

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

Parish Office Mon, Wed & Fri - 9.30am – 11am (Closed Bank Holidays)

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Mass Intentions For This Week



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

Sunday – Noel McDonagh [RD]
Noel & Leo Cannon [A]

Monday – Jerry Hanrahan [A]

Tuesday – Noel Cannon [A]

Wednesday – Noel McDonagh [RD]

Thursday – Leo Cannon [A]

Friday – 1st Friday, November Altar List of the Dead



We extend our sympathy to the family of **Noel McDonagh**, whose funeral was held in the Church this week. Noel was a longtime parishioner here in Clonskeagh and he served on the Finance Committee, Parish Pastoral Council, and volunteered in the Parish on many other occasions. We thank him for his service to Clonskeagh Parish, may he rest in peace. *“May all our faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.”*

PRAYER AND FASTING FOR THE HOLY LAND

The Irish Bishops, meeting in Maynooth on Monday, offered prayers for peace in the Holy Land, for Ukraine, Sudan and in other troubled parts of the world. In particular, bishops discussed the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza, stating: “From all over Ireland, parishioners are reporting their horror and helplessness on seeing images of death and communal destruction in Gaza. Exhausted mothers can no longer nourish their young, children are dying of malnutrition, while aid lorries full of supplies are being refused entry into the territory, or are not safely arriving at their destination. We in Ireland must pray for a change of heart. Throughout the month of June – the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – we call on everyone to pray for an outpouring of the compassion of God on a heartless world. To see the relentless bombardment of civilian areas, the deliberate withholding of food from the starving, as well as the callous holding of hostages, it appears that humanity has lost its heart. In the face of these horrors, we invite everyone to turn to the heart of Jesus throughout the month of June by praying for the renewal of heart that our world so desperately needs.”
We call on all Catholics to make the first Friday, June 6, a day of prayer and fasting in solidarity with our sisters and brothers who are suffering at this time in the Holy Land.

Last Weekend Collections

1st Collection (*The support of Priests*) €475
2nd Collection (*Share*) €305
House to House (*Incl. S/O*) €350
Thank you for your continued support.

A Few Words from Fr Joe...

The month of May can be a bit of a rollercoaster of activity in parish life. With the Easter liturgies behind us, and the Confirmations over, the month began with many celebrations of First Penance which then led onto multiple First Holy Communions and then towards the end of the month a variety of Graduation Masses and end of year liturgies. Needless to say the ordinary Masses, funerals and baptisms all had to be managed too. The experience of preparing, leading and sharing in all of these special moments is very enriching and uplifting. So many people come to our parish for these events, from far and near. With the First Penance, it's fascinating to see how the parents embrace this experience, which they might recall from their own childhood, as it impacts on their child. I guess the whole celebration is more infused with joy and doesn't carry much fear, but saying sorry is always a challenge and with courage and confidence the children recognise that they are not always angels and genuinely seek forgiveness. Watching the hugs, strong and long, communicated a sense of pride, and maybe some relief. The First Holy Communions continue to be totally familiar, very similar to how we've always done them, and yet very special. The Grandparents always make a huge effort to be present, affirm what their children are doing for the grandchildren and radiate happiness and joy. The wider family gather too and all revel in the sacred moment and then move off to enjoy the bouncy castle and special meal. If only we could bottle the moment! I was very touched at the Oatlands Graduation when I realised that these young men, facing into the leaving cert and their futures, had started back in 2019 new to the school just as I started in the parish. We have enjoyed opening of year masses, Advent service and end of year liturgies for their 6 years of secondary school, time passes so quickly! At the close of the month I'm very proud of our three parishes in this partnership, the priests who serve and the people who support all that we do. The teachers have been inspiring and the music and liturgies a credit to them. It has been wonderful to be in the church with so many happy people and no doubt something of the mystery of faith and the love of God will have rubbed off on them all. Still I'm glad every month isn't as busy as May!

Fr Joe Mullan

Moderator of Clonskeagh, Kilmacud & Mount Merrion Parishes

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT BEGINS THIS SUNDAY

You are warmly invited to join once again with every parish in the diocese in the annual Novena to the Holy Spirit – our dedicated period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The Novena will take place in the nine days from 1st – 9th June beginning on the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of St Columba on Monday 9th June.

Let us pray....

*Come, Holy Spirit, revive and renew us
Come, Holy Spirit, inspire and enthuse us
Come, Holy Spirit, unbind and release us*

*Open our eyes to see God's grace around us
Open our ears to hear God's voice within us
Open our hearts to welcome God among us*

*Send us out with joy to live the Gospel
Send us out with peace to act as one
Send us out with love to build up hope
Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us
St Laurence O'Toole, pray for us
St Kevin, pray for us
St Brigid, pray for us*

