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CLONARD SOLEMN NOVENA 2023

Wednesday 14th - Thursday 22nd June.

Novena Times 6.45am, 9.30am, 11.30am, 4.00pm, 6.00pm,
8.00pm and an extra session on Sunday at 1pm.

The Solemn Novena is a wonderful festival of faith for all.
This year we will celebrate the Spirit-led renewal that is
happening in our Church. We pray with Mary and give
thanks for God's outpouring of abundant graces and crazy
love. Come and join us. *All are welcome.*



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK



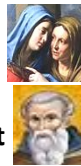
Monday 29 May Mary, Mother of the Church



Wednesday 31 May The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday 1 June St. Justin, martyr

Saturday 3 June St. Kevin, abbot



We **thank you** for last week's Collections which came to
£2462 for Clonard and

£1046 for the Education of Diocesan Students to the Priesthood.

We are also very grateful for the donations online and by post.

Prayers and the Blessing of Graves will take place on the following
dates for the respective **Cemetery Sundays**.

Hannahstown Cemetery Sunday 28 May at 3.00pm

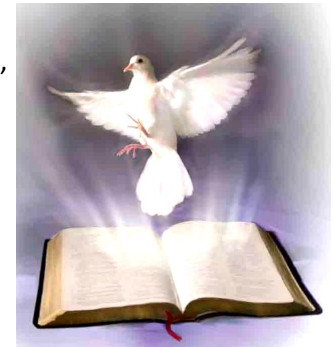
Tullyrusk Cemetery Sunday 4 June at 1.30pm

St Peter's the Rock Cemetery Sunday 4 June at 3.00pm



The Spirit who bears fruit

In our churches there is no shortage of images, mostly statues, paintings or stained glass. They are mostly images of Jesus, Mary and the saints. There is a long tradition of images within the church, beginning with the paintings in the Roman Catacombs. The Holy Spirit, whose feast we celebrate on Pentecost, does not lend itself easily to imagery. The Holy Spirit is impossible to visualise, because the Spirit cannot be seen as such. Yet the Holy Spirit is *profoundly real*.



Many things in our universe are real even though invisible to the naked eye. What we see with our eyes is only a fraction of our physical world. The Holy Spirit belongs to the spiritual world, and it naturally cannot see the Spirit with our eyes. Yet, there are helpful ways of *imagining* the Holy Spirit. St Paul uses an image drawn nature when he says that the Spirit bears fruit. He means the visible effect of the Spirit on one's life. We may not be able to see the Holy Spirit, but we can see the effect of the Spirit in our life, just as we cannot see the wind but can see the effect of the wind on people and objects of various kinds. Paul is saying that wherever we find love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control, the Spirit is there at work. The Spirit becomes visible in and through these qualities and virtues. The person who most of all had those qualities was Jesus because he was full of the Holy Spirit, full of the *life of God*. The Holy Spirit is essentially the very life of God, and that life is a life of love. It is that divine life, that divine love, which was poured out at Pentecost. Paul expresses this simply in his letter to the Romans, 'God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us'. The Spirit is constantly at work in our lives, making us more like Jesus. The ordinary, day to day expressions of goodness and kindness, of faithfulness and self-control, of patience and gentleness, are all manifestations of the Spirit that has been given to us by God.

WEBCAM AND PUBLIC MASSES IN CLONARD



7.00am	9.30am	11.00am	12.30pm	Sunday May 28 th
7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm		Monday May 29 th
7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm		Tuesday May 30 th
7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm		Wednesday May 31 st
7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm	8.00pm	Thursday June 1 st [Novena Masses]
7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm		Friday June 2 nd
7.00am	9.30am	12noon	7.30pm [Vigil Mass]	Saturday June 3 rd