



29th Sunday of the Year

20th October 2024

Mission Sunday

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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 £3,581.
Also for your kind donations, online and by post.
Mission Sunday: Annual collection held in all Churches today

The month of November, when we remember our deceased loved ones, is fast approaching. Pious lists of the dead and envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones you wish to have remembered at our November Shrine to the Dead. Put the completed lists and offerings in the envelopes and place them in the box at St Joseph's Altar.

Please note that no one is authorised to distribute Pious lists of the dead to your home on our behalf.



Pause for Hope

Bringing together in prayer those who have and have had cancer and their loved ones, and those who care for them.

Sunday, October 27th at 3.30pm in Clonard Church



This Sunday's Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 53:10-11 — The suffering of the Lord can be seen beforehand in the words written by Isaiah.

Hebrews 4:14-16 — In Jesus we have a high priest who was tempted as we are. He will have mercy on us.

Mark 10:42-45 — The true follower of Jesus is to be like the Master: a humble servant.

World Mission Sunday

Since his election to the papacy in 2013, Pope Francis has been driven by a dream — the dream of the Church becoming a truly *missionary* Church. Writing in 2022, he said '*Dear brothers and sisters, I continue to dream of a completely missionary Church, and a new era of missionary activity among Christian communities*'. The current Synod of Bishops taking place in Rome is an attempt by Francis to realize this dream — that as Church we become true **missionary disciples** of Jesus.

For Francis, every member of the Church has a shared responsibility to witness to Christ, to invite all to share in the riches of Christ's message and the hope it offers. He often refers to Pope Paul VI's document of 1975, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, which sought to give a new momentum to evangelisation. As 'a document dear to my heart,' he cited its much-quoted line: '*Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses*'. He wrote '*In evangelisation, then, the example of a Christian life and the proclamation of Christ are inseparable. One is at the service of the other. They are the two lungs with which any community must breathe, if it is to be missionary... This kind of complete, consistent, and joyful witness to Christ will surely be a force of attraction also for the growth of the Church in the third millennium. The Church must constantly keep pressing forward, beyond her own confines, in order to testify to all the love of Christ*'.

In recent months, a burning issue here in Ireland is immigration. Our bishops have issued a Pastoral Letter on this topic (available in the church). Francis speaks to us about the importance and role of migrants in the task of evangelization. Again, referring to Paul VI, 'More and more, we are seeing how the presence of faithful of various nationalities enriches the face of our communities and makes them more universal, more Catholic. Consequently, the pastoral care of migrants should be valued as an important missionary activity that can also help the local faithful to rediscover the joy of the Christian faith they have received'.

Bishops' Letter on Immigration: The Irish Bishops have issued a Pastoral Letter on Immigration — *A Hundred Thousand Welcomes?* This is a very timely letter and well worth reading. It can be accessed at www.catholicbishops.ie

Building Bridges for Peace - 40th Anniversary of the Brighton Bomb with Jo Berry and Patrick Magee. **Tuesday, 22nd October at 7.30pm** in Clonard Church. All welcome.



Knock Pilgrimage Day pilgrimage to Knock on 2nd November for the Feast of All Souls, departing from St Agnes at 7.30am, returning approx. 10pm. Bring a packed lunch. Price £26. For more information or to book a place, please contact Pat on 07946917354 or Harriet on 07812098901