

# 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**

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### Parish Office

Parish Office Mon, Wed & Fri - 9.30am – 11am

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### Mass Intentions For This Week

**Sunday – William & Gerard Mangan (A)**  
**Margaret Darby (A)**  
**Peter Brett (A)**

**Monday – Robert Hayes (RD)**

**Tuesday – Blaise Ireland (A)**

**Wednesday – Special Intention**

**Thursday –**

**Friday – Kathleen Forbes (RD)**



We prayerfully remember all those who are  
Recently Deceased and 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*



### Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The annual Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place this September. The Annual Collection and enrolment of Associate Members of the Pilgrimage is currently taking place after 10.30am Mass on Sundays and *will end this Sunday, 20 August.*

*Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.*

*St. Bernadette, pray for us.*

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### BALLINTEER PARISH MISSION

Brother Richard Hendrick will conduct a parish mission at St John the Evangelist, Ballinteer, from Monday, September 18, to Friday, September 22, 7.30pm to 9pm.

All are welcome.

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### Last Weekend Collections

1<sup>st</sup> Coll. (*The support of Priests*) €365

2<sup>nd</sup> Coll. (*Share*) €295

House to House (*Incl. S/O*) €350

Thank you for your continued support.

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

I was in Cavan at Mass for the Feast of the Assumption last Tuesday morning. The Church was bright and welcoming and had been fully renovated in recent years. In the half hour before Mass began people began to gather and at 11.15am a parishioner led the rosary and all present joined in. As Mass time drew near a variety of people moved around getting things ready, putting out books and baskets, mics, water and wine and all was ready. Just a few minutes before Mass a priest arrived in through the side door, carrying his vestments in a brown leather bag, obviously a visitor, covering the parish priest's holiday. He then had a quick check around and when the bell rang he processed in and the organ struck up “As I kneel before you...” I sang with gusto and then a little more quietly as there didn't seem to be too much congregational participation.

The Mass was lovely, but a bit chaotic, one of the altar candles, a terrible oil filled plastic version, flickered and went out before the Mass started and remained a dead wick for the whole Mass. The book on the altar hadn't been set and the poor priest fumbled back and forth to find the right prayers for the Feast day. The reader was superb and proclaimed the Word with skill and confidence. There was a collection, but no sign of peace. During the homily the retired missionary priest lamented the changes in Ireland, and made special mention of how parents have just stopped bringing their children to Church. This annoyed me as Messi, Kane and Mbappe were emblazoned on the shirts of the three boys in front of me and in total I counted 18 children present, with either parents or grandparents praying beside them.

At the end of Mass the priest recalled how this day, August 15<sup>th</sup> had been a great holiday in the village when he was young and he made special mention of the joys of ice cream which was a highlight of the day and even mentioned how they as children knew which shops gave the biggest portions. Then just before the blessing, and the ‘Go in peace’ he reminded us all that the world lives under the constant threat of the Atomic bomb and nuclear destruction, WOW!

This experience reminded me of how it can be in a parish when the local priest in on holidays and relief clergy are hard to find. In my home parish, last Saturday evening the congregation were sent home as the visiting priest didn't appear. Little by little the community will need to prepare to take on responsibility for these moments and perfect the lay led prayer.

### Taizé Service

There will be a special Taizé service on Friday, August 25, at 6pm at Newman University Church (the weekend Notre Dame Football is in town to play Navy). All are welcome to this prayer service of beautiful music, silence, and prayer. Tea and biscuits will follow. Our regular Taizé services each Tuesday will resume on 12 September at 6pm and run through Advent.

All are invited to a special Mass at Dublin Castle on Saturday, August 26, at 11am. Our choir, the Newman Vocare Ensemble, will be singing, Archbishop Dermot Farrell will be celebrating and Fr John Jenkins CSC, president of the University of Notre Dame, will be preaching. There are no tickets necessary.



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### PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AND MINISTRY

#### An Adult Faith Development Programme

Applications are now open for the next intake of participants for *Pathways*. The programme, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, begins this year in DCU St. Patrick's Campus, Upper Drumcondra Rd., Dublin 9 on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (7.00p.m. – 9.30 p.m.)**. **Places are limited so early application is advised.**

*Pathways* is a two-year, one evening a week course for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. You can just come along and enjoy! The cost is €400 for the coming year which may be paid in instalments. Some sponsorship may be available for those of limited means. Places are limited. For more information please

visit: [www.missionministry.ie](http://www.missionministry.ie) or contact:

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