

# 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

## Parish Office

Parish Office Mon, Wed & Fri - 9.30am – 11am (Closed Bank Holidays)

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## Mass Intentions For This Week

**Sunday – Declan O'Rourke [Month's Mind]  
Frank & Kitty Phelan [A]**

**Monday – Winnie Quinlan [A]**

**Tuesday – David McMahon [RD]**

**Wednesday – Aine O'Rahilly [A]**

**Thursday – Joan Dillon [RD]**

**Friday – Eileen Kennedy [RD]**



We prayerfully remember all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time.  
"May all our faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen."

## Last Weekend Collections

1<sup>st</sup> Collection (*The support of Priests*) €520  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (*SHARE*) €235  
House to House (*Incl. S/O*) €350  
Thank you for your continued support

AIB Clonskeagh in conjunction with AIB Dundrum are hosting an **Easy Banking Event, Wednesday May 14th @ 6pm in AIB Dundrum branch.**

The aim of the evening is to provide useful hints and tips for those who are unsure or reluctant to bank online. A detailed conversation about online security and eFraud will be held, with a member of An Post and An Garda Síochána also present.

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Sat 17th  
& Sun 18th  
May 2025



## A Few Words from Fr Joe

Someone asked during the week if I was busy, to which I naturally replied, yes. The questions continued, "Doing what?" Well this month it's all about First Penance, First Communion and Funerals, lots of liturgies to prepare and celebrate and recover from. First Penance still generates a little bit of anxiety for the children, it gives them an opportunity for courage to be put into action and it gives expression to acknowledging faults and asking for forgiveness. We all know that it isn't easy to say sorry and yet the very act of naming something we regret generates the positive experience of being heard, forgiven and encouraged to do better. The First Holy Communion is a fascinating, age old tradition of girls in white dresses, boys in smart clothes, parents and grandparents beaming with pride and joy all through the celebration. Stepping forward with hand outstretched to receive the host for the first time, is a most special moment. Children join us at the breaking of the bread and we are delighted to welcome them to the table of the Lord.

As for funerals, three this week, very demanding indeed. The first was the daughter of a school friend, just 33, with a hidden addiction to alcohol bringing a sudden and unexpected end to a talented, generous and gifted life. Her parents spoke at the close of the liturgy with such compassion, understanding and love, and we all wept with them. The second a woman of 52, mother of one beautiful daughter, and adored sister in a big close family. She had many health problems during her life, and her struggles had been supported by a wide circle of friends, their loss was great too. The third a lovely man in his senior years, with a life of more than four score years and ten. The three sons were his principle mourners as his siblings and friends were mostly gone before him. They personified the biblical commandment to 'honour your mother and father' as they spoke so tenderly of him and all the many ways he had blessed their lives. No two funerals are the same and every one matters.

Much of this significant pastoral activity is only possible because of the support of ordinary parishioners for the local church. Without you there would not be a beautiful, welcoming church, staffed and resourced so well, for those who mostly join us only for these most significant moments in their lives. Thank you for making the mission of the church possible.

Fr Joe Mullan

Moderator of Clonskeagh, Kilmacud & Mount Merrion Parishes

## Easter Dues - Thank You

Sincere **thanks** to all who have already contributed their Easter Dues. Dues envelopes are available at the main entrance to the Church. Dues can be returned to the Parish Office/Sacristy or you can place them in a sealed envelope into the collection box at the weekend Masses.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

## Good Shepherd Sunday – Vocations Sunday, 11th May 2025

"A vocation is a precious gift that God sows in our heart, a call to leave ourselves behind and embark on a journey of love and service." – Pope Francis, World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2025

As we journey through the Jubilee Year of Hope, we are invited to reflect on how God continues to call each of us to bring light and hope to the world. As Pope Francis RIP tells us: "There is no vocation without mission." We give thanks that, in the Archdiocese of Dublin, there are three seminarians, as well as a greater number discerning the priesthood. Their "yes" to God's call is a sign of great hope for our Church and our communities.

*Let us pray for them, and for all those considering a vocation to the priesthood, religious life, or lay ministry that they may hear and respond to God's call. May this Good Shepherd Sunday be a moment of encouragement and support for vocations to flourish among us.*

For the full message of Pope Francis please see this link: Message for the 62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2025.

*If you know of anyone who has an interest in the priesthood, please invite them to contact the vocations team, Fr Séamus or Fr Bill at [vocations@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:vocations@dublindiocese.ie) or [bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie)*

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

Psalm 1:24