

# 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 – Margaret, Billy & Peter Boylan [A]**  
– Ernesto Cambursand [A]

**Monday – Ina Ledwith [A]**

**Tuesday – Jim Smith [RD]**

**Wednesday – Rosaleen Branigan [A]**

**Thursday – Anthony Delacy [RD]**

**Friday – Brendan Henderson [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."

**"Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD"**

Psalm 1:24

## Clonskeagh – Kilmacud – Mount Merrion Parish Partnership: 'A Trinity of Faith'

[www.ckmmparishes.ie](http://www.ckmmparishes.ie)



After an Open meeting last March, a small group of Parishioners from the three Parishes of our Partnership have been looking at how to better develop 'Communications'.

As an initial challenge, the group has been tasked with progressing a common name and identity for the Partnership.

The title above 'CKMM: Trinity of Faith' is being proposed. A possible future website URL along the lines of [www.ckmmparishes.ie](http://www.ckmmparishes.ie) may emerge.

We hope to confirm this in a couple of weeks but all feedback is welcome in the meantime. Moving towards a common name copper-fastens the journey our three parishes are undertaking together as a Partnership: 'A Trinity of Faith'.

### TOWARDS PEACE

Towards Peace is a service offering spiritual support for anybody who has been abused, physically emotionally, sexually, spiritually, in a religious/church environment. Towards Peace was established in October 2014 by the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference and the Association of Leaders of Missionary & Religious Leaders of Ireland. (AMRI). The office hours are Monday and Tuesday 9am to 4pm and Wednesday 9am to 12noon. For further information phone 01 5053028 or 086 7710533 or visit [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie) or <https://www.facebook.com/TowardsPeaceSpiritual>

## A Few Words From Fr Joe.....

During the week, I sat down at the laptop and logged into the livestream of a funeral. The deceased was Fr John Byrne OSA. As often happens at funerals John's life story was shared with appreciation, affection and humour through the contributions of his brother priests, his family and friends. John was just about to turn 90 and had lived more than 60 years as an Augustinian Friar. During his life and ministry, he had held high office in his congregation, been an exceptional educator and had the odd run in with the Bishops when seemed to be overly zealous in promoting the role of laity in the church. John came of age with the Second Vatican Council and embraced the spirit of that great era in the life of the Church. He centred his gifts and talents on encouraging, educating, listening to and supporting women and men who wanted to be better informed about their faith and involved in the life and ministry of the church.

Talking about the funeral later in the day with a parishioner in Mount Merrion they were quick to recall, with real appreciation, that Fr John with his colleague Bernadette Toal had come to give Adult Faith Formation Courses here and that they were well attended and received. Another person remembered going to the Orlagh Retreat Centre where they had enjoyed exceptional inputs at various courses.

These conversations led onto a chat about the various men and women, religious and lay, who over the years have offered so many people the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of the scriptures, liturgy and pastoral life of the church. One person reflected that it seemed a pity to them that the education of the laity was more for information than empowerment. They felt that the church was happy for people to know more, but not to do more.

Now we have moved into the era of Synodality, a time when we are to discern where the Spirit of God is leading the church. We are to listen attentively to every voice and work together to find a future that we can all embrace. This may now be the time of empowerment, and yes if may have taken the near total collapse of vocations to the religious life to stimulate change, but change we must. This is a moment to reawaken all those people who have opened their hearts and minds to knowledge and spirituality, who have sat at the feet of people like John and Bernadette and say now is the hour. With baptism as our common heritage, and discipleship of central calling we are church, God's people, pilgrims of hope.

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



The ANNUAL COLLECTION for ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at Mass on 16 February.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:

- Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups.
- Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone.
- A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

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