

Solemnity of the Most Holy Redeemer 21st July 2023

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MASS TIMES AT CLONARD

Public Mass & Masses via Webcam

Sunday (Vigil Sat- 7.30pm), 7.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, and 12.30pm. Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri.

7.00am, 9.30am and 6.15pm.

Thursday (Novena) 7.00am, 9.30am, 6.15pm and 8.00pm.

Saturday 7.00am, 9.30am & 12.00 Noon.



We thank you for last week's Collection which came to £2,611. Also for your kind donations, online and by post.

Feast Days this week:

Monday 22nd: St Mary Magdalene

Tuesday 23rd: St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe

Wednesday 24th: St Declan Thursday 25th: St James, Apostle

National Grandparents Pilgrimage 2024 Celebrating the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Sunday 28th July, Knock Shrine. Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Papal Nuncio of Ireland. Choirs and music at the Mass. 'Lady of Knock' sang by Dana. Anointing of the sick in the Basilica:2.30pm Pilgrimage Mass followed by Rosary procession:3.00pm. Watch Online @ www.knockshrine.ie/watch

This Sunday's Scripture Readings (Feast of the Most Holy Redeemer):

Isaiah 55:2b-6 - I will make with you an everlasting covenant.

Romans 5:12-21 - By the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

John 3:13-18.21 - Whoever believes in him will have eternal life.

The Feast of the Most Holy Redeemer

This Sunday, we Redemptorists celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Redeemer, the titular feast of the Congregation. The Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, founded in 1732 by St. Alphonsus Liguori, has as its purpose to follow the example of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer, by preaching the Word of God to the poor, as he declared of himself: He sent me to bring the Good News to the poor. Here in Ireland there are four major Redemptorist communities – Limerick, Cork,



Dundalk and Belfast. We have been here in Clonard since 1896. As Redemptorists, we engage in many different kinds of apostolic activity, all of which are geared towards making the Good News known to people, enabling them to experience the blessing of redemption which the Lord offers to all of humankind.

To be redeemed is to know and experience that we are accompanied on life's journey by the Lord himself, he who became one of us to share in our humanity. It is to know that our God is the God of life, of hope, of mercy and compassion. The awareness of God's presence in our lives may not always be intense, at times it may be quite weak or at other times we may not even feel included in God's plan at all.

Redemption is happening in our lives right now. By way of example, whenever we see truth and justice at work, whenever people help one another, where there is action to relieve the suffering of the poor and assist the vulnerable, there the Lord is present, redemption is happening. The presence of the risen Lord is already something real in our lives, helping us to become better people, encouraging our better selves to come more to the fore, urging us to build a more vibrant Church community and a fairer society. The motto of the Congregation is taken from psalm 129 and reads – *With the Lord there is Mercy and fullness of Redemption.* Pray for Redemptorists that they may always be guided by this most profound truth.

Unity Pilgrims - This Sunday, 21 July, our pilgrims join Rev. Mervyn Gibson and his Westbourne Presbyterian congregation for their 11.30am Morning Service, meeting in Clonard at 10.50am. All welcome.

Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living (hosted by Drumalis via Zoom, commencing Mon, 16 September 2024) Do you feel restless, do you sense there is a deeper meaning to life, that God is out there but you feel disconnected. The Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living course may be for you. This 20 session course via Zoom be-



tween September and March is based on the insights of Ignatian Spirituality. Places are also available on the Zoom course, "Rooted in Love", delivered over ten Thursday evening sessions from Sept 2024 to May 2025 – this course is ideal for anyone who has already completed Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living. For further details, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9am – 5pm) – 028 28276455/028 28272196 or email drumalis@btconnect.com