



25th Sunday of the Year 24th 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 £2,697
Also for your kind donations, online and by post.

Feast Days this week:

Monday 25th St. Finbarr, Bishop
Tuesday 26th: Blessed Kaspar Stanggassinger, C.Ss.R., Saints. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Wednesday 27th: St. Vincent de Paul
Thursday 28th St. Wenceslaus, Martyr and St. Lawrence Ruiz (Filippino) & companions, Martyrs
Friday 29th: Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Saturday 30th: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Pause for Hope Bringing together in prayer those who have had cancer and their loved ones, and those who care for them. Doctors and nurses with special skills involved investigation and treatment of cancer, those in authority who have responsibility for providing resources and our scientists trying to find a cure.

Sunday, October 22nd at 3.30pm in Clonard Monastery



SEASON OF CREATION

24th September 24

*Nature as the book in which
God speaks to us.*



**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

St. Francis helps us to see that an integral ecology calls for openness and takes us to the heart of what it is to be human. Just as happens when we fall in love with someone, whenever he would gaze at the sun, the moon or the smallest of animals, he burst into song, drawing all other creatures into his praise. His response to the world around him was so much more than intellectual appreciation or economic calculus, for to him each and every creature was a sister united to him by bonds of affection. That is why he felt called to care for all that exists....If we approach nature and the environment without this openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs. By contrast, if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously. The poverty and austerity of Saint Francis was something very radical: a refusal to turn reality of our world into an object simply to be used and controlled.

What is more, St. Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. "Through the greatness and the beauty of creatures one comes to know by analogy their maker" (*Wisdom* 13:5); indeed, "his eternal power and divinity have been made known through his works since the creation of the world" (*Romans* 1:20). For this reason, Francis asked that part of the friary garden always be left untouched, so that wild flowers and herbs could grow there, and those who saw them could raise their minds to God, the Creator of such beauty. Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise.

(Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, 11-12)

Unity Pilgrims - 'Corrymeela in the City' service this Sunday, 24th

September in Fitzroy Presbyterian Church. Doors open at 5pm for 5.15 start.
Tea/coffee after. Pilgrims meeting at Fitzroy at 5pm. All welcome!



Together: An afternoon of Dialogue and Reflection for a synodal Church.

Guest speakers: Julieann Moran, General secretary of the Irish Synodal Pathway and Gerry O'Hanlon SJ, Theologian and author in Belfast Jesuit Centre, Donegall St, Belfast on Saturday 30th September, 2.30 - 5.30. To book a place, email: belfastjesuitcentre@gmail.com or phone 07706316319

Our Lady's Rosary Festival. 30th September - 8th October, with 7 events, including a retreat for mothers, Devotions and St. Michael's Camino. Ends with the 20th Annual Rosary Procession. www.legionofmarydc.co.uk/07955386288.

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University Belfast is reopening (temporarily) at No. 42 University Road. There you will find a Chapel, social space and our much-loved Mosaic Café, open 8.30am to 8.30pm weekdays during term. We look forward to welcoming new and returning students!