

# 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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## Mass Intentions for this Week

- Sunday – John Mangan & Deceased Members of the Mangan Family [A]**  
**Bridget & Hugh Quinn & Deceased Members of the Ryan & Quinn Families [A]**  
**Olive Copeland [A]**

**Monday – Frances Murphy [RD]**

**Tuesday – Special Intention**

**Wednesday – Billy Hennessy [RD]**

**Thursday – Special Intention**

**Friday – Maire O'Connor [RD]**



We extend our sympathy to the family of **Joseph Clarke**, whose funeral was held in the Church this week. 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) €300**

**2nd Collection (Share) €175**

**House to House (Incl. S/O) €350**

## The Season of Lent

*'Lent is a season of Fasting, Prayer, and Alms Giving in preparation for the joy of Easter'*



## Not sure what to fast from this Lent?

*In the words of Pope Francis:*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- Fast from worries and have trust in God
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen



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

I went out to the airport on Wednesday, just after lunch, to collect a friend who has come over from France for the rugby match. Sitting for a little while, close to the door that separates the baggage hall from those waiting, I was struck again by the lovely atmosphere, as all around me people watched eagerly for the first sight of their family or friends. Suddenly standing in front of me was an African priest, wearing a purple stole, holding a small glass bowl, and a beaming smile. "Would you like to have blessed ashes?" he asked warmly. Well of course I was already sorted in that department, having both received and shared ashes with parishioners and students all morning. But I did offer my hand, introduced myself as a priest and asked his name, "I am Justin" he said, the new chaplain here in the airport. I complimented him on his attentiveness to the spiritual needs of both travellers and those meeting them. He pointed out that he was accompanied by some people from the Legion of Mary, and he thought that this was the best way to bring the beginning of Lent into the hearts and minds of everyone here. He moved on and I waited a little longer, now watching him and the Legionaries approaching people, four young French men, with beautiful blue berets, smiled and passed on. Others stopped and bowed their heads for the transfer from bowl of wet black ash to an immediately recognisable sign of setting off into a Lenten journey. I'm sure the people they spoke too and engaged with appreciated meeting the ritual just where they were, many probably couldn't make it to church as they had they were either travelling or the ones coming like myself to sit and wait. More power to Fr Justin and his friends, to ministry on the streets and for helping some of God's people to enter into the season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

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

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## JustHOPE

**REFLECTIVE PRAYER RESOURCE FOR LENT 2025**  
Using the season of Lent to pray with the Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen



Also available to download as sound recordings from missionministry.ie

## SUPPORT SERVICES 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 Towards Peace 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/>

## BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary community and parish-based service. Our objective is to support the bereaved through the grieving process and our services are totally free of charge and confidential within the law. The name Bethany is derived from the story of Jesus' friends Martha & Mary who lived in a village called Bethany and grieved over the death of their brother Lazarus. Visit <https://bethany.ie/>

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

Psalm 1:24