

# 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

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

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## Mass Intentions For This Week

**Sunday – Austin English (A)**

**Gerard & Ina Cleere (A)**

**Eileen Nolan (A)**

**Monday – Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary**

**Tuesday – Fr Paddy Dundon CSSP (RD)**

**Wednesday – James Doyle (RD)**

**Thursday – Kathleen Kennedy (RD)**

**Friday – Jimmy Mooney (RD)**



*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*) €380

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (*Share*) €465

House to House (*Incl. S/O*) €350

*Thank you for your continued support.*

**Parish Partnership of Mount Merrion,  
Clonskeagh and Kilmacud**

## ***GIFTED AND CALLED, AFFIRMING MINISTRY***

Fr Joe Mullan invites those active in parish ministry to gather for a morning of reflection on either **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 or Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.**

The facilitator is **Rosemary Lavelle** former Pastoral Coordinator in the Office for Evangelisation and Ecumenism in the Dublin Diocese.

**TIME:** 10.00a.m. -1p.m. on 22<sup>nd</sup> November & 2<sup>nd</sup> December

**VENUE:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Talbot Hotel (Priory Suite)

**VENUE:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December– Avila Carmelite Centre

## **The morning will involve time for reflection**

- Rediscovering the gift of our Baptism.
- Growing in greater awareness of our ministry and responsibility as members of the Body of Christ

*This time spent together will be centred around our personal experience of faith. Understanding the gift of our baptism and our calling to ministry. Growing in faith through scripture sharing, prayer and personal reflection.*

If you would like to attend, please call the Parish Office on 01-2881271 as numbers are limited.

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

People sometimes ask me what's it like looking after a partnership of three parishes? I tend to say it's great, you can get up every day and choose whether to deal with a problem, there's always at least one, or go to a very positive and engaging pastoral task with a parishioner, a school, a liturgy or with the staff.

Last Sunday was such an enjoyable day in ministry for me. I started in Clonskeagh with the excellent 10.30am Choir Mass followed by 3 baptisms. Then in addition to that I had the pleasure of meeting and greeting the Ukrainian Orthodox community who had come to celebrate their Mass in St Joseph's Oratory. This being their very first time to be with us meant members of the faith community had travelled from all over Ireland to be with their priest, his wife and child, the deacon and organisers. They packed out the oratory, their incense and chanting definitely added to the spiritual energy. There was no fear of the parishioners moving over to the Orthodox Mass after I pointed out that it began at 9.00am and finished three hours later at midday! The warmth of welcome from our community matched their absolute delight in finding a sacred space to gather, pray and meet each other. An unforgettable moment.

Then later in the day I met the newly elected chair of the St Laurence's Parish Pastoral Council. A wonderful new beginning for Kilmacud Parish with a highly committed and talented group of people taking on co-responsibility for their parish in the spirit of the Synod and Building Hope. We all wish them well for the next 3 years.

Finally, I came to Mount Merrion for the evening Mass. Not only was the church packed for the Confirmation Classes Commitment ceremony but a brand-new music group sang for the first time. It was so uplifting to see more than a dozen adults with their Choir Director rehearse and sing at the liturgy and to learn that they are committed to do this every fortnight until next summer.

So, while we all see decline, falling numbers and change in the church, it was uplifting to see all this new life. One woman described it as green shoots breaking through the concrete!

## **Dates for your Diary:**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent is December 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Vigil Mass on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and one morning Mass on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am in both Mount Merrion and Kilmacud. Clonskeagh will have its one Sunday Mass at 10.30am. There will be no Mass at 11.30am as we prepare for Christmas Eve celebrations later in the day at the usual times.

## **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.*

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