



# 30th Sunday of the Year

## 24th October 2021

### Mission Sunday

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#### MASS TIMES AT CLONARD

#### Public Mass & Masses via Webcam

**Sunday (Vigil Sat- 7.30pm),** 7.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, and 12.30pm.  
**Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri.**  
7.00am, 9.30am and 6.15pm.  
**Thursday (Novena)** 7.00am, 9.30am, 6.15pm and 8.00pm.  
**Saturday** 7.00am, 9.30am & 12.00 Noon.



We thank you for last week's Collection which came to £2,253.  
Also for your kind donations, online and by post.  
**Mission Sunday Annual Collection held in all Churches today.**

The month of November, when we remember our deceased loved ones, is fast approaching. Pious lists of the dead and envelopes are available at the back of the church for you to write the names of your deceased loved ones and have them remembered on our November Altar to the Dead. Please place completed envelopes Please note that there is no one authorised to distribute pious lists of the dead to your homes on our behalf. and offerings in the box at St Joseph's altar.



**November Altar to the Dead: In line with ongoing Covid precautions,** please leave all Memoriam cards and photographs for the November altar in the baskets provided, to be placed in the shrine by Church staff. We ask that no one enter the shrine this year. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **GOD'S WORD IN October 2021**

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24 October 2021

Mission Sunday

#### **Today's Readings**

Jr 31:7-9; Ps 125; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

Let me see again

Bartimaeus is determined to recover the gift of sight. The blind beggar has heard about Jesus and is desperate to meet him. So when he finds out the route along which Jesus will be leaving town, he positions himself strategically by the side of the road. This is his chance to meet Jesus. He knows he may never get it again.

As Jesus passes along, Bartimaeus grabs his opportunity. He cries out as loud as he can, "Son of David, have pity on me." People tell him to keep quiet, but he shouts all the louder. And Jesus hears his prayer. He tells the bystanders to bring the man to him. When Jesus asks him: "What do you want me to do for you?" Bartimaeus answers, "To see again." Jesus compliments him on his great faith that has saved him, and restores his sight. And Bartimaeus follows him along the road.

The wonderful thing about Bartimaeus is his faith in Jesus. He believes in Jesus' power to heal him. He has an absolute, total trust in Jesus. The ironic thing is that even though he is blind, Bartimaeus is able to see Jesus for who he really is. He has a deeper faith than the disciples and others who have two good eyes. The one apparently blind "sees" more than those claiming sight. We celebrate World Mission Sunday 2021 with the following theme: "It is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). Bartimaeus witnessed to Jesus. Like him, we also are called to be missionaries of the Gospel in our time and place.

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#### **Feast Days this week:**

Thursday 28th October: St Simon & St Jude, Apostles.

#### **Celebration of Mass for the Deceased Teachers of the Diocese of Down and Connor**

Tuesday 2nd November 2021 at 7.30pm Good Shepherd Church, (Holy Rosary Parish) Ormeau Road, Belfast. Holy Rosary Parish live webcam stream at churchmedia.tv  
Please forward by Friday 29th October 2021 the name and school of any teacher of the diocese who has died during the past twelve months to:  
Fr Edward McGee: Tele 028 9049 1886 Email: [dctrusteeservice@downandconnor.org](mailto:dctrusteeservice@downandconnor.org)

#### **Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre Team**

19 - 21 November 2021 - Broken Open: How difficult times can help us grow.  
Email: [admin@dromantineconference.com](mailto:admin@dromantineconference.com)

**FACE COVERINGS must be worn when entering and exiting the Church, this is still a legal requirement. Face coverings are strongly recommended at all other times even when seated.**

