



2nd Sunday of Lent

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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 £3,698, also for your kind donations, online and by post. The collection for Needy Parishes will be included today

ST. PATRICK'S DAY, MONDAY, MARCH 17TH

Monday 17th March Masses at 7am,

9.30am with Clonard Folk Choir and Ferris/Bunting/McGeough School of Dance,

11.00am with Clonard Choir and Ferris/Bunting/Mc Geough School of Dance.

6.15pm with Cantor led Singing.

RECEPTION WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY 17TH MARCH.



Feast Days this week:

Wednesday 19th: St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity

THE NAME OF GOD IS MERCY (POPE FRANCIS)

In Sacred Scripture, the Lord is presented as a "*merciful God*." This is his name with which he reveals to us his face and his heart. He himself reveals himself to Moses, calling himself "*The Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness*" (Ex. 34:6).

The Lord is "*merciful*." This word evokes an attitude of tenderness, like that of a mother toward a child, like a mother when she takes her child in her arms, wanting only to love, protect and help, ready to give everything, even herself.

The Lord is "*gracious*," he has compassion, and in his greatness, he bends down to the weak and the poor, always ready to welcome, to understand, to forgive. He is like the father in the parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32): a father who doesn't close himself off in resentment at his younger son's desertion but instead continues to wait and then runs to him and embraces him and does not even let him finish his confession so great is his love and joy in having him back.

Of this merciful God it is also said that he is "*slow to anger*." God knows how to wait. His times are not the impatient ones of men. He is like the wise farmer who knows how to wait, he gives the good seed time to grow, despite the weeds (Matt. 13:24-30).

And lastly, the Lord proclaims that he is "*abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness*." How beautiful this definition of God is! Everything is there. For God is great and powerful, but this greatness and power unfolds in loving us, we who are so small, so incapable. The word "*love*" used here indicates affection, grace, goodness. It isn't the love found in soap operas. It is the love that takes the first step, that does not depend on human merits but rather on an immense freedom. It is the divine solicitude that nothing can stop, not even sin, because it is able to go beyond sin, to conquer evil, and to forgive it.

Clonard Youth and Young Adult Ministry – Lent 2025

Clonard Youth and Young Adult Ministry are offering two exciting and interactive programmes during the Lenten season:

- Programme 1 (Ages 15–17) – Wednesdays, 6:00pm–7:00pm begins 5th of March (Ash Wednesday)
- Programme 2 (Ages 18–30) – Wednesdays, 7:30pm–8:30pm begins 12th of March

These programmes will provide a meaningful opportunity for young people to reflect on their personal journey, deepen their faith, and build lasting friendships.

For further details, contact the Youth Ministry team at youthministry@clonard.com. Registration forms are also available at the monastery reception.

Stay updated by following Clonard Youth Ministry on Instagram and Facebook.



Clonard Peace Ministry Unity Pilgrims of Hope - joining Rev. Ivan Steen and his South Kirk Presbyterian congregation on Sunday 23 March for their 11am Service, 34 Shaftesbury Square. Pilgrims will meet at Clonard reception at 10.30am. All welcome!



New design Easter and Mother's Day Mass
Bouquet cards are now available from Reception.

