



Exaltation of the Holy Cross 14th September 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



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The **Children's Liturgy** returns in **September at the 12.30pm Mass**.
 The children from age 6 will go to the Sacristy to explore the readings of the Mass.
 Children's Liturgy will be facilitated by Access NI vetted volunteers.
 If you would like your child or children to take part,
 please ask for a **Registration Form at Reception**.

CAMINO 2026

We are *excited* to announce **Camino 26**,
 a new initiative of **Clonard Youth & Young Adult Ministry**.
 This year-long journey will prepare us to walk the **Camino de Santiago** in June 26.
 As part of the preparations, we are starting a new walking group: on **Tuesdays**,
 beginning **30th September**, after the 6.15pm Mass at Clonard, 5km walks, more
 than walking it is a chance to talk, connect, and build friendships. There will also
 be longer Saturday walks and hikes throughout the year as we prepare for the
 Camino. *Everyone is welcome* to the Tuesday walks (all ages). If you would like to
 join the Camino itself (18+), please email youthministry@clonard.com.
Be part of something good. Be part of something together.
Walking with Christ towards Camino 2026.

UNITY PILGRIMS OF HOPE

This **Sunday, 14 September** joining **St John's Newtownbreda Presbyterian** and
 their minister **Rev. Paul Lutton** for their **10.30am Morning Service**.
 Meeting 9.15am, Clonard. There is a short prayer before service from 9.45-10am
 Also next **Sunday, 21 September**, pilgrims will join **South Kirk Presbyterian Church**
Shaftesbury Square, and their minister **Rev. Ivan Steen** for their **11am Service**.
 Meet at Clonard at 10.30am.

REFLECTION: John 3:13-17 *The Son of Man must be lifted up as a saving sign, for God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.*

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of the depth of God's love: *"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..."* This isn't just a poetic line, it is a radical truth. God's love is not earned, it is freely given. God didn't send Jesus to condemn us, but to save us. We live in a world that often operates on conditions; *"If you do this, you will get that."* We seek affirmation, success, and belonging, and when we fail, we fear condemnation. This passage stands in stark contrast to that mindset, In our world that I know is often quick to judge and slow to forgive, this passage challenges us to live differently. We are called to be signs of God's mercy, lifting others up with compassion, not condemnation. We are reminded that love is stronger than fear, and mercy greater than condemnation. Jesus invites us to live not in guilt, but in grace. In Jesus's crucifixion, we see the ultimate sign of a relentless, unconditional love that seeks us out, even in our imperfections; a broken cross transformed into a symbol of life-giving hope.

This week's challenge is to choose one moment each day to ignore the distractions of life and reflect on God's love and thank God for the gift of Jesus. Choose one person you find difficult to love, pray for them and do them one small act of kindness.

Getting to Know Your Neighbour from Across the Road

Join us for an **unconference** – a friendly gathering where you set the agenda. Hosted by a small group from St Matthew's (Shankill) and St John's (Falls) this is a chance to share what's on your mind, explore what matters most to our communities, and build new connections across the road.

Thursday 18 September
7.00–9.00pm

Forthspring Inter-Community Centre
 373 Springfield Road, Belfast BT12 7DG

Everyone welcome

We *thank you* for last week's collections,
 £2,561 for Clonard and £855 for the Bishop.
 Also for your kind donations, online and by post.

Our Shared Humanity: Act Now for a Peaceful World.



Join us on this **International Day of Peace**

on **Sunday 21 Sept.**
 at 6pm in

An evening celebrating
 diversity in culture and faith
 with music, poetry and
 other contributions!

MONTHLY PRAYER WALK

Monday, 15 September meeting
 at **7.30pm** at **Shalom House**,
 12 Cliftonville Road.
All Welcome



Economics for Peace and the Planet

Wed 17th September, 7:30pm. Hillsborough Presbyterian Church

