

Thirtieth Sunday of the Year 26th October 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



UNITY PILGRIMS OF HOPE

This Sunday, **26 Oct**ober to <u>Garnerville Presbyterian</u> (Rev Jonny Fraser) for church breakfast at **10.15am** followed by Service at **11am**.

Meet in Clonard at **9.45am**.



SATURDAY 1st NOVEMBER FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Vigil Mass, Friday 31st October at 6:15pm

Saturday 1st November

7am, 9:30am, and 12noon

We <u>thank you</u> for last week's collections which came to £2,400 for Clonard and £2,700 for the Mission Sunday collection.

Also your kind donations, online and by post

NOVEMBER SHRINE FOR THE DEAD

The **November Shrine for the Dead** is being prepared.

If you would like someone prayed for, we invite you to leave **Memoriam Cards** and photographs in the baskets provided.

These will be placed in the Shrine by the <u>Church staff</u>, and can be reclaimed at the end of November.

We ask, for health and safety reasons, that no one enter the Shrine.

GOSPEL REFLECTION LUKE 18:9-14

In this week's Gospel, Jesus contrasts two prayers: one full of self-congratulation, the other full of humility. The Pharisee lists his virtues, while the tax collector simply says, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Jesus makes it clear, it is the humble heart that is truly justified before God. God isn't impressed by our pride, rather He is moved by our honesty.

This passage prompts us to look inward. It's easy to compare ourselves to others and feel superior, especially when we think we're doing "the right things." Personally, I know I have caught myself judging others more often than I'd care to admit. Jesus reminds us that true holiness begins with humility, a recognition of our need for God's grace, not a checklist of our good deeds.

In our daily life today with social media and public opinion, it is easy to fall into comparison, thinking we're better than others. But Jesus shows us that the way to God is through humility, God sees the heart not our highlighted performances.

For this week's Challenge let us take a quiet moment each day to reflect honestly on our thoughts and actions. Ask God for mercy, not just for mistakes, but for the times we have judged others. Each day, take one moment to pause and pray, "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner." Let it be a grounding reminder of our need for grace. And when tempted to judge, choose instead to show compassion, we never know the burdens others carry. As the saying goes, one kind word or deed often leads to another. So let humility be our quiet strength this week.

PAUSE for HOPE

Bringing together in prayer:

those who have or have had cancer and, their loved ones and, those who care for them, doctors and nurses,

those with special skills involved in the investigation and treatment of cancer, those in authority who have responsibility for providing resources, our scientists trying to find the cure.

Sunday, October 26 at 3.30pm in Clonard Church

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 28th October St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles

Wednesday 29th October St. Anthony Mary Claret. Archbishop of Santiago de Cuba

Thursday 30th October St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, Jesuit brother

Friday 31st October St. Wolfgang, Bishop of Ratisbon

Saturday 1st November All Saints' Day