



## 5th Sunday of Easter

### 18th May 2025

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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 £3,757.  
Also for your kind donations, online and by post.  
The collection for The Education of Diocesan Students to the Priesthood will be included today

#### ADDICTION?

Are you suffering from addiction? Are you involved in a 12 Step Program?  
Come and join us for an afternoon of prayer and reflection on Step 11.  
on **Saturday 24th May 2025** from **2pm to 6pm**  
in **Clonard Monastery**

#### **This Sunday's Scripture Readings**

Acts 14:21-27 Paul situates Jesus as the goal of the history of God's people  
Revelation 21:1-5 The vision of a new world, portrayed as the new, heavenly Jerusalem  
John 13:31-35 Jesus gives the new commandment, to love one another

#### **Reflection, John 13:31-35**

*"Love One Another"*

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us a new commandment that is both simple and profound: *"Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."* "These words were spoken not in comfort, but in the shadow of betrayal. And yet, Jesus chooses love.  
This is not a sentimental love. It is a love that kneels to wash feet, that forgives enemies, that sacrifices self for others. It is a love that costs something.  
In our modern world, love is often confused with convenience or fleeting emotion. But Jesus calls us to a deeper, more radical love—a love that shows up when it's hard, when it's inconvenient, when it means putting others first.  
Imagine if our homes, workplaces, and communities were marked by this kind of love. What if we forgave more quickly, listened more deeply, and served more humbly? That is how the world will know we are His disciples—not by our words, but by our love. Today, let us ask: *Who in my life needs to see Christ's love through me?* May we not just speak of love, but live it—boldly, generously, and unconditionally. A love that is selfless, compassionate, and given without expectation of return.

**Prayer for Exams:** If you wish to pray for a student during this exam time, you can enter your prayer in a special book of intentions at St Joseph's Altar, where your intention will be remembered in a special way at daily Prayer here in Clonard.



#### **Cemetery Sundays 2025**

City: Sunday 18th of May at 3pm  
Hannahstown: Sunday 25th of May at 3pm

#### **Pope Francis's landmark encyclical Laudato Si 10th Anniversary in Clonard**

**Friday 23 May** 6.15pm Mass to launch Laudato Si Week (Caring for Our Common Home) and Westcourt photo exhibition.

7.00pm screening in the monastery of the film 'The Letter' which tells the story of front-line leaders journey to Rome to discuss Laudato Si with Pope Francis.

**Sunday 25 May** Conference with Professor John Barry of Queens University in the monastery from 2.30-4.30pm. All welcome.

**Laudato Si Scenic Walk** - Saturday 24 May, meeting at 2.30pm at the Giant's Ring, Minnowburn Car Park, Edenderry Rd, Belfast BT8 8LD. Coffee/ice cream available midway at The Lock Keepers Inn. All ages welcome, as well as dogs! For more details or to arrange a lift, contact Ed Petersen in Clonard (tel. 02890 445950).

**Unity Pilgrims of Hope** - this Sunday, 18 May joining the 11am Service in Belfast South Methodist Church at the Agape Centre, Lisburn Rd with Rev. David Campton. Meet at Clonard Reception at 10.25am. All welcome!