

# 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 – Carmel Giles [RD]**

**Monday – Philip Quigley [A]**

**Tuesday – Noel Brazil [A]**

**Wednesday – Deceased Members of the Kavanagh Family [A]  
Tony Breen [A]**

**Thursday – Gregory O'Halloran [RD]**

**Friday – Brine Hardian [RD]**



We extend our sympathy to the family of **Rose McGrath**

Recently Deceased.

*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) €370**

**2nd Collection (Share) €280**

House to House (Incl. S/O) €350

Thank you for your continued support.



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.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever. Please give generously.

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### 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/TowardsPeaceSpiritualSupportService/>

**"Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD"**  
*Psalm 1:24*

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



Jacinta Mc Manus was the first person to send me a Valentine's Day Card. I was in sixth class, 12 years old. It was a big one! It came in a white box and had a red heart on the front, shiny satin, like a pin cushion, a bit squidgy. Understandably I've long since forgotten what was written on the inside, and my first 'romance' came and went all too quickly, but strangely I've never forgotten her name, it still brings a smile and good feeling. I guess most people have memories of meeting romantic love for the first time, perhaps in adolescence, and carrying that experience all through life. It's wonderful to find love, and reciprocate it and grow together, maybe just for a short time, or perhaps for a lifetime.

One of the great joys in pastoral ministry is meeting couples preparing for marriage, especially those whose wedding I've been invited to celebrate. We tend to meet five times, an initial meeting to get to know each other, then one to complete the Pre Nuptial Enquiry form which establishes freedom to marry and a shared understanding of the Catholic theology underpinning the Sacrament and the life of the couple. Then we sit down to prepare the liturgy, with or without Mass and closer to the actual day we have a rehearsal. Finally, we meet at the church to celebrate the wedding liturgy, always a beautiful occasion with the church decorated, the readings and prayers shared, the music performed and then the exchange of vows which is at the heart of the celebration.

During the last 40 years I've never ceased to be uplifted by the love of each couple, the way they speak about each other, how they have come know and cherish what matters to the one they've chosen to share their whole life with. It's always fun to hear about how they got engaged, shared the news with family and then set the date. A church wedding offers so much, the setting, the Sacrament, the tradition and a solid foundation on which to build family life.

Most of the marriages I've participated in have led to welcoming children, taking on parenting and sharing a busy life that passes so quickly. Some have had rocky patches and a few have broken down. No two brides have ever looked the same and each couple have their unique way of showing love and respect. Families for the greater part have been an invaluable support to the newlyweds and the circle of friends has always been essential.

As we mark Valentine's Day and mention the work of **ACCORD** we can all commit to being promoters of the Sacrament of Marriage and supporters of all the newlyweds we meet.

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

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

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



Church of St. Thérèse  
Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin



Church of St. Laurence O'Toole, Kilmacud  
Kilmacud, Co. Dublin



### Calling All Web & Graphic Designers – Help Shape 'CKMM-Trinity of Faith'!

As mentioned last week, the parishes of **Kilmacud, Mount Merrion, and Clonskeagh** are cementing their new partnership with a common name: **CKMM-Trinity of Faith** (current suggestion).

As part of this initiative, we are also developing a **shared website and identity** that will reflect the unity of our parishes while celebrating each of their unique characteristics. We are looking for **people with experience in web and graphic design** who can share their expertise to support this project. If you have skills in website development, branding, or design (or can recommend someone who does) and would like to contribute to this meaningful initiative, we would love to hear from you!

For more information or to indicate if you could lend a hand, please contact Vivienne – [parishoffice@mountmerrionparish.ie](mailto:parishoffice@mountmerrionparish.ie), Christine at [kilmacudparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:kilmacudparishoffice@gmail.com) or Sylvia at [clonskeaghparish@gmail.com](mailto:clonskeaghparish@gmail.com) who will put you in touch with those involved.

Thank you for helping to build our **CKMM-Trinity of Faith** community!

### POCKETS OF HOPE

Become a 'Pilgrim of Hope' as requested by Pope Francis for this Jubilee Year 2025.

This is the official pilgrimage in Dublin in our diocese for this Year of Hope. There is also a pilgrim site in St Kevin's Church, Glendalough. Feel welcome to make the journey on your own or with a group of pilgrims.



**'Pockets of Hope'**

Based on the message of Pope Francis for the Year of Jubilee 2025.  
Hope Does Not Disappoint