



28th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

11th October 2020

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A special triduum in honour of St Gerard Majella will take place from Wednesday 14th October - Friday 16th October, feast day of St Gerard.

Mass times:
Wednesday 14th, 9.30am, & 6.15pm. (Public Mass).
Thursday 15th, 9.30am, & 6.15pm. (Public Mass).
Friday 16th, 9.30am, & 6.15pm. (Public Mass).

Please write your Petitions and Thanksgivings to St Gerard and put them in the box at St Gerard's Shrine.
Preacher is **Fr Peter Burns**.



PERPETUAL NOVENA PRAYERS, on Thursday 15th October, will only be said at 7am and 9pm Masses.

Webcam and Public Masses in Clonard

MASSES via the WEBCAM

PUBLIC MASSES in CLONARD

7.00am	9.30am	11.00am		Sunday October 11.	7.00am	9.30am	11.00am	12.30pm
7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm		Monday October 12.	7.00am	9.30am		
7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm		Tuesday October 13	7.00am	9.30am		
7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm		Wednesday October 14. St Gerard Triduum	7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm	
7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm	9.00pm	Thursday October 15. St Gerard Triduum	7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm	
7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm		Friday October 16. St Gerard Triduum	7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm	
7.00am	9.30am	7.30pm [Vigil Mass]		Saturday October 17.	7.00am	9.30am	7.30pm [Vigil Mass]	

Please wear face coverings when entering the church.
Use hand-sanitisers on entering and leaving the church.
Sit only on designated seats.

The church will be open daily for **individual visits:**
11.00am to 5.00pm [Monday to Saturday]
2.00pm to 5pm [Sunday]



November Pious List of the Dead

The month of November, when we remember our deceased loved ones is fast approaching. Pious List of the Dead leaflets and envelopes are available at the back of the church for the names of your deceased loved ones. Please place completed leaflets/envelopes and offerings in the box at St Joseph's altar. **In Current circumstances**, there won't be the usual November shrine at St Joseph's Altar so we ask you not to bring or to leave any Memoriam cards or photographs of your loved ones.



GOD'S WORD IN OCTOBER 2020

11th OCTOBER TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings Isa 25:6-10; Ps23: Phil 4:1-14,19-20;Matt 22:1-14

Are you Going to the Wedding?

The prophets often saw Israel's relationship to God as a marriage and Jesus used the same imagery of a marriage-feast for the Kingdom of Heaven. To refuse an invitation to a royal wedding was a serious matter, an insult to the king. Like last Sunday's parable, this recalls how Israel, throughout its history, rejected God's messengers, the prophets. When the king 'dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town,' Matthew is probably thinking of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in AD 70, some years before his Gospel was written. The empty places at the banquet will be filled, but not by those who were originally invited. Just as the first group of servants represents the prophets sent to Israel, the second group, sent out to invite 'anyone they could find, good and bad alike,' represents Christian missionaries to the Gentiles so that the banquet is filled with guests. This is another allegory or 'coded story' of the mission of Jesus the Messiah to Jews and how it was continued by his followers in their Gentile mission. The little parable of the wedding garment does not seem to sit comfortably with the inclusive and optimistic vision of the wedding feast. It is the first time we hear that there were conditions attached to the invitation, such coming properly dressed. Matthew's point is that, although the invitation is extended to 'good and bad alike,' such an extraordinary privilege cannot be treated casually. Gentile converts cannot assume that they have been freed from the obligation of continuous daily conversion any more than the Jews of the past to whom the prophets were sent. The mystery of the Kingdom of the heavens breaks in to our lives as unexpectedly as an invitation to a royal wedding, but it cannot be treated casually for it demands a whole hearted response.



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Trócaire thanks everyone for their contributions to this year's Lenten campaign which raised £1,418. This will make a life-changing difference for families throughout the developing world, helping them to improve their lives, meet their basic needs and receive basic human dignity and rights.



We thank you for last week's collection which came to £1,495.00, for Clonard, £640.00 for the Bishop's collection.

