

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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Mass Intentions For This Week

**Sunday – Big Joe Mangan (A)
Pamela Murphy (A)**

Monday – Charlie Doherty (RD)

Tuesday –Paddi Croome Carroll (RD)

Wednesday – Mass

Thursday – Mass

Friday – Mass



We extend our sympathy to the families of **Lorraine Kavanagh and Brian Pittam** whose funerals were held in the Church recently.

*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.”

Last Weekend Collections

1st Collection (The support of Priests) €475

2nd Collection (Share) €335

House to House (Incl. S/O) €520

Thank you for your continued support.

Annual Peter's Pence Collection



The annual Peter's Pence collection takes place on the Sunday nearest to the Feast of SS Peter and Paul. This year it will be held next weekend of **Sunday 30 June**.

Our Lady's N.S. & St Kilian's D.S



We take this opportunity to wish pupils and staff of Our Lady's N.S. & St Kilian's D.S. blessings for the summer holidays. We wish the children well for the summer as they play and prepare for the next school year. We ask the Lord to guard their holidays and hopefully provide some good weather!

A Few Words from Fr Joe.....

Last Friday I headed off to Kiltarnan to celebrate a wedding in the 'Blue Church'. I love to go there from time to time as it holds many fond memories for me from 38 years ago. As a newly ordained priest in 1986 I was assigned to teach in Dundrum Tech and live in Sandyford Parish. In that parish there are three churches, the main parish church in the village, the beautiful cut granite church in Glencullen, high in the mountains and the unique wooden church in Kiltarnan with its light blue timbers framed with white and set in an extensive garden.

I believe that more than 100 years ago the then parish priest was on holidays in Switzerland, saw this type of church and drew a picture of one he liked, and on his return commissioned it for the parish. Not only is it used as a local church for Sunday Masses in Kiltarnan but it quickly become a very much in demand venue for weddings. When I was there it was booked months, if not years in advance for all the Fridays and Saturdays from Spring to Autumn.

After the ceremony, the sacristan presented me with the Marriage Register to sign. I glanced at the page and to my complete surprise this was only the fourth wedding in the church this year. I counted back and saw only 14 weddings registered for 2023. I've heard that only a small percentage of weddings are in the Catholic church now, maybe as low as 36%, but to see how a once in demand venue is now used so little really made the point. No doubt there are many reasons why this is so, but none the less it seems a pity. I just don't know what conversation is had in families now when our young parishioners get engaged, but maybe we could speak in favour of the Sacrament of Marriage. This understanding of marriage, in the sight of God, praying for all the graces and blessings to sustain a happy and durable loving relationship has much to recommend it. The parish clergy are always willing to meet with couples and discuss how a church wedding might best work for them. The whole congregation on Friday were delighted with the liturgy, the setting and the sacrament, and I was delighted to participate in such a special moment.

Fr Joseph Mullan, Moderator Clonskeagh, Mount Merrion & Kilmacud Parishes

PATRICIAN MEETING

SUBJECT: MIRACULOUS RECOVERY

SPEAKER: ELMAH SWEETMAN (MCSP)

DATE: WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE 8PM

VENUE: COMMUNITY CENTRE, MOUNT MERRION.

ALL ARE WELCOME

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The Priory Institute two week on-line Summer School is reflective, informative and interactive and will run from 19 August. The course includes eight recorded presentations and three on-line zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online.

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Summer Dues

Once again the Archbishop is inviting parishioners to contribute to the Summer Dues. The Dues support the fund from which all priests of the Diocese are remunerated, those working in the parishes and the sick and retired men and those who are in special ministries. The main Dues collections are at Christmas and Easter and you have been very generous in your support for those collections. So for those who might like to make a modest contribution envelopes are available at the tables near the church doors. If you can write your name, address and ideally your parish contribution number on the envelope that would assist with recording your donation. Many thanks for your support of priests, it is greatly appreciated.