



## Easter Sunday 20th April 2025



**'Christ is risen, alleluia.'**

**This is the ancient greeting on this  
day of great joy and happiness:**

**The Feast of Feasts .**

**The Easter day of the Resurrection  
of the Lord; when Christ overcame  
death.**



We thank you for last week's collection which came to £4,529 .  
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### EASTER WEEK MASSES AT CLONARD

**Mon & Tues - 9.30am and 6.15pm**

**Wednesday, 7.00am. 9.30am and 6.15pm**

**Thursday - Novena Day. 7.00am, 9.30am, 6.15pm and 8.00pm.**

**Friday, 7.00am 9.30am and 6.15pm**

**Saturday 7.00am, 9.30am, 12 noon. Vigil Mass at 7.30pm.**

**Reception is closed on Easter Sunday Monday and Tuesday.**

Thanks to the many people who helped in any way to make  
our Easter liturgies so inspirational and prayerful. Their willing  
participation is gratefully appreciated.



Trócaire thanks everyone for their support of this year's  
Lenten campaign. Please return Trócaire boxes so that  
donations can be put to use as soon as possible, helping  
the most vulnerable in the developing world.



### ***The Lord has truly Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

In one of his Easter homilies Pope Francis encourages us to welcome the Risen Christ into our lives as a friend, with trust and confidence: 'If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk. You won't be disappointed. If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid, trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you and he will give you the peace you are looking for, and the strength to live as he would have you do.'

On this Easter Sunday we rejoice and are glad because we know that Christ is risen and that death, and all that is negative in us and in our world, has no longer any power over him. And, with him, we too are victorious, for now nothing can come between us and the love of God manifested in Christ – manifested supremely in his glorious resurrection from the dead.

*'On Easter day we still feel pain,  
our own pain and the pain of others.  
But a new element has been introduced.  
It doesn't remove the pain,  
but gives it a meaning, and lights it up with hope.  
All is different because Jesus is alive  
and speaks his words of peace to us.  
Therefore there is a quiet joy among us,  
and a deep sense of peace.  
Jesus has broken the power of death,  
and given us the hope of eternal life.  
Lord, guard this hope with your grace,  
and bring it to fulfilment in the kingdom of heaven.'* (Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB)

**We, the Redemptorist Community of Clonard, wish each and everyone of you a  
blessed and joyful Easter. We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!**

**Clonard – Fitzroy Fellowship: visit** to Stormont on Monday 28 April 2025 At the invitation of Junior Ministers Reilly and Cameron, we will have a conducted tour of Parliament Buildings, watch some Assembly business from the public gallery and chat with the Junior Ministers in the Great Hall.

Those wishing to take part must inform [chris.williamson253@gmail.com](mailto:chris.williamson253@gmail.com) by noon on Friday 25 April, bring photographic ID and assemble in the foyer of the Stormont Hotel at 12.30 pm on 28 April.



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 Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (26th April, 24th May and 21st June) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Pauline [07519289185](tel:07519289185) or Marie [07896119669](tel:07896119669) or email [belfastbe@yahoo.com](mailto:belfastbe@yahoo.com)



**Feast of the Divine Mercy** will be celebrated on Sunday 27th April in St. Peter's Cathedral, beginning at 2.30pm and in St. Paul's Church, Mass at 3.00pm.  
All Welcome.