



## 19th Sunday of the Year

7th August 2022

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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 £2,137 for Clonard, £847 for the Bishop's collection. Also for your kind donations, online and by post.

### Feast Days this week::

Monday 8th: St. Dominic, Founder of the Dominicans

Tuesday 9th: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) Patron of Europe

Wednesday 10th: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Thursday 11th: St. Clare, Founder of the Poor Clares

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

The sacrament will be celebrated in the Lower Tribune (crying chapel) and in the Sacristy.

**Thursday** -10.30am -11.30am and 4.00pm – 5.00pm

**Saturday** – 10.30am – 11.30am; and 4.00pm – 5.00pm

### Living Responsibly

"See that you have your belts done up and your lamps lit." What meaning can these words have for us, after so many centuries of Christianity? The belts and the lamps indicate the attitude that the servants should have as they await the return of their master. Whenever he comes, they need to be there with their sleeves rolled up and ready for action. They need to be there with the lamps lit, to have the house lit up and to keep themselves awake.

We are called to live responsibly, not in a state of passive lethargy. In the Church's history it sometimes seems very dark. That does not justify us simply turning off the lights and abandoning hope. It's the time to awaken our faith and try to plan the future, even in an old and tired Church. The main obstacle to the renewal our Church needs today is the passivity of so many Christians. Unfortunately, for centuries we have been taught to be submissive to authority, rather than be active agents in our own church. But today, we all need to think, project and promote new paths of faithfulness to Jesus. We need our leaders to encourage the laity to live their discipleship actively. This was one of the main aims of Vatican II, the first council that was concerned directly and explicitly about vocation of lay people. Individual believers today can be the leaven of our parishes in a renewed following of Jesus. They are the greatest potential for the health of Christianity. We need them more than ever to build a Church that is both open to the problems of today's world and that is close to actual men and women.

### Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre: Weekend Workshop

Friday 19 August (5pm)-Sunday 21 August (2pm) 2022

Title: The Long Goodbye - Practical Advice for Caregivers of People Living with Dementia. Many people living with dementia or caring for them feel as though they are alone. This workshop seeks to provide practical information and support so as to build a bridge of connection and understanding. We will explore each stage of the 'journey with dementia' from a person-centred perspective and explain how best to offer support to ensure the best quality of life for the person living with dementia and the people around them. Workshop Facilitator: Father Hugh Lagan SMA, Price £220.

Please contact Jacinta or Louisa to reserve your place:

Tel: 028 3082 1964. admin@dromantineconference.com

Accord NI are Recruiting Volunteer Facilitators and are organising a selection day in September. If you would like to be part of the Accord Marriage Preparation Team, please contact 02890233002 email: info@accordni.com. Closing date is 31st August 2022.

