

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 – 11am (Closed Bank Holidays)

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Mass Intentions For This Week

Sunday – Easter Sunday -

Monday – Special Intention

Tuesday – John Nolan (Month's Mind)

Wednesday – Jack Callanan (A)

Thursday – Jo Cruite (RD)

Friday – November Altar List of Dead



We prayerfully remember
John Corrigan

whose Anniversary occurs at this time.
"May all our faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen."

Last Weekend Collections

1st Collection (*The support of Priests*) €575

2nd Collection (*SHARE*) €385

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



Beannachtaí Cásca oraibh go léir!

Fr Fergus and Fr Joe would like to wish
you all a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

'When Easter Sunday dawns may you
rejoice with the whole Church and begin
fifty days of celebrating Christ Risen.'

Easter Poem

Sturdy, deep green tulip shoots. How did they
know it was time to push up through the long-
wintered soil? How did they know it was the
moment to resurrect, while thick layers of
stubborn ice still pressed the bleak ground flat?
But the tulips knew.

They came, rising strongly, a day after the ice
died. There's a hope-filled place in me that also
knows when to rise, that waits for the last layer
of ice to melt into obscurity.

It is urged by the strong sun warming my
wintered heart.

It is nudged by the Secret One, calling, calling,
calling: "Arise, my love, and come."

My heart stirs like dormant tulips and hope
comes dancing forth.

Not unlike the Holy One kissing the morning
sun, waving a final farewell to a tomb emptied
of its treasure.

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A Few Words from Fr Joe

In January 2023 I drove down to Limerick with a couple of friends to see the retrospective exhibition of the German Irish sculptor and artist, Imogen Stuart, being held in Mary Immaculate College. I was excited to see her work as I first became aware of her when I was a teenager in school. She was a close friend of Mgr. Tom Fehily, the then parish priest in Castleknock, and he spoke of her very often. Then when I went to Maynooth, outside the newly opened John Paul II Library, stood her huge sculpture of the Holy Father leaning down to embrace two children. Even though you only saw the top of his head, and the roll of his shoulders, his hands embracing their heads, there was no doubt who it was carved in stone.

This sculptor's gift of finding their subject in a block of stone, by chipping away until that person is revealed just amazes me. Imogen Stuart died this week aged 96. She was often chosen by parishes and religious communities to undertake commissions and bit by bit over the years of her long life she worked in many mediums to reveal her unique insight into how the spiritual realm can be depicted for us to 'see' and reflect. Artists have that great gift of putting something that comes out of their imagination into our sacred spaces, so that we can grapple with the God we cannot see. I understand that the unique, red robed Christ on the Cross, in Kilmacud is by her. So do look around during this Holy Week at the various crucifixes, stations, stained glass and marvel at the skill of the artists who created them and allow their work to support our journey of faith in Christ crucified and Risen?

Many thanks to all who worked so hard to prepare and participate in the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies. We are blessed to have so many people with energy and commitment to bring these special days to life for us all.

Fr Joe Mullan

Letter of The Holy Father Francis to The Catholics of The Holy Land

Dear brothers and sisters,

For some time, you have daily been in my thoughts and prayers. Now, on the eve of this Easter that for you is so overshadowed by the Passion and, as yet, so little by the Resurrection, I feel the desire to write to you and to tell you how close you are to my heart. I embrace all of you, in the variety of your rites, dear Catholic faithful living throughout the Holy Land. In a particular way, I embrace those most affected by the senseless tragedy of war: the children robbed of their future, those who grieve and are in pain, and all who find themselves prey to anguish and dismay.

Easter, the heart of our faith, is all the more significant for you who celebrate this feast in the very places where our Lord lived, died and rose again. The history of salvation, and indeed its geography, would not exist apart from the land in which you have dwelt for centuries. There you want to remain, and there it is good that you should remain. Thank you for your testimony of faith, thank you for the charity that exists among you, thank you for your ability to hope against all hope.

I would like each of you to feel my paternal affection, for I am conscious of your sufferings and your struggles, particularly in the course of these recent months. Together with my affection, may you sense the love of Catholics throughout the world! May the Lord Jesus, our Life, like the Good Samaritan, pour over your wounds in body and soul the balm of his consolation and the wine of hope.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2024/documents/20240327-lettera-cattolici-terrasanta.html>

