



Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year 29th September 2024



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MASS TIMES AT CLONARD Public Mass and Masses via Webcam

Sunday 7:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am and 12:30pm

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 7:00am, 9:30am and 6:15pm

Thursday (Novena) 7:00am, 9:30am, 6:15pm and 8:00pm

Saturday 7:00am, 9:30am and 12:00 noon. **Sunday Vigil Mass** 7:30pm



thank you

We thank you for last week's Collection which came to £3004.
Also for your kind donations, online and by post.



Second Session of the XVI General Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

October 2 until October 27

This is a very important event in the life of the Church as we look to the future.

Available in the Church today is a little leaflet about the Synod – please take one.

We encourage to pray the Prayer for the Synod at home. We will also pray this prayer at our Masses during the Synod.



OUR LADY'S ROSARY FESTIVAL BELFAST 2024

FROM 05TH OCT TO 13TH OCT

SUNDAY 13/10

OUR 21ST ANNUAL ROSARY PROCESSION

From St. John's Church to St. Peter's Cathedral 2:30pm
The Procession will be followed by Benediction in St Peter's Cathedral and a Catholic Organisations' Fair afterwards in the Cathedral Hall with refreshments.

For more information on each event, please visit: belfastrosaryfestival.com


SAT 05/10 THE CAMINO OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
From St Peter's Cathedral to St Michael's Church, Belfast via Anfield at 12pm. Starting 9.30am with 10.30am Mass. 10 Church of Angels

SUN 06/10 CERI - TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC AND DANCE
Bromaclete Heart of Mary Church Hall, Antrim Road, at 7.15pm (10.15 for the Mass). Tickets available after Sunday Masses.

TUE 08/10 RE-RECONCILED
St Mary's Chapel, Long at 6:30pm. Night to talk about 'prayer and faith' with Bishop and members of the congregation. Confession and Holy Mass (light refreshments afterwards).

THU 10/10 DIVINE GOALS
Bromaclete Heart of Mary Church Hall, Antrim Road, at 7pm. A night to talk about 'prayer and faith' with Bishop and members of the congregation. Confession and Holy Mass (light refreshments afterwards).

SAT 12/10 BISSERD GARGA JACINTA YOUTH RETREAT
St Peter's church and St Peter's Cathedral. A night lunch will be served with a Mass. 10.30am. Refreshments. Adoration, Holy Mass and Benediction.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Clonard continues to celebrate a **Children's Liturgy** each Sunday at the 12.30pm Mass.

If you are interested in your child attending this liturgy, please pick up a Registration Form at Reception or contact Claire after the 12.30pm Sunday Mass.

ANYONE WHO GIVES YOU A CUP OF WATER IN MY NAME ...

Jesus sells his salvation very cheaply in today's gospel, saying that no one who gives a cup of water to another in his name (since we all belong to God) will lose his reward. How much more will the Lord reward those who cared for that man who had the accident even if not claiming to do it in the name of Jesus?

Is there not a temptation in every religion and even within religions to elitism and exclusivity? It is a very dangerous attitude and one which we need to be aware of and understand. In today's gospel John the beloved disciple clearly succumbs to this temptation. **"We saw a man",** he complains, **"who was not one of us casting our devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him"**. Jesus told him that he should not stop such people. **"No one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me."** And he gives a very important principle. 'Anyone who is not against us is for us'.

Today's readings teach us that we are free from the belief that we are the only ones representing God in this world. God is just not interested in labels: *Catholic, Protestant, Muslim, Animist, Hindu, Buddhist* etc. He is underlining the great truth that *the essence of following Jesus is found in the way we live love*. Very simple, but how very demanding. Love alone counts. *"Where there is love, there is God."* The basis of Jesus' ministry was hospitality and welcome. He was not in the slightest prejudiced. What of us?

The real challenge of the gospel is whether we accept that the Spirit of God today works wherever God wishes and through whomsoever is chosen. It is necessary to remember that the truth is always bigger than anyone's understanding of it. No one can possibly grasp all truth. We simply must be open to the Spirit's working in our world. This call for tolerance is not a lazy acceptance of anything that goes. It means respecting the freedom of conscience of others.

THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Numbers 11:25-29 — Moses is asked to prevent some followers from acting as prophets, but declines. God's gifts are for all, not just a few.

James 5:1-6 — James condemns the rich, those who perceive they have no need of God.

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 — Jesus teaches his followers to recognise people who are helpful and shows them how to deal with obstacles to faith.

STILL SOMEBODY

Voices for Change

Homeless Photographic Exhibition

On display in the church this week we have photos highlighting a range of social issues that impact our city.

Please take time to have a look.

We continue to remember in our thoughts and prayers those who are homeless, suffer mental health issues and battle addiction.

