



2nd Sunday of the Year

19th January 2025

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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 £3,503, also for your kind donations, online and by post. The Down & Connor Diocesan Faith Development collection will be included today

Clonard Monastery Belfast Vacancy for Housekeeper- Full time

Experience of housekeeping outside of a domestic setting needed.

Professional, enthusiastic and courteous approach required.

37.5 hours weekly. Monday-Friday. £11.44 per hour.

Application forms and job description available from reception at Clonard Monastery or by emailing tmckernan@cssr.ie.

Closing date for receipt of applications Friday 31st January 2025 at 430pm.

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Belfast on three Saturdays (25th January; 22nd February and 29th March)
Booking essential.

To find out more, contact Pauline 07519289185 or Marie 07896119669 or belfastbe@yahoo.com



This Sunday's Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 62:1-5 The bridegroom rejoices in his bride.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 The Spirit distributes gifts to different people just as he chooses.

John 2:1-11 The Miracle at Cana in Galilee.

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In today's gospel, we witness Jesus performing His first miracle at the wedding in Cana, turning water into wine. This passage is often read at weddings, symbolising the joy and abundance that Christ brings into our lives.

In today's world, this story remains profoundly relevant. Weddings are a celebration of love, commitment, and the beginning of a new journey together. The miracle at Cana reminds us that Jesus is present in our lives, especially during significant moments. His presence transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary, just as He turned water into wine.

The act of turning water into wine also signifies the importance of faith and trust in Jesus. The servants at the wedding followed Jesus' instructions without question, even though it might have seemed illogical to fill jars with water when wine was needed. Their obedience and faith led to a miraculous outcome. In our lives, we are often faced with situations that require us to trust in God's plan, even when it doesn't make sense. By placing our faith in Him, we open ourselves to experiencing His miracles and blessings.

Moreover, this passage highlights the role of Mary, Jesus' mother, who intercedes on behalf of the wedding hosts. Her words, "Do whatever he tells you," are a powerful reminder of the importance of listening to and following Jesus. In our daily lives, we can look to Mary as an example of faith and obedience, trusting that Jesus will provide for our needs.

The miracle at Cana also teaches us about the abundance of God's love. Jesus didn't just provide a small amount of wine; He provided an abundance, more than what was needed. This reflects God's generosity and His desire to bless us abundantly. In our relationships, especially in marriage, we are called to reflect this same generosity and love, going above and beyond to support and care for one another.

In conclusion, the story of the wedding at Cana is a beautiful reminder of Jesus' transformative power, the importance of faith and obedience, and the abundance of God's love. As we celebrate weddings and other significant moments in our lives, let us remember to invite Jesus into our hearts and trust in His miraculous power to bring joy and blessings into our lives.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18 – 25 January

Each day of the Week of Prayer, at the celebration of the Eucharist in Clonard, we will pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ from Churches across Belfast with whom our Unity Pilgrims have joined in faith and friendship over many years.

This Sunday, 19 Jan, our Unity Pilgrims will join the 11am Service in Sydenham Methodist Church where Fr Ciarán O'Callaghan will be the guest preacher. Pilgrims will meet in Clonard at 10am. All welcome.

On Wednesday, 22 Jan. at the 9.30am Mass in Clonard, we are delighted to welcome as our guest preacher Rev. Jonny Frazer of Garnerville Presbyterian Church in East Belfast. Jonny and Fr Ciarán host together the podcast 'The Presbyterian and the Priest'.

Fr Gerry Reynolds Annual Unity Week Walk - On **Friday, 24 Jan.** from 12 Noon until 12.45pm, encircling the Falls/Shankill peace line. Gathering at the entrance to Clonard Church. All welcome! New copies are now available at the back of the Church of the special prayer card for Christian Unity. This reprint, entitled 'Unity Pilgrims of Hope', marks the Jubilee Year 2025. Each month of 2025 there will be a unity pilgrimage to join with our brothers and sisters in Christ in various Churches.

