



22nd 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 £3,001.
Also for your kind donations, online and by post.
The Bishop's collection will be included today

First Profession:

On Saturday, September 7th, Mr. Kevin Heffron will profess his first vows as a Redemptorist during the 12.00 midday celebration of the Eucharist

Ministry of Lector:

Clonard is extremely short of Lectors at some of our Masses. If you are interested, please pick up an application form at Clonard Reception. Kate or Rosemary will be in contact with you to arrange a meeting at a time that suits you. Thank you.



Lectors

This Sunday's Scripture Readings:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 — Moses tells the people of Israel to keep faithful to God's law.
James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 — As doers of the Word we must put it into practice too
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 — Jesus reminds the religious leaders that what's on the inside of people is more important than externals.

The Season of Creation 2024 *To Hope and Act with Creation*

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation, to remind us to care for our common home. The "Celebration" begins on September 1, the Feast of Creation, and ends on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Ecology.



The theme of the Season of Creation this year is "to Hope and Act with Creation", and the symbol is *firstfruits of hope*, inspired by Romans 8:19-25.

The biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth. Saint Francis of Assisi understood this when he referred to the Earth as our sister and our mother in his *Canticle of Creatures*. The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used, Creation is groaning because of our selfishness and our unsustainable actions that harm her. Along with our Sister, Mother Earth, creatures of all kinds, including humans, cry out because of our destructive actions causing climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, and human suffering as well as Creation's suffering.

Any yet Creation teaches us that hope is present in the waiting, in the expectation for a better future. To hope in the biblical context does not mean standing still and quiet, but rather groaning, crying, and actively striving for new life amidst the struggles. Creation and all of us are called to worship the Creator, working together for a future of active hope and action. Only when we work together with Creation can ***the firstfruits of hope*** be born. Just as in childbirth, we go through a period of pain but new life is coming forth! We hope that this Season of Creation renews and unites us by the one baptism we have received and will encourage us to care for our common home. We invite you to plan your own participation in this celebration as individuals and families. To help you in this, please visit the website: SeasonOfCreation.org

Here in Clonard, to celebrate the Season of Creation, on Saturday, September 21, we offer: *Living in Hope: A day of encouragement, a chance to renew a love of life and a sense of hope in a better future with God, caring for our children, caring for creation. Story and song, space for quiet prayer and space for conversation. All gently led by Breige O'Hare. (More details next week!)*

Mary's Meals is holding a screening of their new documentary, **Zero Hunger**, about the devastating and escalating hunger crisis in Ethiopia. Zero Hunger powerfully explores the question 'can there be a solution to world hunger?' Please note this film is not suitable for children and has a rating of 12A. **To reserve a free ticket visit bit.ly/zhbelfast or contact Caoimhe McCann on 07394564065.** There will be refreshments and an opportunity to chat to local volunteers about the work of Mary's Meals after the screening.

