

NEW TEAM AT CLONARD

Since September 2010, two new members have joined the team at Clonard. Paula Alker who is on a voluntary year placement from Germany and Declan Byrne from Co. Armagh. We bid farewell to Patrice Henderson after five years who has moved on to pastures new and Margareta Pizer who has returned to Germany to start university. We wish them every success in the future.



Paula, Declan & Brendan

SCHOOL RETREATS

We have been very busy with School Retreats at Clonard. Over one thousand pupils have been on Retreat since September. We have been blessed with many fantastic days with wonderful young people. We would like to thank all those schools that we are in partnership with, especially the teachers and chaplains who organise the Retreats. Without you these days would not be possible. We extend a heartfelt thanks to each and every young person who has joined us on Retreat for bringing so much to each day, without their presence the day would not have been the same.

We eagerly await beginning Retreats again in 2011. If you would like to book a school Retreat or would like further information do not hesitate to contact us. Please find our details overleaf.

LOURDES 2010




In September a number of our young people accompanied the Clonard Lourdes Pilgrimage as a care team. The group offered support, assistance and company to the sick and elderly on the pilgrimage. It was great to see such energy and enthusiasm throughout the week.

“Lourdes was a fantastic experience. It was great to see so many young people from across the world celebrating their faith but also putting it into practice by helping those around them.”



SUNDAY NIGHTS @ CLONARD

We have been running a programme of events each Sunday night since October for 17-24 year olds at Clonard. There has been a diverse range of themes explored and experienced over the weeks including

-  A visit to Fisherwick Presbyterian Church to join the congregation in their Evening Service.
-  An evening of spiritual reflection entitled “The Potters Hand” using clay.
-  A discussion about the future of vocation and religious life in Ireland.

The programme will culminate with the group organising a Christmas party for the children of the local district. Santa Claus might even make an appearance !

The “Sunday Nights” have been a great success due to the interest and participation of so many young people. We look forward to more events in 2011



LVIV 2010 — TO BE LIKE YOU

A group of 13 young people and leaders from Clonard joined an Irish delegation that took part in the Redemptorist Youth Congress held in Lviv, Ukraine, in August. The Congress gathered together over 500 participants from 17 Redemptorist provinces across the world. It was a fantastic event that celebrated life, culture and faith. The theme of the event “To be like you” was unpacked each day using subthemes, “To live like you, To appreciate like you, To be silent like you”. In small groups and workshops, the young people examined Christian life and identity through discussion, drama, music and art. The week long event saw a fusion of cultures and traditions with many performances and concerts. Each province delegation participated in these events presenting songs and role plays to reflect their tradition. There was a mix in traditional and modern prayer and religious celebrations during the Congress. The host province is part of the Byzantine Rite of the Church, which provided a great opportunity to experience a different way to worship. Everyone who attended had a fantastic time and are eagerly awaiting the next Congress in Italy in 2013.



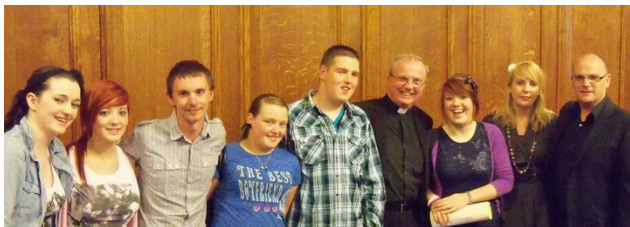
YOUTH OUTREACH 2010



We had yet another successful Summer Outreach this year at Clonard. Thirty young people participated in this active citizenship programme which involves organising and leading a range of activities for the children of the Clonard district for a week in August. All the hard work of the group paid off which was seen in the smiles and happiness of the children of the area and there parents! Not only were the group serving the needs of the local community but they established many strong friendships with each other and proved to be great role models for the young boys and girls of Clonard.

YOUTH AWARDS

In June 15 young people from Clonard Youth Outreach received OCN Certificates in Youth Leadership Level 1 & 2. Some of them are pictured below with Bishop Donal McKeown who presented the awards. Congratulations to you all!



2011 Events

January

Clonard Church will be closing early in the new year for restoration. Youth ministry will not be interrupted in any way.

Spring

New Day programme will begin for 16-18 year olds helping them to explore issues of faith and identity. Details to follow.

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