



TRINITY OF FAITH

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#### Last Weekend Collections

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Collection

(The support of Priests) €570

SHARE €460

House to House (Incl. S/O) €505

Thank you for your continued support.

## CLONSKEAGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

21st December 2025

4th Sunday of Advent - Love

MASS TIME	CLONSKEAGH	KILMACUD	MOUNT MERRION
Weekdays	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am
*Liturgy w/ Eucharist		Thursday*	Tuesday*
Bank Holidays	11:00am	10:00am	10:00am
Saturday		10:00am	10:00am
Saturday Vigil Mass		6:00pm	6:00pm
Sunday	10.30am	11:30am	10:00am & 7:30pm



### Mass Intentions For This Week

Sunday - Robbie Riordan [Month's Mind]

Monday - Pat Quinlan [A]

Tuesday - Special Intention

Wednesday - Christmas Eve

10am Mass Special Intention

10.30am - 11.30am - Confession

6.30pm Carol Service

7pm Mass - Nativity of the Lord

Thursday - Christmas Day

10.30am - Mass - Nativity of the Lord

Friday - St Stephen's Day

11.00am Mass

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."

### A Few Words from Fr Joe

I slowed down for a moment, walking past the parish centre one morning during the week, through a window I got a glimpse of a very happy gathering inside. I could see parents standing around in groups deep in animated conversations. For a moment I wondered what was going on, then I saw seated a table the whole cast, angels, shepherds, the Holy Family and a few Wise men, all tucking into piles of cakes, sweets and crisps. The infants' nativity play had obviously been an outstanding success, and parents, families, teachers and friends were all basking in the joy of another happy moment, another memory created in the unfolding of life's journey. Once more the timeless tradition of bringing the story of the birth in Bethlehem, of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, alive in drama, was enacted with serious intent by the little children. I couldn't help myself, memories of my own first stage appearance, as an angel, came flooding back. The joys of an all-boys school, the parts shared out, and with the help of my sister's discarded ballet tutu, and foil wrapped wings, I shared in the nativity play ritual. I can't imagine how many boys and girls in the parish schools will have acted in, or attend one of these nativity plays, but I'm sure they will all have enjoyed the experience. Lots of parents, grandparents, families will have had their moment of pride and joy and teachers too. It could be that for some of these children this will be their only religious experience during the whole Christmas season, and even if that is the case, it is wonderful that the story of God's extraordinary love for the world has been written on their hearts and is in their minds. Hopefully for many more of them the Christmas family Mass, visits to the crib, singing carols and sharing in the joy of the whole parish will be part of what makes this such a special time of year. Well done to all our little performers.



**"DO NOT TAKE JESUS OUT OF CHRISTMAS!"**

"There is always a place for you!"

When you pray at home in front of the crib, with your family, allow yourself to be touched by the tenderness of the child Jesus, who was born poor and fragile among us, to give us his love. This is the true Christmas! If we remove Jesus, what remains of Christmas? An empty feast. Do not take Jesus out of Christmas! Jesus is the centre of Christmas.

'Jesus is the true Christmas' Pope Francis

**Our Advent time of waiting is almost ended and the excitement of Christmas celebrations begins, anticipated early by many around us. But as Christians, we wait in quiet hope for the coming of our Saviour whose birth is our reason to celebrate. Let us pray, as Advent draws to a close, that Christ will truly come into our hearts. Lord, fill our hearts with your love, and as you revealed to us by an angel the coming of your Son as man, so lead us through his suffering and death to the glory of his resurrection.**

**Amen**