



# 10th Sunday of the Year

## 9th June 2024

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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.

### Clonard Solemn Novena 2024

**Wednesday 19th - Thursday 27th June**

**THEME: "Creating a Culture of Care"**

The Solemn Novena 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 Fri: 6.45am, 9.30am, 11.30am, 4.00pm, 6.00pm & 8.00pm

Sat & Sun: 6.45am, 9.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm, 4.00pm, 6.00pm & 8.00pm

#### Special Sessions

Blessing of Families, Saturday, 22nd June at 11.30am and 1.30pm

Sacrament of the Sick, Sunday, 23rd June at 11.30am and 1.30pm

Youth Session with Mass, Sunday, 23rd June at 8.00pm

Ecumenical Day, Mon 24th June.

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**Faiths Together for Climate Justice and Peace** - launch event for Season of Creation and International Day of Peace - Thursday 13 June at 4pm in 2 Royal Avenue (old Tesco, BT1 1DA). All welcome!

This Sunday, volunteers from SERVE, a Redemptorist outreach program promoting human development, have their annual Flipflop Collection. A Volunteer will also speak briefly at all Masses.



### ***This Sunday's Scripture Readings:***

**Genesis 3:9-15** — The ancient story of Adam and Eve gives an understanding of sin as part of the human condition; from this condition, Christ calls us to repentance.

**2 Corinthians 4:13 to 5:1** — For the next five Sundays, the second reading is from 2 Corinthians, a letter in which Paul tried to keep the Christians of Corinth on a steady track. Today's section sets out priorities for new Christians

**Mark 3:20-35** — The message of Jesus in this Gospel can be hard to understand; Jesus preaches in a very challenging way.

### ***"Whatever Became of Sin?"***

In his study of sin, "*Whatever Became of Sin?*" psychiatrist Karl Menninger stated that although sin was once a strong word, which described an ominous aspect of every human being's life, the word, along with the notion of sin has all but disappeared. The reality of sin, however, has not disappeared. Sin has simply been renamed and masquerades under several aliases; nevertheless, the reality of sin is unchanged, as are its effects. For example, the sins of Auschwitz and Buchenwald, the sins of Vietnam, Bosnia, Rwanda and Gaza have been hidden behind a claimed "patriotism" or other ideology. Soldiers who have systematically gang-raped and slaughtered helpless women have claimed justification for their actions due to the demands of war and their "moral obligation" to obey their superiors. Other heinous sins have been dismissed by excusing their perpetrators on ground of temporary insanity, or a troubled youth, or emotional instability. Some sins have been paraded under the guise of freedom of choice, ignorance, and aggressive or self-destructive behaviour. Menninger suggests that one of the reasons that sin is not recognized and named for what it is may be that the major responsibility for identifying and dealing with misbehaviour has been taken over by the State. Much of what is really *sin* is now called *crime*, and actions which are blatantly *immoral*, are now labelled *illegal*. Murder, robbery, treason, and lying have become defined as criminal acts with prescribed punishments, or in some cases (think euthanasia), "legalized" and so made acceptable to many. Because of either of these shifts in responsibility, the consequences of sin have become depersonalized and the reality of sin as a breach in the relationship with God and with others has been eliminated. The readings for today's liturgy invite us to take a hard look at sin, to call it by its right name and to take back our responsibility for it., and repent, reforming our lives. Similarly, we are challenged to look evil in the eye and, without blinking, own it for the reality that it is in our world today.



We thank you for last week's collection which came to £2,507 for Clonard, £834 for the Bishop's collection. Also for your kind donations, online and by post.

**Novena Flyers** are available at the back of the Church and at Reception