

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

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Mass Intentions For This Week

Sunday –



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

Monday – Kathleen Tierney (A)

Tuesday – Richard & Alice Brennan (A)

Wednesday – *All Saints*

Michael Horgan (RD)

Thursday –

The Commemoration of the Faithfully Departed

Lilly McNamee (A)

Annie Doolan (A)

Friday – Altar List of the Dead



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.

During his general audience last Wednesday, Pope Francis invited all Christians and people of other faiths to join him in prayer. The Holy Father also invited people of no faith, but with a heart for peace, to join him as they see fit. Warning against a humanitarian catastrophe, he said, “War does not solve any problems, it only sows death and destruction. It increases hatred, multiplies revenge. War erases the future.”

The Holy Father's words at the end of his audience were: “Today too, dear brothers and sisters, our thoughts turn to Palestine and Israel. The number of victims is rising and the situation in Gaza is desperate. Please, let everything possible be done to avoid a humanitarian disaster.

“The possible widening of the conflict is disturbing, while so many war fronts are already open in the world. May weapons fall silent! Let us heed the cry for peace of populations, of the people, of the children! Brothers and sisters, war does not solve any problem: it sows only death and destruction, foments hate and proliferates revenge. War cancels out the future. I urge believers to take just one side in this conflict: that of peace. But not with words – with prayer, with total dedication.

Mission Sunday Collection

The Mission Sunday Collection took place last Sunday. The total amount realised was €635. Thank you for giving so generously to this worthy cause.

Last Weekend Collections

1st Collection (*The support of Priests*) €410

2nd Collection (*Mission Sunday*) €635

House to House (*Incl. S/O*) €350

Thank you for your continued support.

A Few Words from Fr Joe.....

It's Halloween already! For the past few weeks we've all seen neighbours and friends decorating their homes and gardens, some with attractive orange autumnal wreaths and pumpkins and others with seriously scary ghouls, ghosts, webs and skeletons. Autumn leads us naturally into winter, the trees are bare, the fields empty and the light is diminishing day by day. The cycle of nature spells out dying and death and faces us with the reality that all living things are mortal, including ourselves.

The scary creatures invite us to think about the fate of the souls of the dead, do they actually roam around in the dark, frightening the living? I think not. The Christian message suggests a destination for our immortal souls, placing both heaven and hell as final resting places. The optimists among us feel that hell is empty and in God's heavenly home there is a place for us all. It can be fun to scare us in the Halloween spirit, but there is good reason to take comfort and join the Masses on the Feast of All Saints on November 1st and All Souls. It is equally helpful to sit and write an Altar List of the Dead and join the names of those you remember together with the rest of the parish so that we can offer Masses for the happy repose of their souls. Unlike the message of Halloween, we believe that the souls of the dead rest in peace.

Reflection for 29 October 2023

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Holy Spirit is moving in all that has happened so far on the synodal pathway and all that is happening now in Rome. We are growing in our awareness that a synodal Church is a listening Church. For many, the great surprise was the experience of being listened to by the community. For some this was a new experience, of receiving recognition of our unique human worth as sons and daughters of God who is love.

As we listened attentively to each other's lived experiences, we grew in mutual respect and began to discern the movements of God's Spirit in the lives of others and in our own.

By listening carefully, and prayerfully, to one another, and by walking, supportively, together on the synodal pathway, each one of us can draw closer to each other and closer to God.

In our listening, each one of us can learn a little bit more about how to love God and how to love our neighbour. This is why listening is so important in this process, it helps us to put words on what God is asking of us and begin to name practical steps we can take to make a difference to people's lives especially to those in most need.

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 1st Friday Masses throughout the year.

- **Date For Your Diary**

On Sunday, 26 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 Pledge**

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this sacrifice up for their deceased loved ones. You can do likewise – by taking this pledge:

Let us Pray... For Thy greater glory and consolation, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for Thy sake to give good example, to practise self-denial, to make reparation to Thee for the sins of intemperance, and for the conversion of excessive drinkers, I will abstain for the month of November, in prayerful remembrance of all the Holy Souls, from all intoxicating drinks. Amen.

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