



33rd Sunday of the Year 19th November 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 £2,914.
Also for your kind donations, online and by post.
The Diocesan collection will be included today.

The Legion of Mary in the Morning Star Hostel are looking for volunteers to help look after the homeless men in the hostel. A member of the Legion of Mary will speak at all Masses this weekend and will be distributing leaflets outside after Mass.

For more information contact James on 07753379110



Feast Days this week:

Tuesday 21st November: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday 22nd November: St Cecilia
Thursday 23rd November: St Columbanus
Friday 25th November: St Colman

God has invested in me – what are the dividends?

We need to trust God enough to make use of the gifts and abilities we have been given. Some of us are clearly very gifted with valuable abilities, but there is no one, absolutely no one, who can say he or she has been gifted with nothing. We may be especially talented in teaching children or cooking meals or repairing homes or programming computers. So, we should ask ourselves how we are using our particular gifts in the service of our Christian community and the wider society. God calls us to live in a world of abundance by taking risks and being generous. In addition to our homes and families, the best place to do this is in our local community. This means that we should be always willing to share our abilities in the service of others. We can fulfil needs we will find right on our own doorstep: helping to feed the hungry through donating to or volunteering at foodbanks, visiting the sick or the elderly, the lonely, and welcoming strangers in our midst. We need to make the bold assumption that there's going to be a demand for every one of our talents in our local community. We should step out, with confidence, believing that every God-given gift we have is going to be exceedingly useful and fruitful to others! All of us here in the church today have received at least one talent. We have received the gift of Faith. Our responsibility as men and women of Faith is not just to preserve and "keep" the Faith. We need to work with it. We need to offer it to the men and women of our times. Unless we do this, we stand in danger of losing the Faith just as the third servant lost his talent. The way to preserve the Faith, or any other talent that God has given us, is to put it to work and make it bear fruit.

Fr Alec Reid - Blessed are the Peacemakers

Wednesday, 29 November 7.30pm in Clonard Church

Join us in marking Fr Alec's 10th Anniversary as we watch together the award winning film 14 Days (Doubleband Films) on his contribution to the peace process in some of the darkest days of The Troubles. Introduced by Rev. Steve Stockman of Fitzroy Presbyterian, our evening will be one of thanksgiving, prayerful reflection and inspiration. The film, released 10 years ago, lasts one hour. Light refreshments in the monastery after. All welcome. Organised by the Clonard/Fitzroy Fellowship.



Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy & Religious

There will be a Mass for Deceased Clergy and Religious who have died in this past year. All Parishioners, Clergy and Religious throughout the Diocese are invited to join the families of the deceased to offer Mass together on Tuesday 28th November 2023, St Peter's Cathedral (Belfast) at 7:30pm The Mass will also be broadcast online at: www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral

Knock All Night Vigil:- Thursday 7th December, returning to Belfast Friday 8th December at 12noon Bus leaving Clonard Monastery at 1:30pm. Price £60 dinner and breakfast included. To book contact Brendan Tel: 028 9066 5211 (9am – 5pm).

Special Large Christmas Mass Bouquets, depicting Clonard Crib, are now available from Reception. A large selection of Christmas Mass Bouquets and other Christmas Cards and gifts are also available.