

Clonskeagh Parish Newsletter

Let us remember those who are sick and housebound in our Parish today!



Clonskeagh Parish Mass Times are as follows:

•10am Monday to Friday (11am on Bank Holidays)

•10.30am Sunday

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The Parish Office is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9.30am – 12 noon.

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Mass Intentions For This Week

Sunday 10.30am – Kevin Egan (A)

Monday 10.00am

Tuesday 10.00am – Tina Baker (RD)

Wednesday 10.00am – Myra Phillips (RD)

Thursday 10.00am – Eily Molloy Kinsella (RD)

Friday 10.00am – Margaret Kirrane (RD)



We prayerfully remember all those who are Recently Deceased & all whose Anniversaries occur at this time.

“May all our faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.”

Last Weekend Collections

1st Coll. (*The support of Priests*) €355

2nd Coll. (**Share**) €245

House to House (*Incl. S/O*) €350

Thank you for your continued support.



Archbishop Farrell is once again asking the parishioners to make a summer offering towards the support and upkeep of their priests.

“As Covid restrictions reduced significantly the monies collected in parishes earlier in the year the summer offering will help to make up the shortfall.”

Envelopes available at the back of the Church.
Thank you for your support.

A Few Words from Fr Joe...

When I was a little child we had plastic sandals to wear at the beach. We needed them most on the days that the sand was so hot that the soles of your feet would be roasted if you tried to get from the grass to the sea, barefooted. I have vivid memories of the hot sand, those funny squelchy plastic sandals and time spent at the beach. What I don't know is whether those memories were of something that happened often or if perhaps a few short heatwaves, like we had this week, created enough of that 'good' experience to make it seem like something that was common in my childhood. When you add in memories of sunburn, our pale skin roasted red, being anointed with calamine lotion before bed, of sandwiches literally gritty with sand which on a windy day stuck to the jam and banana filling, of the fizzy orange and baggy swimming togs, the summer memories definitely endure.

As we lived at the seaside, and my mum's other 8 siblings lived in Belfast, our house, garden and beach, were a magnet for the city cousins. Together we idled away hours fishing with nets in rock pools, trying out swimming with flippers and goggles, burying one and other in the sand and playing ball when the tide went out and left rippled hard sand as a temporary pitch. Oh happy days.

I do think that the childhood summers were similar, the memories from so long-ago merge into one collective recall of genuinely happy times.

I wonder if the children of today will have a future memory of their connection to the church that will merge happy days into a single positive thought? The children who come for First Communions and special days enjoy their moment of magic in this most special place. Yet I fear that it is not enough, children need something more constant and stable, more engaging and concrete, something experienced with their parents, and families, something that really matters. In reality, we went to the beach every day, but we forget the details of what was routine and usual, and remember the hottest and most dramatic days. It's so important to have both, the commitment to the ordinary and the joy of the exceptional.



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated this Sunday, 24 July 2022. It offers us a new opportunity to celebrate them and to let them know how much they mean to us. We need them. They have much to offer us and we have much to learn from them.

“Pope Francis' message for this year's World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly very much makes this point. He encourages the elderly to persevere in hope, to embrace the power they have to transform the world through prayer and a revolution of tenderness. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is from the Psalms *'In old age they still bring forth fruit'* (Ps 92:14). Pope Francis says that old age is no time to give up and lower the sails, but a season of enduring fruitfulness in which a new mission awaits us.”

‘Let us too become, as it were, poets of prayer: let us develop a taste for finding our own words, let us once again take up those taught by the word of God. Our trustful prayer can do a great deal: it can accompany the cry of pain of those who suffer, and it can help change hearts. We can be “the enduring ‘chorus’ of a great spiritual sanctuary, where prayers of supplication and songs of praise sustain the community that toils and struggles in the field of life.”

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