

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

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## Mass Intentions For This Week



### 3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday – Matthew Cass [RD]

Dr Peter Mulligan [A]

Vivion Daly [A]

Monday – Mary Lawler [A]

Tuesday – Thomas Murphy [RD]

Wednesday – Karl Reilly [RD]

Thursday – Special Intention

Friday – Noel Jones [RD]



We pray for the repose of the soul of **Eamon Corley, Recently Deceased.**  
"May all our faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen."

### Last Weekend Collections

1st Collection (The support of Priests) €485

2nd Collection (St VdeP) €1930

House to House (Incl. S/O) €350

Thank you for your continued support.



### Thank You

The local branch of the Saint Vincent DePaul Society for Milltown and Clonskeagh held its annual Christmas Appeal last Sunday.

**A total of €1930 was collected for the annual collection of the local conference of Saint Vincent de Paul.** The conference is very grateful for all the assistance given during the collection.



Donations of red poinsettia plants for the decoration of the Altar, Crib and Church over Christmas and Epiphany would be very much appreciated. They can be left in the Church, in the area in front of the main altar, any time after 15 December. *Thank you for your generosity.*

### IRISH BISHOPS' DIGITAL ADVENT CALENDAR

Advent marks the beginning of the new calendar year for Christians. The Bishops' digital Advent 2024 calendar offers a distinctive and spiritually enriching way to journey through this holy season. Based on the Jubilee Year's theme of #Hope, online calendar offers prayers as well as short videos and audio messages, to help people of all ages to keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas preparations.

To access the calendar please visit <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/>



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

I sat in the car one day during the week, mesmerised by a young dad, with his little lad, putting up lights in their hedge. I can honestly say that this is not something I remember from my childhood, but it was lovely to watch them working together in the bitter cold afternoon, transforming their property into a winter wonderland. Homes all around the parish are now wearing their Christmas lights inside and out and what a difference it makes. This is yet another sign that we are living towards Christmas, with hope in our hearts, joy in our lives and trust in the power of love.

I've been lighting the candles on my Advent wreath each morning and evening and making a special effort to have some prayer time with Advent readings and themes. It is one way to live with the signs of Christmas all around us, while we wait for the Nativity and draw strength from anticipation of what is to come, and to make mind and body ready to welcome the child of Bethlehem.

During the week, I had a routine medical screening, and as often happens it begins with a long questionnaire to complete. I was struck by one question: "Do you have a spiritual practice in your life?" Naturally I answered 'yes' but it really made me wonder about the many and varied ways others will have responded. For me the spiritual practices are deeply rooted in faith, a landscape to explore, I'm constantly challenged to find the presence of God in the experience of life, and then to live in the light of that relationship. Others will explain it differently no doubt, but having a sense of the spiritual, and acting on it, seems to be good for your health.

While writing these few words a memory has come back to me, I held the ladder for my dad one Christmas, as he climbed up and put a red bulb in the porch light! Sure we've always invited the light into our lives at Christmas.

Sad news came for Fr Peter during the week, his beloved mother, Clementina Anyaoyi Johnson passed away at home in Nigeria, she was almost 96 years old. We all extend to Fr Peter and his family our deepest condolences at this great loss. We will support Fr Peter and give him time to travel home to bury his mother, mourn with his family and find comfort in his loss. At an appropriate time we can offer a parish Mass for the happy repose of her soul.

*Fr Joe Mullan. Moderator Clonskeagh, Kilmacud & Mount Merrion Parishes*

### CROSSCARE APPEAL

Crosscare, the social care agency of the Archdiocese, is once again asking for support for their Christmas Food Poverty Appeal. So far this year, almost 3,000 people, including 1500 children, have needed basic food supplies and support; over a quarter of those coming to Crosscare's Food Poverty Service accessing food support are parenting alone.

In the Community Café in Portland Row, staff will have served nearly 10,000 affordable, nutritious meals by the end of this year. As families struggle to cope with the cost of Christmas, there will likely be a spike in the number of people seeking help in the weeks ahead. Anyone wishing to contribute can donate online at [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie), call 01 8360011, or send a cheque or postal order to Crosscare Christmas Appeal, 2 Saint Mary's Place North, D07 Y768.

