

# 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 – Sheila [Judy] Usher [Month's Mind]**  
**Gwen Conlon [Month's Mind]**



**Baptism – We joyfully welcome**

*Mia & Ellie* into the Catholic Faith and we congratulate their parents and family on this special occasion.

**Monday – George Quigley [A]**  
**Special Intention**

**7pm - Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal**

**Tuesday – Martin [Mattie] Feeney [RD]**

**Wednesday – Special Intention**

**Thursday – Maura Crowe [RD]**

**Friday – All Saints**



We extend our sympathy to the family of **Margaret (Madge) O'Byrne** whose funeral was celebrated in our church this week.  
"May all our faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen."

## World Mission Sunday

**World Mission Sunday** is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. Last weekend's collection realised a total of **€560**

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## 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.**

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## PATRICIAN MEETING

SUBJECT/TITLE: THE HEALING POWER OF GOD

SPEAKER: MARIA MANN

DATE: WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER AT 8PM

VENUE: COMMUNITY CENTRE, MOUNT MERRION

ALL ARE WELCOME

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## Last Weekend Collections

**1st Collection (The support of Priests) €385**

**2nd Collection (Mission Sunday) €560**

**House to House (Incl. S/O) €350**

Thank you for your continued support.

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

During the month of October each year the Diocese asks us to count the numbers coming to Mass. No one will be surprised to learn that in the last 10 years the numbers have dropped off dramatically. In Mount Merrion for example the reduction is 50%, from just over 1,600 people at Mass each weekend to 800 now. In Kilmacud the average attendance this year is 450 and in Clonskeagh around 125. So, in total across the three parishes in our partnership we have approximately 1,375 people attending Sunday Mass. What this figure captures, but doesn't make specific, is that each weekend our congregations are a combination of regular weekly mass goers and those who come for a particular reason such as an anniversary Mass or the Do This in Memory Mass. What this figure doesn't capture is all the activity that happens during the week and the hundreds of people who attend funerals and other liturgies. Nor does it include the parishioners who participate online from their homes.

The Diocese asks for this information as part of the general planning for the allocation of priests and resources. The Diocese has published on their website a document called 'Pastoral Strategic Planning Resource 2025-2027'. This is the guiding document for Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Committees and the whole parish community to use as we prepare for an implement real change in our parish structures. The future planning depends on active and committed parish groups reading, praying, reflecting and making hard decision so that we can responsibly harness the resources we have and use them prudently.

Just as the numbers at Mass have dropped off so too there is a decline in volunteering and many of the parish committees are short of members. This might be a moment to recognise and respond to the need for new energy. Parishioners working together in favour of their precious faith community, supporting the few active priests, and ensuring strong and active participation, can still make for a fantastic, vibrant local church.

Fr Joe Mullan

Moderator Clonskeagh, Kilmacud & Mount Merrion Parishes

**FANAGANS**  
EXCELLENCE IN FUNERAL CARE  
ESTABLISHED 1819  
Presents

# Christmas by Candlelight

Sunday, 8th December 2024 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
Church of St Laurence O'Toole, Kilmacud

PERFORMANCES BY  
The Palestrina Choir

Continuum Youth Choir

SOLOISTS  
Katy Kelly, Aoife Mullholland and Eoin Hynes

Kilmacud Crokes Choir

Kilmacud Church Family Choir

FREE admission (booking essential on [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie))



Clonskeagh Parish  
Bird Avenue

*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.*

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# Amongst Women

## Mass & Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

With Meditations for the Month of the Rosary

Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother.

**Monday 7pm  
October 28th  
2024**