



Christ, King of the Universe 23rd November 2025



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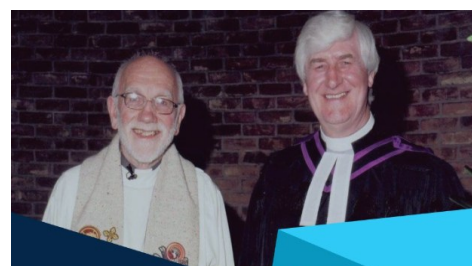
MASS TIMES AT CLONARD Public Mass and Masses via Webcam

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



NEWELL-REYNOLDS LECTURE 2025

Sunday, 23rd November
7pm

Register Now At:
<https://fitzroy.churchsuite.com/events/fml2avm1>



Join us for the Newell-Reynolds Lecture

The lecture will celebrate the peace-building work of Rev Dr Ken Newell and the late Fr Gerry Reynolds, who fostered links between their respective faith communities (Fitzroy and Clonard Monastery) during the Northern Ireland conflict.

The featured guest speaker is the journalist and author **Austin Ivereigh**, who will speak on "*Pope Francis Peace Legacy*".

Harvest the Light

AN ANTHOLOGY OF
CREATIVITY
BY
THE WORDSMITHS
TEAC MALLON, MEIGH
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HARVEST THE LIGHT

is an anthology of Creativity written by local artists to raise funds for **Suicide Prevention Charities**.

A selection of writers will read from the anthology at the **Linen Hall Library on Tuesday, December 2, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.**

Copies of the book will be available for a £10 donation and can be purchased on Amazon.

We thank you for last week's collections which came to £2,960 for Clonard and £899 for the Diocese.

Also your kind donations, online and by post.

thank you

CHRIST THE KING: A DIFFERENT KIND OF POWER



The Gospel this week gives us a truly arresting image of Christ the King. It's not a scene of triumph and glory, but of vulnerability and suffering on the cross. Everyone mocks him: the leaders, the soldiers, and even one of the criminals hanging beside him. "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" they taunt. But then, the other criminal speaks a profound truth. He rebukes his companion and then turns to Jesus, asking simply, "*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*" A sentence echoed throughout our present day prayers and hymns. This man, in his final moments, recognizes the true nature of Christ's Kingship: a power that doesn't conquer with force, but with mercy and love. Jesus' immediate, unconditional promise is "*Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise*" which reveals the heart of his sovereignty. The Kingdom is open, not to the powerful, but to the humble and penitent.

For me, the passage boils down to this; Christ's kingship isn't about earthly power or judging others; it's about extending fundamental mercy, even from a place of deepest pain, which changes everything. This week, I'm personally committing to letting go of my own need to be right or to win an argument, focusing instead on offering a kind word or a listening ear, which for me will be very challenging indeed!

This coming week let us try to intentionally stop before reacting to an annoyance whether it is dealing with a frustrating person, a thoughtless email, or a difficult family member, instead, choose to offer a small act of patience. See how that moment transforms our day and mirrors the King who remembers us, not for our accomplishments, but for our simple faith.

mary's meals
A SIMPLE SOLUTION TO WORLD HUNGER

The Big Christmas Quiz

£5 entry

Saturday 29th November
St Patrick's Pastoral Centre, Lisburn
Doors open 7.30pm

Festive fun including raffle, spot prizes (best christmas attire), gifts for sale and it's **BYOB!** Max 8 per team

Tickets
SCAN QR CODE, visit bit.ly/bigchristmasquiz or call Caoimhe on 07394564065

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CLONARD CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Sunday, December 7th
6.00pm

ALL WELCOME! A FESTIVE NIGHT OF SONG

Keeping with tradition, you might like to bring a gift for a deserving child / young person.

Every child deserves a new gift at Christmas so we are unable to take used or second hand items for the Christmas Present Appeal.