



14th Sunday of the Year

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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 £3,037.

The Bishop's Collection will be included today.

Also for your kind donations, online and by post.

Reception will be closed on Friday 12th July and Monday 15th July and there will be no priest on duty.

Masses are at the usual times.

Feast Days this week:

Monday 8th: St Killian, martyr

Tuesday 9th: St Augustine Zhao and 119 companions, Chinese Martyrs

Thursday 11th: St Benedict, abbot, Patron of Europe

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 Avenue To find out more, contact Pauline 07519289185 or Marie 07896119669



This Sunday's Scripture Readings:

Ezek 2:2-5; Ezekiel is empowered by the Spirit to continue proclaiming God's word to the people, 'whether they listen or not'

2 Cor 12:7-10; Paul experiences what he calls 'a thorn in the flesh' to stop him 'from getting too proud'

Mark 6:1-6a: Jesus returns to his home town of Nazareth not to a hero's welcome, but instead to jealousy, ridicule, and rejection.

Practice, my friend, Practice!

The last line of the Gospel today is fairly stark. 'He was amazed at their lack of faith.' Many would suggest that if Jesus was to come among us again he would be amazed at how Ireland has changed. People living in fear of being attacked in their homes. Violence and murder a daily occurrence. Suicide on the increase. During an Irish visit some years back, Bill Clinton spoke about our need to return to core values in the journey to economic recovery. A country's economic difficulties are not the end of the world but the beginning of another chapter in our history. 'We need to help our friends not just to recover but to keep their heads on straight while recovering.'

If everyone had thirty lucid minutes before dying nobody would spend them thinking how great it was to be rich or how successful they were. We would think about people we liked and loved, and how the flowers smelled in Summer. Parents would remember what it was like when your children were born or when you gave your daughter away at the Altar.

Times change but values last. 'The spirit came into me and made me stand up and I heard the Lord speaking to me' (Ezekiel). We Catholics will have to stand up and be counted. Stand up for values and principles we hold dear. Prophets may or may not be accepted among their own people, but silence is not always the answer. We need to speak the truth. We need to keep the faith.

Maybe you know the story of the young musician who dreamed of playing in Carnegie Hall New York. She was called to audition in the world-renowned theatre but was unsure which way to turn when she got off the bus. She saw an old man and asked: 'How do I get to Carnegie Hall?.' He smiled and said: 'Practice my friend. Practice. That's how you get to Carnegie Hall.' It's how we become good Christians. It's how we become more sensitive to the needs and hurts of those around us. It is the secret of nurturing the faith we treasure. 'Practice my friend. Practice.'

Summer Singing Course 2024 5th - 9th August, St Dominic's Grammar School, 135 Falls Road, Belfast. This is a fantastic opportunity for young singers to up-skill their singing technique as well as make new friends! We offer junior and senior classes for boys and girls (aged 8-17) as well as opportunities for mixed group singing. The week concludes with a final showcase in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast.

Email: cathedralmusic@downandconnor.org for further info. Full fee £35, includes refreshments. Scholarships available on request.

Clonard Child Safeguarding Committee notice:

Parents/Guardians must accompany children using toilet facilities in the Monastery.