



TRINITY OF FAITH

KILMACUD PARISH NEWSLETTER

7th December 2025
2nd Sunday of Advent

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	10.00am
Vigil Mass		6.00pm	6:00pm
Sunday	10.30am	11:30am	10:00am & 7:30pm

Confessions
after 10am Mass
on Saturday in
Kilmacud

Volunteer Coffee Morning

Calling all our Parish volunteers!
Come and join us for tea/coffee & a
mince pie on Tuesday 9th Dec @
10.30am in the Parish Centre.
Thank you for all you do, all year
long to support the Parish

Christmas Items for sale in the
Parish Office
Church Art Calendar - €2
Christmas Mass Bouquets

Selection of Christmas Cards too

Obelisk

This year's edition of our annual
journal Obelisk is now on sale. It
is the 20 th anniversary
edition and has memories of
times past, stories of local people
and places and information on
the society's events during 2025.
Cost is €8 and copies are
available from Gráinne in the
Parish Centre.

Operation Smile

Date: Tuesday, 9th December 2025
Time: 7:30 PM
Venue: St. Therese Parish Church,
Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin
Tickets: Adults €10.00 / Children Free
Booking:
www.operationsmile.ie/carols or pay
at the door

2nd Sunday of Advent

This weekend we light the second
candle on our Advent wreath which
symbolises peace
Prepare the Way of the Lord

The Annual SVP appeal will
take place this Sunday 7th
December

Voucher appeal for SVP

We are inviting people to bring in a
voucher (instead of toys) which will
go to SVP to support families in
need this Christmas.

Vouchers from Dunnes or Tesco
would be welcomed. You can leave
vouchers into the office during the
week or hand them to the Sacristan
at weekend Masses

We welcome parishioners to join us
for exploring the Sunday Gospels
during Advent continuing on
Thursdays in the Parish Centre @

11am
All welcome

Department of Education survey



www.gov.ie/en/department-of-

Mass Intentions

6th & 7th December

Sheila Kelly (A)
Donal Bolger (A)
Billy & Mai Fyans
Dec'd members of Lynch &
Loughrey family (Intention)
Nell Power (1st A)
Katie Dollard (A)
11.30am
Kathleen Murray (A)
Catherine & Denis
Redmond & Mary
Fitzpatrick
Leo Young (A)
Patrick & Marie Turner (A)
& Paul Turner
Seamus & Jack Kavanagh
Mario Mowlds
Mary G Nolan (MM)

13th & 14th December

Sean & Phil Woods (A)
Eddie Wallace (4th A)
Tom Foley (A)
Peter & Noeline Murray
(Birthday Remembrance)
Norah Hogan (A)
11.30am
Peg Quinn (1st A)
Pedar MacNiallais (A)
Bill & May Murphy (A)
Martin Ruane (A)
Jim Byrne & Mary Byrne
Kathleen O'Leary (MM)

The Jesse Tree

During Advent, symbols are added to the tree,
representing a key person or event from Creation and
Noah to the prophets and, finally, the birth of Jesus.
As the symbols accumulate, they remind us of God's
promises and how all of Scripture leads to the coming
of Christ. It reminds us throughout Advent that as a
parish we are journeying towards the Nativity together.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mass in Kilmacud & in Mount Merrion @ 10am on
Monday 8th

Mass Intentions 10am Monday 8th December

Vera Fitzpatrick (1st A)
Cornelius & Cecelia Clifford
John, Francis & Mary D Silke
Patrick McColgan (A)
Hilda Mascarenhas (A)
Aurea Sequeira (A)

A few words from Fr Joe....

At a funeral Mass recently the celebrant mentioned a picture of Jesus which had hung on the kitchen wall of their family home. This was an image much loved by his mother he told us, then he held up a copy of that image for us all to see. It showed Jesus, his head tilted back, mouth open with laughter, with bright eyes, it was really nice. I don't think I had ever seen this picture before, or even thought of Our Lord laughing. The priest did quote his nephew asking Nan what Jesus was laughing at, and his mum responding, "My cooking!"

I'm sure many of us who were listening immediately thought what is it in my life that might cause the Lord to laugh with me. There are so many things we do and say that make other people laugh, sometimes it is the joke we tell, other times how silly we are and we all know it is good to laugh, especially at ourselves. Humour often helps and in moments when we are laughing believing that Jesus joins in the laughter does establish another connection to our Lord, making him even more real in our lives.

Afterwards I thought that I had in fact seen a smiling Jesus, at least when he was a baby. So many crib figures depict the Lord with his eyes open, taking in the world around him, and a smile on his lips. Babies often smile at the people who love them, pick them up, say sweet words to them. Babies who can't speak their appreciation for food, love, being held and rocked, can at least smile, laugh, giggle. Many adults intentionally make the baby laugh by pulling funny faces, it seems we all find that response from a little child heart-warming, affirming and desirable.

At the end of the homily we were told that his mother taught her children that this laughing Jesus had two requests of us all, to "Do this in memory of me" at the Eucharist, and 'Love your neighbour as yourself', to go out and be kind to others. Maybe the best faith formation happens in the kitchen, and when Jesus laughs.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SURVEY – HAVE YOUR SAY

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland. The survey is school specific and needs to be responded to by all parents and prospective parents locally.

It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard. It is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic education for their children, and the support for sacramental preparation available in Catholic schools, would have their voice heard also. For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, please participate in this survey if you are a parent or a prospective parent of a Primary school student.

It closes on Tuesday, December 16.

PARTNERSHIP TEAM

Fr. Joe Mullan, PP, Moderator
Fr. Peter Ewaoche Johnson, CC
Fr. Fergus O'Donoghue, SJ, PC
Fr. Paddy O'Byrne, PC
Fr. Brian O'Reilly, AP
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