



Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year 17th November 2024



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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

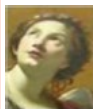


FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday 21st November **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Friday 22nd November **St Cecilia**

Saturday 23rd November **St Columbanus**



We thank you for last week's Collection which came to £3,473.

Also for your kind donations, online and by post.



Due to community activities there will be
NO Priest on Duty or Confessions on Saturday, November 23.

We *apologise* for any inconvenience caused.

KNOCK ALL NIGHT VIGIL

Saturday 7th December.

Bus leaving Clonard Monastery at 1:15pm.

Price £60 dinner and breakfast included.

Returning to Belfast on Sunday 8th December at 12.15pm.

To book contact Brendan Tel: 028 9066 5211 (9am – 5pm).



THE STARS WILL COME FALLING FROM HEAVEN

In Mark's gospel today, Jesus speaks about the end times, describing cosmic events and the coming of the Son of Man. He emphasizes the importance of being watchful and ready, as no one knows the exact time of these events. This passage, though apocalyptic, offers profound insights for our contemporary lives.

Reflecting on this passage in today's world, we can draw several meaningful lessons. First, the imagery of the sun darkening and stars falling can remind us of the uncertainties and challenges we face in life. Whether it's personal struggles, global crises, or environmental issues, these "cosmic" disturbances can feel overwhelming. Yet, Jesus' message is one of hope and assurance. He tells us that despite these trials, the Son of Man will come with great power and glory. This is a promise that we are not alone and that God's presence is with us, even in the darkest times.

In our daily lives, this passage encourages us to stay vigilant and prepared. This doesn't mean living in fear but rather cultivating a mindset of readiness and faith. We can do this by nurturing our spiritual lives through prayer, reading Scripture, and participating in our faith communities. It's about being aware of God's presence in our everyday actions and decisions.

Moreover, Jesus' words remind us of the importance of discernment. Just as we can observe the signs of the changing seasons, we are called to be attentive to the signs of the times. This means being mindful of the needs of those around us, responding with compassion and justice, and being stewards of the world God has entrusted to us. In a society often driven by distraction and superficiality, Jesus' call to watchfulness invites us to cultivate a deeper awareness and intentionality. It challenges us to prioritize what truly matters: our relationship with God, our care for others, and our commitment to justice and peace.

Ultimately, this gospel calls us to live with a sense of purpose and hope. It reassures us that, despite the uncertainties of life, God's love and power are constant and we are held in the hands of a loving God. By staying connected to our faith and being attentive to the world around us, we can navigate life's challenges with confidence and grace.

THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Daniel 12:1-13

Daniel gives a prophecy of the end of time, when the virtuous will be rewarded.

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

What many priests did in former times, Christ does now: he has achieved our perfection.

Mark 13:24-32

Jesus repeats Daniel's prophecy, adding that only the Father knows when the end will come.

FINDING HOPE

Finding Hope 11am - 3.30pm Saturday, November 30th

Begin Advent by taking time out to relax, to think and pray, to be with God.

A day of **song, prayer, scripture and story**, peace and quiet, led by Breige O'Hare.

Bring your own lunch. Tea/coffee provided. Telephone Clonard to book 02890445950.

