



Christ King of the Universe 20th November 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 Redemptorist Solidarity Fund collection which came to £3,746.
Also for your kind donations, online and by post.

Mass of Hope in Clonard Church for those bereaved by suicide on **Sunday 27th November at 3pm.** All denominations welcome.



Feast Days this week:

Monday 21st November: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday 22nd November: St Cecilia
Wednesday 23rd November: St Columbanus
Friday 25th November: St Colman

Prince of Peace

As Jesus was crucified, people mocked him as "the king of the Jews." The inscription calling him by that title that was nailed to his cross, was meant to be ironic. Jesus had said to Pontius Pilate, "I am a king. I was born for this. I came into the world for this" but he also declared that his kingship was not of this world. Most people today find it hard to empathise with royalty. In the modern world the concept of kingly rule evokes authoritarianism, class distinction and a world of unjust, unearned privilege, but this is far from the biblical notion of kingship. The kingship of Christ is non-political, universalist and non-national. It aims at a special kind of justice, not based on fallible human laws, but to help and protect the weak, the poor and the helpless.

A fresh start was needed, something that Jesus wanted to bring, ultimately through the complete sacrifice of himself. Although Christ died in apparent powerlessness, his was the greater, spiritual power, to be revealed at the end of time. The repentant thief caught a glimpse of this when he called out, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus used parables to explain the kingdom of God, evoking its mysterious presence in this world. For example, the mustard seed was the smallest of all seeds, the most insignificant of all things. Yet out of it comes a huge tree. God's kingdom comes in a hidden way, in spite of seeming failure. As with the mustard seed, this small beginning holds the promise of a magnificent ending. "I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us," wrote Saint Paul.

Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy & Religious There will be a Mass for Deceased Clergy and Religious who have died during the last three years. All Parishioners, Clergy and Religious throughout the Diocese are invited to join the families of the deceased to offer Mass together with Bishop Noel. Monday 28th November 2022 St Peter's Cathedral (Belfast) 7:00 pm The Mass will also be broadcast online at: www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral

Knock All Night Vigil:- Wednesday 7th December, returning to Belfast Thursday 8th December at 12noon Bus leaving Clonard Monastery at 1:30pm, also picking up at Westwood Centre at 2:00pm - Price £60 dinner and breakfast included. To book contact Brendan Tel: 028 9066 5211 (9am – 5pm).

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