

# 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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## Parish Office

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## Mass Intentions For This Week

**Sunday – Frank Caffrey (A)**

**Michael, Bridget & Michael Jr Moloney (A)**

**Paddy Day & Deceased Members of**

**the Day & Gaffney Families (A)**

**Monday – Michael Horgan (RD)**

**Tuesday – Paul Fallon (RD)**

**Wednesday – George Quigley (RD)**

**Thursday – Mass**

**Friday – Mass**



*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.**

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

## **The Pope's Monthly Intention**

*For the Pope:*

*We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

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## **5 November 2023 - Prisoners' Sunday**

*The condemnation of the scribes and pharisees by Jesus brings to mind the public discourse about the Church in recent years. This has highlighted the failures of church people to live up to the values of the Gospel. This has had a negative effect on many people and on their religious practice. How do you find hope in the midst of this negative criticism?*

*When our actions match our words about gospel values, then our words carry more weight. Recall people whom you admired for this quality. Perhaps your own experience at times confirms this.*

*Our passage ends with a paradox. Those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted. For Jesus the way to greatness and a full life is through service of others. When have you found the way of service brought unexpected rewards?*

## **Last Weekend Collections**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection (*The support of Priests*) €405

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (*Share*) €320

House to House (*Incl. S/O*) €350

*Thank you for your continued support.*

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

This weekend, the first in November, we remember in a special way those who have died in the past year. We all part with people we know and love and suffer the pain and distress of loss. The price of love, it is said, is the heart ache we endure at the time of separation. To this tender moment of life our faith brings a message of hope, an expression of God's ultimate plan for us all and encouragement not to grieve without faith in eternal life.

Our one sincere promise to those who have died is that we will not forget them. All around us we see memorials to those who have died. The great statues in the middle of the city and the humble stones marking graves, each in their own way expresses the significance of every life. From our hearts flows gratitude, that whether they lived long or briefly among us, they matter and are remembered.

I love the sentiment expressed at the end of St John Henry Newman's prayer, Peace at Last, when he says, "Then in His mercy, may He give us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at last."

In these days if you feel like sharing the names of those you remember do please complete your own Altar List of the Dead and have your beloved remembered at the Masses offered by the priests for all our deceased relatives and friends.

## **Letter of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to the People of God**

As the proceedings of the first session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops draw to a close, we want to thank God with all of you for the beautiful and enriching experience we have lived. We lived this blessed time in profound communion with all of you. We were supported by your prayers, bearing with you your expectations, your questions, as well as your fears. As Pope Francis requested two years ago, a long process of listening and discernment was initiated, open to all the People of God, no one being excluded, to "journey together" under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, missionary disciples engaged in the following of Jesus Christ. Our assembly took place in the context of a world in crisis, whose wounds and scandalous inequalities resonated painfully in our hearts, infusing our work with a particular gravity, especially since some of us come from countries where war rages. We prayed for the victims of deadly violence, without forgetting all those who have been forced by misery and corruption to take the dangerous road of migration. We assured our solidarity and commitment alongside the women and men all over the world who are working to build justice and peace.

Vatican City, October 25, 2023

## **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.

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.* For more information visit: [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie)

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