



4th Sunday of the Year 29th January 2023

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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 £3,162.
Also for your kind donations, online and by post.

Feast Days this week::

Tuesday 31st January: St. John Bosco

Wednesday February 1st: Feast of St Brigid, (secondary Patron of Ireland).

Thursday February 2nd: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life. Candles will be Blessed at all Masses

Friday February 3rd: Feast of St. Blaise, Blessing of throats after each Mass.

Dreams.... Visions for Belfast 29th January - 5th February

The 4 Corners Festival seeks to inspire people from across the city to transform it for the peace and wellbeing of all. It consists of innovative events designed to entice people out of their own 'corners' of the city and into new places where they will encounter new perspectives, new ideas, and new friends. For full festival programme go to www.4cornersfestival.com. **Of special interest will be the event we are hosting in Clonard Church. We Have A Dream: Role Of Women In Peace-building on Tuesday, 31 Jan. at 7.30pm. All are welcome.**



Happy Attitudes

If you visit Galilee in the Springtime, you'll see how beautiful it is; including the places where Jesus taught the crowds. One sunny morning on the hill of the beatitudes overlooking the lake, with the hill ablaze with flowers, it dawned on me what an eye Jesus had for the beauty of nature. The depth of his words on that occasion was matched by the beauty of his surroundings. What he said there was radical and paradoxical. How his listeners reacted to his words then is hard to say. What is our reaction to them today? Imagine a father or mother giving the beatitudes as advice to their teenage son or daughter as they set out to make their way in the world. Would we advise them to be detached from property, to be gentle, not competitive, to risk all on behalf of human rights and saving the environment?

How often we imply if we do not say to our children: "It's not what you know but who you know that counts." Whatever gentleness may achieve, it won't help you climb the ladder of success. To succeed in business you must be pushy and aggressive and possibly ruthless as well. The attitudes Jesus calls blessed are the opposite to fierce competition. As St Paul says: "It was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones God has chosen."

"Those who lament the fewness of "practising Catholics" may have reduced this notion to attendance at Sunday Mass. There is no mention of that in the beatitudes. Jesus simply listed some qualities needed to enter the kingdom of heaven. These "happy attitudes" are the charter of the kingdom. They are ideals that are well-nigh unattainable. They are values to aim at, meant to help us moderate our lifestyles. History produces some people who incarnate these beatitudes, like a Francis of Assisi or a Mother Teresa, or some specially dedicated individuals that we may be privileged to know. As St Paul says, God has made us members of Christ, "who is our wisdom, our virtue, our holiness and our freedom."

St Agnes' Parish Novena to: Our Lady of Lourdes 3rd to 11th February 2023

Preacher: Fr Clement MacManúis C.Ss.R.

Mass Times: Sunday: 9.30am & 12.30pm

Monday to Friday: 10am & 7pm Saturday: 1pm & 6.30pm (Vigil)

Novena Mass for the Sick: Sat 11th Feb at 1pm

All Novena Sessions will be available online through the Parish webcam

St Brigid's Day Lecture: Wednesday 1st February at 7.30pm, St Bride's Parish Centre
Guest Speaker: Michael Kelly (Editor of The Irish Catholic) Theme: "When the Son of Man comes will he find faith on earth? – the future of Irish Catholicism" All Welcome