

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



2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday – James & Dorothy Murphy [A]

Deceased Members of the Coman & O'Reilly Families [A]



Monday – Karl Reilly [RD]

Tuesday – Special Intention

Wednesday – Special Intention

Thursday – Special Intention

Friday – Deceased Members of the Mac Devitt Family [A]



“May all our faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.”

Last Weekend Collections

1st Collection (The support of Priests) €460

2nd Collection (Share) €295

House to House (Incl. S/O) €350

Thank you for your continued support.



The local branch of the Saint Vincent DePaul Society for Milltown and Clonskeagh will be holding its annual Christmas Appeal this **Sunday, 8th December**.

Unfortunately, today in Clonskeagh and Milltown, the increased cost of living and rising energy and food bills are putting a lot of pressure on the people that they help. Far too families are left wondering how they will pay the next bill that comes through the door or where their next meal is coming from or if they will be able to have a Christmas at all for their children.

As members of the society, they believe that every adult and child in the community should have basics such as food, heat and electricity during winter and that their families should be able to have a decent Christmas like everyone else.

If you would like to help their work, you can donate during the second collection. The local volunteers will also be at the back of the church if you have any queries about their work in the community or how to make a donation.



Donations of red poinsettia plants for the decoration of the Altar, Crib and Church over Christmas and Epiphany would be very much appreciated. They can be left in the Church, in the area in front of the main altar, any time after 15 December.

Thank you for your generosity.



A Few Words from Fr Joe.....

This weekend we welcome the speakers from the local conference of the St Vincent de Paul on the occasion of the annual collection. We will be reminded that the VdeP works in the local community, serving the needs of people who seek their help and assistance with the basic necessities of life. During the recent election campaign, we heard those hoping to be elected speaking passionately about the need to address the cost of living crisis. There is no doubt that the costs of many basics like rent, fuel and food have soared in recent years and the poor are affected most as the money available to them just doesn't stretch to cover all these expenses. Parents with young children, living in poverty, have a special place in the hearts and minds of the volunteers of the VdeP. But their care and compassion extends to everyone who finds the going very tough at this festive time.

We might use the term 'charity' to capture the spirit of Christian love at all times, most especially as we welcome the child of Bethlehem, our Lord and Saviour. The charity sector is huge, and covers so many different ways of reaching out to others, at home and abroad. Most people have a charity that they love to support at this time, such as the St Vincent de Paul, Trocaire, Alone, Merchants Quay, Operation Smile to mention but a few. It's probably true that every member of the parish will contribute to a charity of their choice in the coming weeks. Most people don't like to say much about the money they donate to charity, and that's very understandable, it's very personal. However, as a parish, a faith community, as a church, we need to encourage and support the spirit of Christian charity and affirm, thank and applaud all the efforts made to raise money in this way. We might give a special word of affirmation to all our students, in school and college, who will do so much to help charities at this time, carol singing, sending shoe boxes, sleeping out and much more. Well done and thank you.

Fr Joe Mullan, Moderator Clonskeagh, Kilmacud & Mount Merrion Parishes

The Glory of Christmas
with The Palestrina Choir

St. Mary's Pro Cathedral Girls Choir (Matinee performance only)
Continuum Youth Choir (Evening performance only)

Ava Dodd, Soprano
Aidan Gillen, Actor
Dublin Brass

Blánaid Murphy, Conductor
Mary Kennedy, Compère
Noel McDonagh, Producer

Tickets from: €28

Saturday 14th December 2024
Matinee & Evening Performance 3pm & 7pm

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Christmas Food Poverty Appeal

This Christmas, let's come together to make a difference in the lives of families in our community. Your generous donations can help us help those most in need of food and support. Donate online at www.crosscare.ie

Thank you for your support!