



Ascension of the Lord

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MASS TIMES AT CLONARD Public Mass & Masses via Webcam

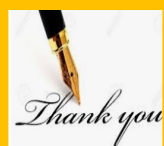
Sunday (Vigil Sat- 7.30pm), 7.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, and 12.30pm.

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 £3,199.

Also for your kind donations, online and by post.

The collection for The Education of Diocesan Students to the Priesthood will be included today

Clonard Solemn Novena 2023

Wednesday 14th - Thursday 22nd June

The Solemn Novena is a wonderful festival of faith for all. It is a time to celebrate and renew our faith as a community. We pray with Mary and give thanks for God's outpouring of abundant graces and love. Come join us. All are welcome!



Novena Times

Mon to Sat: 6.45am, 9.30am, 11.30am, 4.00pm, 6.00pm & 8.00pm

Sun: 6.45am, 9.30am, 11.30am, 1.00pm, 4.00pm, 6.00pm & 8.00pm

Watch live on webcam: www.clonard.com Follow on Twitter & Facebook

Feast Days this week:

Friday 25th: St. Philip Neri

Saturday 26th: St. Augustine of Canterbury

INSTALLATION OF NEW RECTOR

Fr Brendan Kelly, who has been appointed Rector of Clonard, will be installed at the 11.00am Mass next Sunday - May 28th.

Last Will and Testament

In the gospel we have just heard Our Lord's final instructions, his Last Will and Testament. Just before leaving them, he reminds them of what he expects of them. Earlier he had sent them out to spread the Kingdom of God. Those who go in his name, do so with *his* authority.

In Matthew's version he now adds this great promise, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Mark says that "the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it". And Luke emphasises that they will be "clothed with power from on high", that is, with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Their mission was both easy and hard: easy to understand but hard to carry out. It was to teach others all that he had taught them. Just as he asked them to follow his way, they were to ask that others should follow that way too. His Gospel remains a call to live our lives to the full:

You write a new page of the gospel each day,

through all that you do and whatever you say.

Others read what you write, be it faithful or true.

So what is the gospel according to you?

He is with us always. This can be a real help against loneliness. Being alone is not the same as being lonely. One can feel lonely in a crowded street; or alternatively, like Cicero, *never less alone than when alone*. This applies especially to those who believe the promise, "I am with you always." Talking with him doesn't even need words. If we are open to His presence in our heart, and treasure it, we can experience fully that "Joy of the Gospel" so warmly described for us by Pope Francis.

The Clonard Peace Ministry Facebook account was hacked

recently. Unfortunately we have had to delete it. A new Facebook account will be opened soon. We will let you know when it is live.



Prayer for Exams: If you wish to pray for a student during this exam time, you can enter your prayer in a special book of intentions at St Joseph's Altar, where your intention will be remembered in a special way at daily Prayer here in Clonard. Exam prayer candles are available: suggested offering 50p. You may write the student's name on the candle, which will then be placed at the Shrine.



Cemetery Sundays 2023

Hannahstown: Sunday 28th of May at 3pm

Rock Cemetery: Sunday 4th June at 3pm

Tullyrusk Cemetery: Sunday 4th June 1.30pm