

# Clonskeagh Parish Newsletter

Let us remember those who are sick and housebound in our Parish today!



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

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## Mass Intentions For This Week

- Sunday – Monica Barker [A]**  
**Michael Kennedy [A]**  
**Joseph Boylan and Deceased**  
**Members of the Boylan Family [A]**

**Monday – Patricia Giles [A]**  
7pm - Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

**Tuesday – Michael McGovern [A]**

**Wednesday – Michael Kennedy [A]**

**Thursday – Kitty Peyton [A]**

**Friday – Matt Walsh [RD]**



We prayerfully remember all who are Recently Deceased and those whose Anniversaries occur at this time. "May all our faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen."

**Last Weekend Collections**  
1st Collection (The support of Priests) €415  
2nd Collection (Share) €410  
House to House (Incl. S/O) €600  
Thank you for your continued support.



## Preparing for the Novena in October

We had our first recitation of the novena prayers in preparation for the full Novena on October Mondays, Already we have volunteers on social media, the music and the promotion across the parish cluster, Come and pray with us on Monday at 7pm and together we can see what we can do to make Our Lady and her medal better known and loved.

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## Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Knock



The Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Knock will take place on Sunday, 29th September 2024. All welcome. The coach departs from Ryan's Pub, Windy Arbour at 8:10am sharp.  
Cost (incl. coffee & scone):  
Adults - €30, Children - €15  
Contact Una 087 2253845

## A few words from Fr Joe.....

During the week, I spent a couple of hours reviewing a large parish file from 1999. That's just 25 years ago, yet it read like something from another era in history. In the file, there were some pretty strong letters from parishioners and the wider community expressing very different opinions and maybe some hostility to the planned actions. Through all of that, and over time, the priests, committee and the wider parish made progress, completed a major project and the file was closed.

My impression of the parish, as the new millennium began, was a fairly stable, active and progressive faith community, embedded within the wider culture, strong, confident and purposeful. I guess that was the end of an era. In the past 25 years so much has changed, firstly vocations to religious life and the priesthood have all but disappeared. The revelations about abuse within the church have been unfolding constantly. Then over time parishioners have become time poor and less inclined to generate activities around the faith community or church. The wider culture has changed, becoming more secular and progressive and with inward migration much more diverse. Levels of participation in parish and attendance at the sacraments are drastically reduced.

When I heard that a new series of Big House Revival has been commissioned I did stop and wonder if that's the sort of objective we have here for the church. Are we hoping that if we hang on for long enough there will be a surge of interest in how we used to live, when big was beautiful? But then I read the Archbishop's pastoral letter which sees smallness as the likely next phase of our common life. The Building Hope process asks us to think, talk and act in a positive and Spirit filled way. It seems that different isn't better or worse, it's still our church, our parish, in partnership, promoting the joys of living Gospel values.

Fr Joe Mullan



Please support our Annual Church Appeal for those most in need on Sunday September 15th or on line at www.crosscare.ie



**Our Lady's Grove**  
 Goatstown D14  
 Open Evening for Enrolment 2025  
 October 3rd 5.30pm  
 Principal's Address: 6.45pm

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