

**CLONARD PARISH RADIO**  
All Church services are broadcast on 92.9 FM and on the Parish Facebook page Church of the Annunciation Clonard Parish

Please inform people who are sick or housebound so that they can join us over the airwaves.

**Masses**

**Saturday Vigil Mass**  
6.00 p.m.

**Sunday**  
9.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

**Monday to Friday**  
10.00 a.m.

**Bank Holiday Monday**  
11.00 a.m. only

Our Parish Representative and contact person in respect of the Ferns Diocesan Child Safeguarding Policy is: Tom Aherne  
Tel: 087-6626915

**Clonard Lotto**  
Clonard Lotto is unable to run due to Level 3 Covid-19 restrictions.  
We will update you further once restrictions have eased.

**Acorn Shop**  
Open Monday to Friday  
9.30am – 2.00pm

Christmas Mass Bouquets  
Christmas Novena Cards  
Christmas Cards  
Cribs  
Christmas Presents

Closes at 11.30am on Christmas Eve

**Haven Pharmacy**  
**Murphy's**  
**Clonard**

**Opening hours:**  
Mon. – Fri.  
9.00 a.m. – 6.30 p.m.  
Sat. 9.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.

**Prescriptions GMS DPS**  
**LTI etc.**

**Padraig Murphy MPSI**  
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# Clonard Parish Newsletter

Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> & Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 2020

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## Christmas Message

Dear Parishioners,

This time last year how could we have imagined what 2020 would bring to all of our lives!

For many families in our parish 2020 brought numerous challenges, the question of job security, higher bills, closed schools and now the overall pressure that Christmas can bring.

Christmas this year will be different!

The need for all of us to remain safe and well is paramount.

We do encourage parishioners who are in any way vulnerable or concerned to please remain at home and join us for

Christmas Mass on our parish radio service or parish Facebook page. The Church will be open for you to come in the

quiet times to visit the crib and spend some time with Jesus.

We look forward this year, as we do every year to celebrating the Birth of Christ, this time is a time of great hope for us.

You and your loved ones are always remembered at our prayer here in the parish, we pray especially for parishioners

who will spend Christmas in hospital or in nursing homes,

we pray for you who lost a loved one this year and face the

first Christmas without them. We ask that you too please pray for us.

*May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the peace of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. May Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.*

*Happy Christmas!*

*Fr. Barry*

*Monsignor Denis*

### PRIEST ON DUTY

Tel. 087-3880355

Please inform the priest on duty or the parish office if a family member is in hospital or would like a visit from a member of the parish team.

V. Rev. Barry Larkin Adm.

Right Rev. Monsignor Denis Lennon C.C.,

**PLEASE DO NOT PUT THIS NEWSLETTER BACK, PLEASE TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU**

The Weekly Envelopes for the week ending amounted to **€970.00** Our thanks to everyone who contributes.

### Christmas Masses

Our Mass tickets for Christmas Eve are now all gone. If you have tickets for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Mass and now can't use them, we would appreciate it if you would return them to the Parish Office. We have still have tickets available for the 9am, 10am and 11.30am Masses on Christmas Day.

Tickets are available from the Parish office from 9.30am to 2pm Monday to Wednesday and Christmas Eve from 9.30am to 11.30am.

No matter which Mass you attend over Christmas you will be allocated a Section within the Church, so please ensure you are aware of which Section you are in when you come to Mass over Christmas.

We know that it may seem strange to have tickets for Mass especially a Christmas Mass, when Christmas is normally a time to come together to give thanks and celebrate the birth of Jesus, but as we have said the safety of all of our Parishioners is and has to be forefront of our minds as we continue to find our way through this Pandemic.

Also you as an individual or as a family unit, might like to consider joining our Christmas Masses from your own home. We know that some of our Parishioners are vulnerable and some may feel less comfortable in the Church in the current climate. If this is the case please feel to join one of our Masses online or on the Parish radio station. All of our Christmas Masses will be broadcast live on our Facebook page (Church of the Annunciation – Clonard Parish) and on the Parish radio station 92.9fm.

The Dispensation from the Bishop's in relation to physically attendance at Mass, which was in place from the beginning of the Pandemic still holds over the Christmas period.

### Mass Times

Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of December  
Vigil 6pm

Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of December  
9am, 10am & 11.30am

The Church will be open daily from 9am to 5pm

### Guidance for the safe attendance at Church

In line with new Covid-19 restrictions we have had to make a few changes. The changes we have made are to ensure your safety while attending Mass, we ask you to work with us and abide by the guidelines in order to keep each other safe.

We are in the unique position that due to the configuration of our Church, we are able to sub divide our Church in accordance with government guidelines.

We now have the following sections:

- Section A is near the organ (entrance via the doors on the Wexford Park side of the Church)
- Section B is the two centre isles (entrance via the emergency exit doors on the back wall of the Church)
- Section 3 is beside the Baptistry (entrance via the doors on the Clonard Ave. side of the Church)

We would appreciate it if you could adhere to the following at all times while in the Church:

- Please wear a face covering at all times within the Church
- Please use the sanitiser at each entrance/exit
- No movement between sections can take place before, during or after Mass
- Please remain in the section you enter in
- Please use the Shrine that is in your Section only
- Please do not gather at the doors or outside the Church

### Holy Communion Distribution

Distribution of Holy Communion will be as follows: Each section A, B and C is broken down into 1 and 2, so A1 will be invited to attend communion first, when completed A2 will be invited to attend, there will be a Eucharistic Minister for each section so this will be the same for all sections. Please come out of the seat to the right and return to the left, so that you are going around in a circle. Please do not return the same way you came or cross over anyone.

### Christmas Remembrance Book

Every year we place a book in the Crib with the names of the dearly departed that we would like remembered at our Christmas Services.

If you would like to add a deceased loved ones name to the book, please do so through the Parish office.

**How to wear a face covering:**  
Cover your nose and mouth.



Nope.



Not quite.



Try again.



That's the one!