

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

Parish Office

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Mass Intentions For This Week

Sunday – Eileen Talty (RD)

Monday – Special Intention

Tuesday – Paddy Higgins (A)

Wednesday – Frank Cunneen (RD)

Thursday – Dermot O'Malley (RD)

Friday – Michael Horgan (RD)



We extend our sympathy to the family of Elizabeth
Tobin whose funeral was held in the Church during
the week.

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

1st Collection (*The support of Priests*) €505

2nd Collection (*Share*) €400

House to House (*Incl. S/O*) €350

Thank you for your continued support.



October – Month of the Rosary

Why not discover/rediscover the beauty of the
Rosary this month?

You are invited to **pray the Rosary** during the
month of October.

Home Prayer – You are invited to pray the
Rosary with your family at a special time.

- *Joyful Mysteries (Monday, Saturday)*
- *Luminous Mysteries (Thursday)*
- *Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday, Friday)*
- *Glorious Mysteries (Wednesday, Sunday)*

The one who seeks grace, finds it in Mary's hands.

Mission Sunday Collection

The **Mission Sunday Collection** is due to take
place this Sunday, 22 October 2023. World
Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual
appeal for spiritual and financial support so that
the life-giving work of overseas mission and
missionaries can continue. *Please give
generously to this worthy cause.*

DUBLIN CITY MARATHON

The Dublin City marathon will take place next
Sunday 29th October. *Our Parish will be affected
by rolling closures on the day. Please see
www.irishlifedublinmarathon.ie for more info.*

A Few Words from Fr Joe.....

The opening words at a Mass during the week read “How beautiful on the mountains are feet of him who brings glad tidings of peace.” They are a quote from the Prophet Isaiah written thousands of years ago, yet they speak to the present moment with such strength that they worth praying aloud over and over again. In Northern Ireland, there will always be a debt of gratitude to Senator George Mitchel, he came with the skills to work out a peace process and spent endless time teasing out a path to peace in Northern Ireland. By some chance that agreement was signed on Good Friday and the day of the Lord's crucifixion became associated with the triumph of hope and stepping back from violence and senseless violence on this island.

Every peace process needs clear headed and emotionally calm leadership. Often this help needs to come from outside the communities who are immersed in the conflict. The brokers of peace need the wisdom of Solomon, the patience of Job the courage of David and the tenderness of Mary. Having our prayers for peace answered is not something that we expect to happen quickly, but that doesn't mean we should hold back on them. Please, do pray for an end to conflict, war and the senseless loss of life, where so many victims are civilian casualties. We can't just watch the TV images and despair, weep and rage. May our prayers awaken a response in the those capable of making peace happen and bring not just an end to conflict but the creation of a more just and sustainable world. Someone, somewhere might hear the prayer of St Francis 'Lord make me and instrument of your peace' in their heart and soul and walk towards those who can't make peace without help.

Reflection for Sunday 22 October - 29th Sunday Ordinary Time

As we head into the fourth week of the Universal Synod in Rome, the readings today remind us to affirm the faith we have been given, and to remember that it is from this faith, that we receive the love and hope that we need to be Christians in the world today. It's a world that is often very challenging to us and even sometimes proves unwelcoming to any person of faith.

A life-giving community of faith is described very beautifully by Paul in his first letter to the Thessalonians. Paul expresses his satisfaction that faith, hope and love are at work in this community. He places its members among those called and chosen by God. He affirms them in their faith as he notes that the Gospel has not been received by them as mere words, but has made a strong and real impact on their lives through the power of the Holy Spirit and through their own firm conviction. As a result, their faith is alive, demonstrated through loving actions. They are an inspiration to Christians elsewhere because of their perseverance and hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. We are also reminded in the first reading from the prophet Isaiah that God has called each one of us by name. God calls each one of us, because God loves each one of us equally, and each one of us is called to play a unique part in God's plan for humanity and all his creation. The Thessalonian community reflects the experience of Catholic communities around the world today, who are living out their faith in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, with love and hope. The questions that are being addressed in the Synod are an expression of the richness of the process from which they were drawn. That process, which we were all invited to be part of, gathered the rich and varied experiences of each of faith communities around the world. And the Document synthesising the insights from around the world tells us that “the questions bear the imprint of the particular names and faces of those who took part, and they bear witness to the faith experience of the People of God and thus reveal the reality of a transcendent experience.” From this point of view, they indicate a horizon towards which we are invited to travel with confidence, deepening the synodal practice of the Church. The synodal journey that we are all on has shown individuals, parishes and dioceses that their experience is needed in the Church. We all have a part to play in finding the best way forward in carrying out God's plan for the Church in the world today. Yes, there are challenges; yes, we know there are even conflicting views within the Church itself, but the power of the Spirit is there, just as it was for the people of Thessalonica in the early Church. The Synod invites us to travel towards that horizon of the future with confidence by deepening the synodal practice of the Church. In this we are led by the power of the Spirit and by the firm conviction of the People of God. Pope Francis often encourages us not to be afraid of the Holy Spirit. In fact, he tells us that with the Holy Spirit, faith is life, the love of the Lord conquers us, and hope is reborn.

We pray for these gifts of faith, hope and love for our Church as we continue the synodal journey next week.