

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

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Mass Intentions For This Week

Sunday – Paddy Sheridan (A)

Barry Morrissey (A)

Monday – Prayer Service

Tuesday – Judy Brown (A)

Special Intention

Wednesday – Rosaleen Branigan (A)

Thursday – Special Intention

Friday – Barry Morrissey (A)



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.”

Last Weekend Collections

1st Collection (*The support of Priests*) €465

2nd Collection (*SHARE*) €295

House to House (*Incl. S/O*) €600

Thank you for your continued support.

“Be strong and take heart, all you who hope
in the Lord”
Psalm 1:24

An Invitation to Gather



Please join us next **Sunday, 17March**, after the
10.30am Mass for a chance to gather and chat
with a nice ‘Cuppa’ and maybe even a biscuit!

The Christmas Crib Offerings –

The *Crib Offerings* will be donated to the Holy
Family Maternity Hospital in Bethlehem under
the care of the Sisters of Charity. The total
amount raised this year was €1345.
Thank you to all for your generosity.

The Season of Lent

‘Lent is a season of Fasting, Prayer, and Alms
Giving in preparation for the joy of Easter’



• **Fasting** – Some ideas of fasting include: Fast
from judging others, fast from harsh words,
fast from discontent, fast from anger, fast from
worry, fast from complaining & fast from idle
gossip.

A Few Words from the Fr Joe



On Tuesday morning in the Pro-Cathedral, Archbishop Farrell announced to the congregation that Pope Francis had appointed Fr Donal Roche as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Dublin Diocese. I listened carefully as Fr Donal came forward and addressed the people, including many members of his own family who had gathered for the Mass. He spoke with great humility and conviction, expressing his nervousness in face of this new challenge and his willingness to take on the role assigned to him.

Donal and I are classmates and I’ve known him for 45 years, he is an exceptionally kind and decent man, his general demeanour is to be optimistic and see the glass half full. He spoke about the joy he has experienced as a priest of 38 years and how the experience of ministry has connected him to exceptional people of faith. He declared that he has the same enthusiasm today as he felt on day one and while there are many challenges in the church and country, there is still a great need for the Gospel to be proclaimed and lived out. I was really moved by his tone, his trust in God and this positive outlook.

Moments like this, when something new happens, are a blessing not just for the person concerned but for the whole church and diocese. The Archbishop asked for prayers and support for Bishop Donal, not just in these days when there is a natural sense of celebration, but in the long term as he lives out this new calling in our company.

Donal is currently assigned to the Cabinteely grouping of parishes, which include the whole new development at Cherrywood, where thousands of homes are being built and many people are coming to live. They will have to find a way to start a new Catholic faith community, maybe building their own church and providing schools and places to grow in faith together. Having a new Bishop to guide and inspire them to become part of our church and diocese will be a huge challenge, and also an opportunity to renew the existing parishes. God is always doing something new!

Please remember Bishop elect Donal and keep him in your prayers.

Fr Joe Mullan

Happy Mother’s Day!

This Sunday is our opportunity to show our mothers that they are loved and appreciated.



Let us ask God to bless all Mothers today through the intercession of our Heavenly Mother.

When God Created Mothers

When the good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of overtime, when an angel appeared and said, "Lord, Rest for now. Tomorrow..." "I can't" said the Lord. "I'm so close to creating something like myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick, can feed a family of six on one pound of mince and can get a nine year old to stand under a shower. "The angel circled the model of the mother very slowly.

"She's too soft," she sighed. "But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what the mother can do or endure."

"Can she think?" "Not only think, but she can reason and compromise."

Finally the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told you, you were trying to put too much into this model." "It's not a leak," said the Lord. "It's a tear."

"What's it for?" "It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride." "You're a genius," said the angel. The Lord looked sombre, "I didn't put it there".

Erma Bombeck