

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 – Billy & David Govan (A)

Philip Considine (A)

Monday – Funeral Mass

Tuesday – Harry Griffith (A)

Wednesday – Jo Cruite (RD)

Thursday – Frank Clinton (RD)

Friday – Jo Cruite (RD)



We extend our sympathy to the family of

Teresa Lorimer

whose funeral was held in the church this week.

We prayerfully remember **Stephen Murphy,**

Recently Deceased.

“May all our faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.”

Last Weekend Collections

1st Collection (*The support of Priests*) €485

2nd Collection (*SHARE*) €320

House to House (*Incl. S/O*) €560

Thank you for your continued support.

“Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord”

Psalm 1:24

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A Few Words from the Fr Joe

Happy Easter one and all, for 50 days, until Pentecost this is the appropriate greeting between members of the Christian Community. There is a lot to think and pray about during the Easter Season. We might have a special place in our thoughts for the thousands of people who were received into full communion with the Church through adult baptism, confirmation and communion, at the Easter Vigil. In my brother's parish 8 adults were received into the community a few years ago and I well remember him speaking about what an impact that had on the parish. Of course, as those adults had been journeying on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults within the parish they were already both known and recognised by the parishioners.

The spirit underlying adult baptism is that people approach the faith community with a desire to know more about the Catholic Church and reveal that they feel attracted to this way of life. Over a couple of years, by attending Mass, having a supportive group to help them understand the scriptures they slowly grow to know and love what the community already holds dear and lives out for the world to see. So naturally the Easter Vigil is exciting for them and their families, but it is also a huge affirmation for the parishioners. It is just so uplifting to see their enthusiasm, commitment and hope.

After Easter the newly baptised enter into a period of mystagogy, great word! This describes their journey of discovery as the sacraments are unpacked for them, as they begin to receive the Eucharist and the other sacraments and reflect on the life of Christ, Jesus risen from the dead. They now know they belong, they have a faith community, a home.

Sometimes in our ordinary faith journey, if it began with infant baptism and the sacraments while we were in school, it's possible that we have never had the sense of searching, discovery, being included and then celebrated as a member of the parish community. We might not even realise that our faithful living out our baptism can have a huge effect of others who are searching for a spiritual home. I can't imagine a better place to belong than to this parish, at this moment in time, with all its tradition, and inspiring senior members. There are so many new people around at this time, looking for a spiritual home, and we have the privilege of being a window into the spirit filled community that sustains faith and lives love. Let's live our faith in an open and attractive way, watching out for seekers of truth, talking to them and assuring them of our interest in their journey.

Fr Joe Mullan

Divine Mercy Sunday

We celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday this Sunday, 7th April.

Our Lord appeared to St. Faustina and then directed her to have this appearance of Himself as the Merciful Savior painted and then venerated publicly. He told her, **I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it** (*Diary of St. Faustina*, 341). In the Image, our Risen Savior has pale and red rays streaming from His side. These rays symbolise the Blood and Water that flowed from His side while He was on the cross. But, in His appearance to St. Faustina, they had been transformed into glorious rays, revealing a fount of healing graces for sinners who will turn to Him with trust. That is why the Image always bears the inscription: "Jesus, I trust in You!"

First and foremost, as we gaze upon our Merciful Savior in prayer, we can decide to trust in Him and to perform works of mercy — responding to the call to be merciful just as He has shown mercy to us.

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