

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

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

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Mass Intentions For This Week

Sunday – Noel Jones [RD]



Baptism – We joyfully welcome Millie

Florence into the Catholic Faith and we congratulate her parents and family on this special occasion.

Monday – Noel Jones [RD]

7pm - Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Tuesday – Feast of St Therese

Wednesday – Mass

Thursday – Noel Jones [RD]

Friday – Service of Word & Sacrament



We extend our sympathy to the family of Noel Jones whose funeral was celebrated in our church this week.
“May all our faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.”



Clonskeagh Parish
Bird Avenue

Amongst Women

The Miraculous Medal is a heavenly gift to us from Mary. It's everyone's Medal, because she is everyone's Mother. Moreover, she wants us to wear it with love and trust—not superstitiously like a lucky charm.

It's a reminder, a tangible sign through which she expresses her Motherly love and desire to help us. We need to wear it as her true children, trying our best to imitate her virtues, to grow deeper in our faith, and to see beyond our own needs and reach out to help the poor, the forgotten, and the lonely.

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

With Meditations for the Month of the Rosary

"In every mystery of the rosary, we find comfort, strength, and a deeper connection to our faith that guides us through life's challenges."

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**Monday 7pm
October 7th
2024**

Last Weekend Collections

1st Collection (The support of Priests) €375

2nd Collection (Share) €275

House to House (Incl. S/O) €350

Thank you for your continued support.

A few words from Fr Joe.....

I sometimes wonder if I would have become a priest if I had gone to a day school. From age 12 I became a boarder in secondary school, just like my 3 brothers, my dad and uncle Peter and the Mullan men of the previous generation. Being sent away to school at that age was certainly a challenge, I was both homesick and scared for the first few months before settling into the routine of a very new and unusual way of life. Boarding school was ruled by the bell, you jumped out of bed when the first bell of the day rang and from then until bedtime, bells called us to every class and meal. Needless to say at home there was only one bell, the doorbell! School was also an entirely male environment and I missed my sisters, my mother, granny and ever present aunts.

The years passed and the routine became familiar and with my classmates we grew up and grew close and came to enjoy learning in class, taking up sports and exploring many activities including drama and music. We also came to know the teachers and priests, not as friends, but as responsible adults, with our best interests at heart and a lot of knowledge and experience to share.

The school had a wonderful chapel, daily and Sunday Mass and great liturgies for big occasions. There was no compulsion to attend daily Mass but it was something I came to out of curiosity, and maybe to get off half an hour of study! Listening to the various priests, with vivid stories of their time in Africa, Rome and other appointments was certainly a window into the many different calls within the priesthood. My great uncle had been a Vincentian and the first stirrings of vocation suggested that I might go that way too, but with more reflection I knew that living in a religious community wasn't for me. Still I went on two vocational retreats, had a spiritual director, served Mass and got involved in the sacristy. We had an exceptional priest in charge of music and he really helped us love and know the familiar hymns and some lovely chants too, both from the old Latin tradition and the modern Taize community.

Boarding school is a 7 days a week experience and there is a lot of time to fill, especially at weekends. I found the different aspects of faith appealing and that environment exposed me to a happy and healthy expression of prayer, community, service and call. Maybe if I'd stayed at home, hung out with my classmates and had a more normal teenage experience things would have been different. But there you are, we only live once and I've no regrets at how it all worked out.

There is an image below which says there has never been a better time to be a priest in Dublin and advertising a reflection day soon at the UCD campus. I thought I might share these few words and invite anyone who feels this call to take the first step, meet others who share that vision and discern where the Lord might be calling you.

Fr Joe Mullan

There has never been a better time to be a Diocesan Priest in Ireland

WHY?

EXPLORING PRIESTHOOD

If you are a Catholic man over the age of 18 and would like to find out more about being a diocesan priest, come to our open day in UCD. To find out more about the day and to register interest, scan the QR code or visit our website.

University College Dublin (UCD)
Saturday 12th October 2024 from 11 am to 5 pm

EXPLORING PRIESTHOOD OPEN DAY
12th October 2024
11 am to 5 pm

UCD Belfield

For further information and to register scan the QR code or visit vocations.ie/exploring-oct12

NATIONAL VOCATIONS OFFICE



You are invited to join us for a 'Cuppa' after 10.30am Mass this Sunday morning.
Please come along and join us.

Bayside Alpha

Bayside Alpha are hosting on Zoom Bishop Barron's 7 week film series 'Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues', starting on Sunday the 27th of October at 7:30pm. To join this free course email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com