



## Eighteenth Sunday of the Year 3rd August 2025



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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



We thank you for last week's collection which came to £3,813.  
The Bishop's collection is included this weekend.  
Also for your kind donations, online and by post.

### CREATIVITY AND STEADFASTNESS IN WEST BANK

Trócaire is hosting a special event looking at the humanitarian situation in Gaza on **Tuesday 5th August at 1pm** in St Mary's University, Falls Road. Joining the event will be **Dr Nick Maynard**, a gastrointestinal surgeon, who will share his experiences of volunteering his life-saving skills in Gazan hospitals, working with the brave Palestinian medical staff during several visits since October 7th 2023. The event is free and no booking is required. Organised by **Trócaire**

**Light the Fire**  
August 3rd 2025 Hill of Slane

 Dana  
 Archbishop Eamon Martin  
 Deacon John Taaffe

12pm - 1pm Gathering  
1pm Welcome by Fr. Richard Matthews PP  
1.15 Rosary  
1.45pm Michael Murphy on Ven. Matt Talbot  
2pm Holy Mass  
3pm Eucharist Healing  
4.30pm Depart for home

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Please bring a fold up stool

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES MONEYGLASS  
PARISH OF DUNEANE

  
IN THIS JUBILEE YEAR WE WILL WALK WITH FAITH AND HOPE

**Sunday 10th August 3pm**  
Beginning at St Ernats GAA Taylorstown Road  
finishing with Benediction and Light Refreshments

### REFLECTION: Luke 12:13-21 The Rich Fool, a warning against greed and selfishness

In today's world, success is often measured by what we own; our homes, our careers, our bank balance, and our status. But in today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of a rich man who stores up wealth, only to die that very night. His mistake wasn't being rich it was being rich only for himself, not "*rich towards God*."

This passage isn't just a tale about a farmer; it is a mirror reflecting our own society's relentless pursuit of "*more*." It is challenging us to rethink what truly matters. Are we investing in things that last like compassion, generosity, relationships, faith? Or are we building '*bigger barns*' for our own comfort while others go without?

In a society driven by consumerism and self-interest, Jesus invites us to live differently. To see our possessions not as trophies, but as tools for love. To ask not "*What can I gain?*" but "*What can I give?*"

This week, take a moment to reflect; What am I storing up? And who benefits from it? Let's detach from the allure of endless acquisition. Let's be bold enough to live generously, trusting that in giving, we receive far more than we could ever hoard. So, for this weeks challenge, find a way to be "*rich toward God*". Perhaps give more generously, spend quality time with loved ones, or simply take a moment to appreciate the non-material blessings we have in our lives. Let's strive to be truly rich in faith, rich in love, and rich toward God.

### THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 "*Vanity of vanities!*" *You can't take it with you when you die.*  
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 *Since Christ has returned to the Father, we must seek the things that are above.*

Luke 12:13-21 *The Rich Fool, a warning against greed and selfishness.*

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 6th August The Transfiguration of the Lord.

Thursday 7th August Saints Sixtus II, Pope and his Companions – Martyrs

Friday 8th August St. Dominic, Founder of the Dominicans

Saturday 9th August St. Theresa Benedict of the Cross, Martyr and Patron of Europe

### CLONARD SAFEGUARDING

Clonard Church follow guidance to best safeguarding practice operated by Down and Connor.

Our Safeguarding policy and further information is on our website

<https://www.clonard.com/safeguarding>