:31). This historic month-long event gives me hope, because I am convinced that it can make a difference to our mission worldwide, and here in the Dublin Diocese. I am writing to you to ask you to join with me in giving some time and space in your thoughts and prayer to the dialogue taking place in Rome throughout the coming month. This Synod process is underpinned by the belief that Our God is not remote, but is involved in our affairs, has hopes and dreams for us as individuals, as parishes and as a diocese. God is pursuing His plan for the universe, but He desires and needs our cooperation – we are his eyes, ears, tongue, hands and feet. We must therefore constantly try to detect His voice, listen and pursue His will, as the Gospel Acclamation in today's Liturgy reminds us: "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord." (John 10:27). To keep abreast with the Synod, your parish will offer a newsletter every Sunday highlighting the main issues. This newsletter will also give several links to other sources of useful information (copies available at the back of the Church). I look forward to your support for the Synod on Synodality: Communion, Participation, and Mission.

*Dermot Farrell Archbishop of Dublin*