



## 5th Sunday of the Year

9th February 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 £2,740 for Clonard, £919 for the Bishop's collection. Also for your kind donations, online and by post.

**Due to the need for urgent repair, the central entrance door to the church will be out of use for the next few weeks. In order to preserve heat in the church, we ask you to enter and exit the church by the off-centre doors. We apologise for any inconvenience.**

The young people from Clonard Monastery Youth Centre will be fundraising on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February after the masses. They are raising funds for a possible international Learning Experience with their target being £20,000.

We would be very grateful for any donations and contributions.



**St Agnes' Parish Novena to: Our Lady of Lourdes continues until**

**11<sup>th</sup> February** **Preacher:** Frs Laurence Gallagher & Bridgeen Mc Nicholl.

All Novena Sessions will be available online through the Parish webcam

### ***This Sunday's Scripture Readings:***

Isaiah 6:1-8 *Isaiah responds to God's call with enthusiasm.*

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *Paul (least of the apostles) came late to faith in Christ.*

Luke 5:1-11 *Awed by the miraculous catch of fish; Peter is called to follow Christ.*

### **Awed by the miraculous catch of fish, Peter is called to follow Christ**

In today's gospel we hear about Jesus calling His first disciples. Simon Peter and his companions had been fishing all night without success. When Jesus told them to cast their nets again, they caught so many fish that their nets began to break. Overwhelmed, Peter fell at Jesus' knees, recognizing his own unworthiness. Jesus reassured him, saying, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." They left everything and followed Him.

This gospel speaks powerfully to us today. We often find ourselves working tirelessly yet feeling unfulfilled. Like Peter, we may feel inadequate or unworthy. But Jesus meets us where we are, in our daily struggles and routines. He invites us to trust Him, even when it seems illogical or impossible.

Jesus' call to Peter is a call to all of us. He asks us to step out in faith, to trust in His guidance, and to be open to new possibilities. Our "nets" may be our careers, relationships, or personal goals. When we surrender these to Jesus, He can transform our efforts into something extraordinary.

In our modern world, it's easy to get caught up in the pursuit of success and material gain. But true fulfilment comes from following Jesus and participating in His mission. He calls us to be "fishers of people," to share His love and message with others. This doesn't necessarily mean leaving our jobs or homes, but it does mean living with purpose and compassion.

Let's reflect on how we can respond to Jesus' call in our own lives. Are we willing to trust Him with our "nets"? Are we open to the new directions He might lead us? Following Jesus isn't easy. It requires sacrifice. However, by following Jesus, we can find deeper meaning and joy in our everyday lives. And the reward is the abundant life he offers.

**Down & Connor Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025:** Celebrating the Jubilee Year and our 40th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage: 9/10 – 15th/16th July. 5 & 7 Night options available. Please visit [www.downandconnor.org/lourdes](http://www.downandconnor.org/lourdes) for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org) Youth Team (9-16th July): applications now open (see website for details)

**Unity Pilgrims of Hope** - today Sunday, 9 February our unity pilgrims will join Shankill Methodist for their 10.30am Service. Meeting at Clonard reception at 10:00am. All welcome!

**4 Corners Festival - Closing Event** - 'I'll Call You Home' in St Colmcille's Church on Sunday, 9 Feb. at 7pm. (191a Upper Newtownards Rd, BT4 3JB). Special guests Rev. Neil Craigan from Minnesota, singer Dana Masters, and Lisburn Vineyard Pastor Andrew Masters. All welcome!