

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 – Therese English (A)

Special Intention

Monday 10.00am – Ann Scully (RD)

Tuesday 10.00am – Eoin Murry (RD)

Wednesday 10.00am – Marie O'Brien (RD)

Thursday 10.00am – Alan Confrey (A)

Friday 10.00am – Barry Morrissey (A)

Special Intention



We extend our sympathy to the family of **Judy Brown** whose funeral was held here in the Church this week. We also prayerfully remember all those who are Recently Deceased and whose Anniversaries occur at this time.

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

An Invitation to Gather



Please join us next **Sunday, 26 March**, after the 10.30am Mass for a chance to gather and chat with a nice ‘Cuppa’ and maybe even a biscuit!



Lenten Journey in Song

Kerrie O Connor and the group **VOX HIBERNIAE** will lead a **Lenten Journey in Song from Jerusalem to Calvary** over two Sundays in St Michael's Church, Dun Laoghaire.

Part 2: Sunday 2nd April, 4-5pm.

All welcome.

Last Weekend Collections

1st Coll. (*The support of Priests*) €450

2nd Coll. (*Share*) €140

House to House (*Incl. S/O*) €350

Thank you for your continued support.

“Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD”
Psalm 1:24

Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel

Fourth Sunday of Lent - 19 March 2023 • Laetare Sunday

A long story like the one we have today provides many different points of entry for prayer. Read the story and stay with what resonates with you. Some possible points of entry are:

The blind man was healed. Can you recall occasions when some blindness of yours was taken away and you could see in a new way? What was that experience like for you? The Pharisees claimed to be the ones who could see, who knew where God was to be found, when in fact they were blind. It was the man born blind who showed himself open to see the hand of God at work in what happened. There can be some of each in us. What has helped you to be open to seeing the hand of God at work in your life? Who have been the Jesus people who have led you to this point?

The Pharisees seem to have had a collective blindness that blocked them from seeing what God was doing in Jesus. Perhaps in today's world you can see examples of collective blindness when people want to avoid an awkward truth, e.g. about the damage being done to our planet by human activity.

There are many characters in the story: Jesus, the blind beggar, the disciples, the neighbours, the blind man's parents, and the Pharisees. Put yourself in the position of each one and see what you learn from identifying with them.

John Byrne OSA



It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of our dear friend Judy Brown.

Judy was a long time parishioner who gave great service to the Parish of Clonskeagh in a quiet, humble and generous way.

Judy was a Minister of the Eucharist and she organised the Rota for Ministers each month. She was also a member of the Cleaning Team and would rally the troops when the time came to give the Church a clean. Judy was involved in so many parts of parish life and organised the hospitality after many events.

We are saddened by her loss and will miss her about the place.

We thank Judy for a life of service to our Parish. Go gently Judy. We thank God for Judy's life and may He grant unto her eternal rest.

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*).

Happy Mother's Day!



This Sunday, 19 March, is our opportunity to show our mothers that they are loved and appreciated.

When God Created Mothers

When the good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of overtime, when an angel appeared and said, "Lord, Rest for now. Tomorrow..." "I can't" said the Lord. "I'm so close to creating something like myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick, can feed a family of six on one pound of mince and can get a nine year old to stand under a shower. "The angel circled the model of the mother very slowly.

"She's too soft," she sighed. "But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what the mother can do or endure." "Can she think?" "Not only think, but she can reason and compromise."

Finally the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told you, you were trying to put too much into this model." "It's not a leak," said the Lord. "It's a tear."

"What's it for?" "It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride." "You're a genius," said the angel. The Lord looked sombre, "I didn't put it there". *Erma Bombeck*



Let us ask God to bless all Mothers today through the intercession of our Heavenly Mother.