



1st Sunday of Advent 28th November 2021

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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 £1,638 for Clonard, £695 for the Bishop's collection. Also for your kind donations, online and by post.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Celebration of the Sacrament will begin again next **Saturday, December 4th** - in the Lower Tribune and the Sacristy. Safety protocols will be strictly observed.
Times: 10.30am – 11.30am and 4.00pm – 5.00pm



SHRINE FOR THE DEAD

We'd ask you to collect the Memoriam Cards, Photos, etc. that you left for the November Shrine. They'll be available on the tables at the front of St Joseph's altar.



GOD'S WORD IN NOVEMBER 2021

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Today's Readings

Jr 33:14-16; Ps 24; 1 Thess 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28.34-36
Stay awake

Events in the world can alert us to the activity of God - or they can prove a huge distraction. Jesus speaks of signs that the kingdom is near at hand, the kingdom that will bring liberation to all those who are captives. He stresses the importance of being attentive to the signs that the kingdom is near. There can be no precise prediction when all the events foretold will take place, so attentiveness must be second nature. Whatever happens, whenever it happens, the disciple must be prepared.

For Jesus, attentiveness is not simply waiting idly for something to occur. Attentiveness is opportunity for prayer and preparation. The disciple knows that the glory of the Lord is just around the corner and lives in expectation, knowing that the present order will pass and the new order will take its place. When all comes to pass that is to come to pass, the attentive disciple will not be taken by surprise.



Courtesy of REALITY magazine

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2021

This year we are asking for cash or voucher donations instead of toys or food. If you wish to donate there are **SVDP blue envelopes** at the back of the Church which you can take away and bring back to us. Any donations are greatly appreciated and will help those families in need in this area. Please place the envelope in the box at the back of the Church.

Many families will face impossible choices this Christmas.



The last date for requests for assistance is Wednesday 15th December.

Advent Meditations with Joseph and Mary

The Living Church office are offering two online programmes following the footsteps of Joseph and Mary as they travel towards Bethlehem. The programme runs for 4 weeks and provides 1 hour of prayer and reflection with scripture. Participants will receive an accompanying prayer journal to use each day at home. Advent meditations with Joseph began on Thursday 25th November at 7pm. Advent meditations with Mary begins on Sunday 28th November at 7pm. If you would like to join please e-mail livingchurch@downandconnor.org indicating which programme you are interested in.

Feast Days this week:

Tuesday 30th November: St Andrew, Apostle
Friday 3rd December: St Francis Xavier

Special Large Christmas Mass Bouquets, depicting Clonard Crib, are now available from Reception. A large selection of Christmas Mass Bouquets and other Christmas Cards are also available.