

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 9th 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





Are you involved in a 12 Step Program

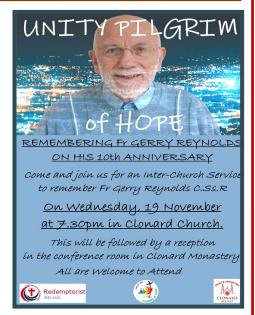
If so, come and join us for a special

afternoon of prayer and reflection on Step 11.

Step 11

"Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out."

> on <u>Saturday 15th November</u> from <u>2pm to 5pm</u> in the <u>Conference Room</u>, Clonard Monastery.



SEASON of ADVENT

The **Season of Advent** is drawing near. Oftentimes, this lovely season gets lost in the business of preparation for Christmas. However, Advent can, and should be, a time of prayerful preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. To assist those who would like to reclaim Advent as a time of *Prayer and Reflection*, we have a selection of material available at Reception. Please do visit and <u>browse</u> the resources available. We recommend especially the writings of St. Alphonsus.

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Today, instead of the usual Sunday liturgy, we are celebrating the feast of the dedication of a Church – the Lateran Basilica in Rome. Built by the Emperor Constantine, it was solemnly dedicated on the 9th November, 324. As the first and oldest Christian basilica, it is considered 'the mother and head of all churches of Rome and the world'. It the Pope's Cathedral as Bishop of Rome. In celebrating this feast we express our union with our Pope, Leo, and our loyalty to him as supreme leader of the Church. The feast also invites us to reflect on the important role of church buildings in our lives as communities of faith, called to worship and pray together. It also challenges us to recognise our personal baptismal identity as temples of the Holy Spirit, and to confirm that identity by the way we live.

FOUNDATION DAY OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE MOST HOLY REDEEMER (REDEMPTORISTS)

On November 9, 1732, in his beloved Scala, Southern Italy, St. Alphonsus Liguori founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer to follow the example of our Savior Jesus Christ announcing the Good News to the poor. He was 36 years old. His life became one of mission and service to the most abandoned. The Congregation was approved by Benedict XIV on February 25, 1749.

Redemptorist Missionaries continue the charism of Alphonsus in the Church and in society. "Strong in faith, rejoicing in hope, burning with charity, on fire with zeal, in humility of heart and persevering in prayer, Redemptorists as apostolic men and genuine disciples of Saint Alphonsus follow Christ the Redeemer with Hearts full of joy; denying themselves and always ready to undertake what is demanding and challenging, they share in the mystery of Christ and proclaim it in Gospel simplicity of life and language, that they may bring to people Plentiful Redemption" (Redemptorist Constitutions, No.20) There are over 5,500 Redemptorists; they work in 82 countries on all 5 continents helped by many men and women who collaborate in their mission and together form the Redemptorist Family.

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