

# 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) will be celebrated in St. Joseph's (Except Funerals & Holy Days)**

● **10.30am Sunday**

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### Parish Office

Parish Office Mon, Wed & Fri - 9.30am – 12noon.

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### Mass Intentions For This Week

**Sunday 10.30am – George Bradley (Month's Mind)**

**Special Intention**

**Mary Finlan (A)**

**Margaret, Peter & Billy Boylan (A)**

**Monday 10.00am – Mary Lawler (RD)**

**Special Intention**

**Tuesday 10.00am – Jack Peyton (A)**

**Special Intention**

**Wednesday 10.00am – Ash Wednesday**

**Thursday 10.00am – Special Intention**

**Brendan Morrison (A)**

**Friday 10.00am – Christina Gannon (A)**



We prayerfully remember **Recently Deceased,**  
**Sheila Roe**

**&**

**Joseph Downes**

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

### Cup of Tea

Please join us next week after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday, for a chance to gather and chat with a nice ‘Cuppa’ and maybe even a biscuit!

### Thank You

We thank you for your generous donations to the following collections.

The annual collection for **Accord** Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, was taken up at Masses last weekend. *The total amount realised was €535.*

This year our **Christmas Crib** was enjoyed by so many. The monies raised will be sent to the Holy Family Maternity Hospital in Bethlehem. *The total amount realised was €905.*

### JS Bach's St. Matthew Passion

*7pm Sunday 26 February 2023 in the church of St. Thérèse, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin*

The **Goethe Choir** is delighted to be able to present a performance of JS Bach's magnificent St. Matthew Passion, one of the cornerstones of western civilisation, this is a rare opportunity to hear the work performed live in Ireland and one not to be missed.

### Last Weekend Collections

1<sup>st</sup> Coll. (*The support of Priests*) €355

2<sup>nd</sup> Coll. (*ACCORD*) €535

House to House (*Incl. S/O*) €475

*Thank you for your continued support.*

### A Few Words from Fr Joe.....

Every time I meet or chat with Fr Donie he shares just how many people have asked him about how I'm getting on, so to ease the demands on him, and others, to answer that question I thought it might be a good idea to give a little update myself.

It's just about 6 weeks now since I had surgery to remove my problematic prostate. The operation was both uncomplicated and successful, and to date I've had no set backs at all. So, I've been experiencing the miracle of healing, discovering that the body is programmed to repair itself, that pain and discomfort which were so evident in the first couple of weeks somehow dissipate and day by day strength returns. I will be a happier man when the waterworks begin to function normally and exercise and excursions will be manageable again.

At a time like this one of the joys is being on the receiving end of care and support. I have three sisters and they generously made themselves available, in a rota, so that I had company and an extra set of hands for the first couple of weeks.

During this time family, friends and parishioners have offered prayers and support and endless little moments of kindness have helped keep me in good spirits. Cards have dropped thought the letter box, texts and messages popped up on the phone all offering a kind and encouraging word. For some strange reason, many of those who have been in touch encourage me to take whatever time is necessary to heal, advising me not to rush back, to have patience, not an easy mind set for me!

I guess this is about the half way point and I imagine that getting back to work by the end of March is entirely likely. I really appreciate the extra effort that the other members of the team here are making to allow me this space, everyone has been so generous and understanding. Thank you all and I hope to see you soon when health and strength are restored.

### TURKEY & SYRIA EARTHQUAKE COLLECTION

Archbishop Farrell has given approval for a diocesan collection to be taken up in support of the people affected by the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

It will take place on the weekend of the First Sunday of Lent, **26 February 2023**. The funds raised will be channelled through Trócaire, who are working with partners in the affected areas. They have the capability to ensure that any funds raised in Ireland will be managed appropriately to meet the needs of those most badly affected.

*This will replace the SHARE collection.*

### Repair Notice

The heating in the Main Church is out of order. The new part is being manufactured and it will be several weeks before it is repaired. We ask for your understanding and patience as we get the heating system repairs carried out. St Joseph's heating is not affected and we continue to celebrate our weekday 10am Masses as usual (*Except Funerals & Holy Days*).

### PEOPLE OF HOPE - LENTEN FAITH-SHARING GROUP

The holy season of Lent is just around the corner. Are you looking for a focus this Lent? Are you hungry for the Word of God, spiritual nourishment?

Please join us as we reflect on the Scriptures from the Sundays in Lent. Each of the six sessions (60 minutes) uses a different character from the Lenten Scriptures as a focus for reflection and sharing. The “People of Hope” for the six sessions are JESUS; PETER, JAMES AND JOHN; SAMARITAN WOMAN; BLIND MAN; LAZARUS; and US. The resource has been provided by the Archdiocese of Dublin Office of Mission and Ministry and the meetings will be facilitated by Bernadette McIvor.

The meetings will take place in the **Meeting Room of the Mount Merrion Parish Office**

from 10.30am -11.30am on the following

**Wednesdays – 22 February**

**1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 March**

*Please leave your name and telephone number with the Parish Office (01-2881271) by Monday 20 February if you would like to attend.*



Across the diocese, 90% of parish responses to the *Building Hope* survey last year stated the need for Faith Formation of various kinds. The first of the Faith Development initiatives supporting *Building Hope* and the four dimensions of the Framework for Pastoral Renewal are detailed below.

### **Building Hope through Servant Leadership**

Five sessions on Monday evenings in Lent to introduce you to the practice of servant leadership: February 27, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27, all 7.30pm to 9pm in St Paul's Centre for Mission & Ministry, Arran Quay. This is especially for all those in parish ministries and pastoral councils. Led by Peter Siney and Patricia Carroll.

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