

# 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 – Mass of Remembrance**

**Monday – Patrice Hennessy (RD)**

**Tuesday – Maureen Reilly (A)**

**Wednesday – Service of Sacrament & Word**

**Thursday – Jimmy Mooney (RD)**

**Friday – Service of Sacrament & Word**



*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*) €470

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (*Share*) €345

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  
**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.

**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.....

I read an article during the week about how technology has changed the Church. It's not that the Church doctrines have changed, but rather the entire culture in which the Church exists has itself been deeply affected by technology. Maybe it is all the talk of Artificial Intelligence and the replacement of human work by technology that has given the context for this conversation. Or perhaps it's just the fact that we all carry a smart phone, use a tablet, are hooked into the internet and the Web keeping us logged in, accumulating more and more minutes of screen time day by day.

I was imagining how this new culture might factor into a confession for example: "Bless me Father for I have sinned, I spent too much time online and neglected my family time. I was weak and bought far too much online in the Black Friday Sales. I strayed onto gambling sites and lost money that my family needed. I was tempted to entertain immodest thoughts by accessing inappropriate sites. I wrote spiteful comments and gossip on social media platforms. I ignored the plight of the hungry children and victims of war when I saw appeals for help, charity and aid. I blocked my friend and caused upset, for these and all my sins I am truly sorry". We have this fantastic resource for information, learning, sharing and entertainment and still we struggle to control ourselves to use it wisely.

This same technology keeps us in touch with family, it helps us access the information that helps us grow, it stretches our imagination and gives us wonderful new horizons. But there is always one thing missing. A heartbeat, a touch, a smile, the simple things that human beings do which lead us into deep spiritual connections with others. A room full of people on their devices is a very different gathering from one where all are sitting round the altar, being moved spiritually by Word and Sacrament. The human connections which enthrall us when the Christian community gathers are absent in the virtual world.

So the quest is always for integration and balance. We want to accept and use well everything that technology offers, but we also need to hold fast to the human connections which ground our reality in love and move us to wonder and awe in the presence of God.

I was at supper with a lovely couple the other evening at their apartment. On the wall, in the middle of the room there was a large flat screen TV. The image was a fire, from YouTube, with flames flickering, but there was no sound, no heat and nothing actually burning, just the illusion of a fire. Lovely but not real. The technology is brilliant but I'd need the crackle and spark of an open fire to be really satisfied, wouldn't you?

## **A Time of Gathering Together with the Bereaved of our Parish**

A warm welcome to **all the families** gathered here this  
weekend to remember their loved ones who have died  
during the past year.

We are happy to have an opportunity to pray with you  
on the journey of bereavement.

*We assure you of a continued remembrance in our  
prayers.*

*We invite you to a cup of tea after Mass.*

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## **November – Month of the Holy Souls**

The 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).**

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

An Eternal Memory...

*...Until We Meet Again*

Those special memories of you  
will always bring a smile  
if only I could have you back  
for just a little while  
Then we could sit and talk again  
just like we used to do  
you always meant so very much  
and always will do too  
The fact that you're no longer here  
will always cause me pain  
but you're forever in my heart  
until we meet again

