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CLONSKEAGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 2nd August
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

MASS TIME	CLONSKEAGH	KILMACUD	MOUNT MERRION
Weekdays	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am
Liturgy w/ Eucharist		Thursday	Tuesday*
Bank Holidays	11:00am	10:00am	10:00am
Saturday		10:00am	10am
Saturday Vigil Mass		6:00pm	6:00pm
Sunday	10.30am	11.30am	10.00am & 7:30pm

Mass Intentions For This Week



Sunday 10.30am – John O'Brien [A]

Baptism – We joyfully welcome **Ethan Patrick**
into the Catholic Faith and we congratulate his
parents and family on this special occasion.

Monday – Special Intention

Tuesday – Service of Word & Sacrament

Wednesday – Special Intention

Thursday – Special Intention

Friday – Service of Word & Sacrament

**We prayerfully remember all who are deceased
and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.
“May all our faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.”**

SUMMER DUES

The Summer Dues collection supports the priests of
the parish, as well as sick and retired priests
throughout the Dublin Diocese. You can contribute by
using dedicated envelopes available at the back of the
church or by contacting the Parish Office.

A Few Words from Fr Joe.....

In the build-up to the All-Ireland last weekend we heard the familiar story of Mayo's many attempts to lift the Sam Maguire Cup and bring it home to the West. There was talk of the curse, the near misses and the expectation of a dominant Kerry team, and the likelihood of history being repeated, with another defeat for the men in green and red. There was the usual frantic search for tickets, stories of arduous trips home from far flung places and a mass movement of fans towards Dublin, Croke Park and a place in the stadium, at the very least Mayo would have fervent vocal support. The Kerry people came too, with a calm confidence, no swagger or posturing, just an awareness of the talent in their team's ability and a proven track record of making the big day count. The script played out in the first quarter exactly as expected, Kerry established a lead, and even with new rules, and 2 pointers, they were close to pulling away, invincible. What happened next is the magic and the mystery of sport, team cohesion, individual talent, hunger and self-belief were all ingredients of Mayo's ascendancy in the game, point by point, the crucial goal, the relentless marking, the skill in gathering the kick outs, the cohesion in attack, all contributed to momentum that took them into a lead, and ultimately carried them to an historic victory. As the camera panned around the players I was struck by just how young many of them are, really just lads, triumphant, excited and yet strangely humble. The match was without rancour, few cards, no nasty edge, tough tackles but sporting and fair. In the endless commentary and analysis that followed the experts, fans and followers tried to get to the nub of what made this team different, what was it that propelled them forward to victory. It seems that coaching and leadership encouraged freedom of expression, moved away from the negativity of endlessly dwelling on the past defeats, and created a positive culture of hard work, self-belief and confidence that there was hope. The triumphant journey home was a return to the small parishes and local communities where these players grew up. There was a warmth to the embrace of the fans, their joy unbridled, their pride pumped up and all an expression of how magnificent sport can be. Knock basilica had been lit up with the Mayo colours on the eve of the match, and all week we saw how happy people are when their prayers are answered. Well done Mayo.

‘Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.’

This week the readings focus mostly on food, and more particularly on people eating together: a symbol of fellowship and togetherness, and a reminder of God's covenant with his people. Isaiah (First Reading) issues an invitation to such a meal: ‘Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price ... I will make with you an everlasting covenant.’

The Psalm, traditionally sung at meal times by the Israelites, praises the Lord for giving them fulfilling food.

Even when he is tired and grieving the loss of John the Baptist, Jesus still shows compassion for the crowds who follow him (Gospel).

He ensures that they can be fed, transforming the little that the disciples bring him into great abundance. This blessing and sharing of the loaves and fish by Jesus prefigures the meal we share in the Eucharist.

Great comfort and support will be gained when we fully appreciate that nothing whatsoever can separate us from the love of God through Christ our Lord. (Second Reading).

Aware that nothing we do or think can make God love us less or more, we pray this week for all who do not know or accept Jesus as their Lord. We also keep in our prayers those who are in desperate need of food, whether physical or spiritual.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival 13th–16th August

Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included.

Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Youth Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland.



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