



24th Sunday of the Year

17th September 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 £2,467
 Also for your kind donations, online and by post.

Feast Days this week:

Wednesday 20th: Korean Martyrs
 Thursday 21st: St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
 Saturday 23rd: St Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

TOGETHER: Gathering of the People of God

As the synod in Rome begins in October, we encourage people to pray for the Synod and in particular for the delegates from the Irish Church, Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ and Bishop Brendan Leahy. St Patrick's Donegall St, Belfast will host a prayer service to pray for the Synod on Saturday 30th September at 7pm. This ecumenical service will include Taize music and everyone is welcome.

SEASON OF CREATION

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CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE SEARCH FOR JUSTICE

“Let Justice and Peace Flow” is the theme of this year’s Season



Let Justice and Peace Flow
 Season of Creation 2023

of Creation, inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: “Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream” (5:24). The evocative image used by Amos speaks to us of what God desires. God wants justice to reign; it is as essential to our life as God’s children made in his likeness as water is essential for our physical survival. ... When we “seek first the kingdom of God”, maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity and nature, then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures.

On a beautiful summer day in July 2022, during my pilgrimage to Canada, I reflected on this on the shores of Lac St. Anne in Alberta. That lake has been a place of pilgrimage for many generations of indigenous people. Surrounded by the beating of drums, I thought: “How many hearts have come here with anxious longing, weighed down by life’s burdens, and found by these waters consolation and strength to carry on! Here, immersed in creation, we can also sense another beating: the maternal heartbeat of the earth. Just as the hearts of babies in the womb beat in harmony with those of their mothers, so in order to grow as people, we need to harmonize our own rhythms of life with those of creation, which gives us life”.

During this Season of Creation, let us dwell on those heartbeats: our own and those of our mothers and grandmothers, the heartbeat of creation and the heartbeat of God. Today they do not beat in harmony; they are not harmonized in justice and peace. Too many of our brothers and sisters are prevented from drinking from that mighty river. Let us heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation.

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis

for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 1 September 2023

Peace Day 2023 - Thursday 21 September 7-8.30pm in St Anne’s Cathedral. To mark the global celebration of UN Peace Day, and Good Relations Week, internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter Tommy Sands will headline a variety of musicians and speakers from different cultures and religions, including two young singers from Ukraine and a guided silent global reflection on becoming peacemakers. The evening will be hosted by Jude Hill-Mitchell, formerly of UTV. Light refreshments after. Everyone is welcome!



The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating.

Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride’s Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (September 30th; October 28th and November 25th 2023) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Marie on [07896119669](tel:07896119669) or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

