

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 – 12noon.

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Mass Intentions For This Week

**Sunday 10.30am – Pat Hughes (A)
Patrick Hayes & Mary O'Rourke (Month's Mind)**

Monday 10.00am – Michael McKinney (RD)

Tuesday 10.00am – Funeral Mass

Wednesday 10.00am – Mary O'Donnell (RD)

Thursday 10.00am – David Crowe (RD)

Friday 10.00am – David Crowe (RD)



We extend our sympathy to the family of
Laurie Kelly

whose funeral was held in the Church.

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.”**

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

Psalm 1:24



Christmas Dues

Please take your Christmas Dues envelope and return to the Parish Office/Sacristy or you can place them into the collection baskets at the weekend Masses.

Sincere thanks to all who have already contributed their *Christmas Dues*.



The Christmas Crib

Crib Offerings - The *Crib Offerings* will be donated to the Holy Family Maternity Hospital in Bethlehem under the care of the Sisters of Charity.

“Jesus born in Palestine, lives today in Bread and Wine” (Hilaire Belloc)

Family Offering Envelopes/Planned Giving

Family Offering Envelopes/Planned Giving is one of the *sources of income* to the parish. These are currently in distribution to existing donors.

Would you like to contribute to the running costs of your parish?

If you do not currently receive a **‘planned giving envelope’** but would like to donate please leave your name and address with the parish office so that we can include you in our

My Spiritual Testament - Benedictus PP XVI

When, at this late hour of my life, I look back on the decades I have wandered through, I see first of all how much reason I have to give thanks. Above all, I thank God Himself, the giver of all good gifts, who has given me life and guided me through all kinds of confusion; who has always picked me up when I began to slip, who has always given me anew the light of his countenance. In retrospect, I see and understand that even the dark and arduous stretches of this path were for my salvation and that He guided me well in those very stretches.

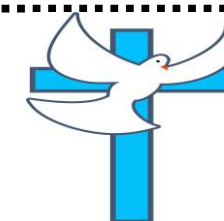
I thank my parents, who gave me life in difficult times and prepared a wonderful home for me with their love, which shines through all my days as a bright light until today. My father's clear-sighted faith taught us brothers and sisters to believe and stood firm as a guide in the midst of all my scientific knowledge; my mother's heartfelt piety and great kindness remain a legacy for which I cannot thank her enough. My sister has served me selflessly and full of kind concern for decades; my brother has always paved the way for me with the clear-sightedness of his judgements, with his powerful determination, and with the cheerfulness of his heart; without this ever-new going ahead and going along, I would not have been able to find the right path.

I thank God from the bottom of my heart for the many friends, men and women, whom He has always placed at my side; for the co-workers at all stages of my path; for the teachers and students He has given me. I gratefully entrust them all to His goodness. And I would like to thank the Lord for my beautiful home in the Bavarian foothills of the Alps, in which I was able to see the splendour of the Creator Himself shining through time and again. I thank the people of my homeland for allowing me to experience the beauty of faith time and again. I pray that our country will remain a country of faith and I ask you, dear compatriots, not to let your faith be distracted. Finally, I thank God for all the beauty I was able to experience during the various stages of my journey, but especially in Rome and in Italy, which has become my second home. I ask for forgiveness from the bottom of my heart from all those whom I have wronged in some way. What I said earlier of my compatriots, I now say to all who were entrusted to my service in the Church: Stand firm in the faith! Do not be confused! Often it seems as if science - on the one hand, the natural sciences; on the other, historical research (especially the exegesis of the Holy Scriptures) - has irrefutable insights to offer that are contrary to the Catholic faith. I have witnessed from times long past the changes in natural science and have seen how apparent certainties against the faith vanished, proving themselves not to be science but philosophical interpretations only apparently belonging to science - just as, moreover, it is in dialogue with the natural sciences that faith has learned to understand the limits of the scope of its affirmations and thus its own specificity.

For 60 years now, I have accompanied the path of theology, especially biblical studies, and have seen seemingly unshakeable theses collapse with the changing generations, which turned out to be mere hypotheses: the liberal generation (Harnack, Jülicher, etc.), the existentialist generation (Bultmann, etc.), the Marxist generation.

I have seen, and see, how, out of the tangle of hypotheses, the reasonableness of faith has emerged and is emerging anew. Jesus Christ is truly the Way, the Truth, and the Life - and the Church, in all her shortcomings, is truly His Body.

Finally, I humbly ask: pray for me, so that the Lord may admit me to the eternal dwellings, despite all my sins and shortcomings. For all those entrusted to me, my heartfelt prayer goes out day after day.



Almighty, eternal God, when the Spirit descended upon Jesus at his baptism in the Jordan, you revealed him as your beloved Son.

Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful to our calling. Amen

“The Spirit of God descended like a dove”