

The Hook of Faith

As we continue to cope with the Coronavirus crisis, Bishop Robert Barron helps us to find hope at a difficult time. At this time when we can't physically participate in the Eucharist, we continue to upload the daily mass readings in audio form together with a daily reflection. Maria Bridges urges us not be afraid and to face this challenge with courage. Brendan McManus offers us a spirituality to deal with strange times and at a time when thousands are dying from the virus around the world, Fr Jim Cogley reflects on the Gospel story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Finally, Sean O'Leary offers a provoking article on viruses, conspiracies and God. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

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
053-9184444

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

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. Right Rev. Monsignor Denis Lennon P.P.,
Rev. Barry Larkin C.C.

Clonard Parish Newsletter

Saturday the 28th & Sunday the 29th of March 2020

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Lockdown

Yes there is fear.
Yes there is isolation.
Yes there is panic buying.
Yes there is sickness.
Yes there is even death.
But, They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise
You can hear the birds again.
They say that after just a few weeks of quiet
The sky is no longer thick with fumes
But blue and grey and clear.
They say that in the streets of Assisi
People are singing to each other across the empty squares, Keeping their windows open so that those who are alone may hear the sounds of family around them.
They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.
Today a young woman I know is busy spreading fliers with her number through the neighbourhood so that the elders may have someone to call on.
Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples are preparing to welcome and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary
All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting
All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new way
All over the world people are waking up to a new reality
To how big we really are.
To how little control we really have.
To what really matters.
To Love.
So we pray and we remember that
Yes there is fear
But there does not have to be hate.
Yes there is isolation
But there does not have to be loneliness.
Yes there is panic buying
But there does not have to be meanness.
Yes there is sickness
But there does not have to be disease of the soul
Yes there is even death
But there can always be a rebirth of love.
Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.
Today, breathe.
Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic
The birds are singing again
The sky is clearing,
Spring is coming,
And we are always encompassed by Love.
Open the windows of your soul
And though you may not be able to touch across the empty square, Sing.
Fr. Richard Hendrick OFM

*Rest
in
Peace*

Our Sympathy and Prayers are offered to the Family and friends of Edel Reck, Larry McEvoy, Mairead Cairbre & Pascal Roche who died during the week.

The obligation to be physically present at Mass is suspended for everybody until further notice.

Mass will continue to be celebrated with no congregation in our Church and the intentions of the parishioners will be remembered at these Masses.

If you have booked a Mass intention, these intentions will be honoured at the Mass celebrated on that day. If you would like to rearrange to have the intention prayed for at a later date, please contact the Parish office on 053 9123672.

In these extraordinary times when we cannot gather together as a Christian Community to celebrate Mass, let us unite ourselves spiritually to the Mass as it is being celebrated in our Church. You can do this by listening to our Mass on **92.9FM**.

Monday to Saturday – 10am

Sunday – 9am & 11.30am

We thank you for your continued generosity, support and patience during these extraordinary times. We have had a few enquiries from parishioners as to what to do with their weekly envelopes as there are no public Masses. You can leave your weekly envelopes both the green and white ones in the letter box. The letter box is located at the entrance on the Wexford Park side of the Church between the double doors. The letter box is securely locked and will be emptied daily. Alternatively if you would like to set up a direct debit please contact the Parish office on 053 9123672 or clonardparishoffice@gmail.com.

We realise that times are very difficult for everyone but the Mission of the Parish continues and your material support in making that happen is greatly appreciated.

Prayers that can be said at home when unable to attend Mass

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

I. O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, ask and it will be given you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you." Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of *[insert your intention.]*
Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be to the Father...Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

II. O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, if you ask any thing of the Father in my name, He will give it to you." Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of *[insert your intention.]*
Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be to the Father...Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

III. O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away." Encouraged by your infallible words I now ask for the grace of *[insert your intention.]*
Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be to the Father...Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender mother and ours.

Say the Hail, Holy Queen and add: St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us.

Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Restrictions

Day Chapel Opening Hours – The Day Chapel will be open daily from 11am-5pm. We ask that there are no more than 4 people in the Day Chapel at one time.

The Main Church - will be closed until further notice

Community Centre – The Community Centre will be closed until further notice.

Bingo – There will be no bingo until further notice.

Lotto – There will be no Lotto draw until further notice. Any tickets purchased for the draw on the 18th of March will be honoured for the next draw when it takes place. Tickets dated the 18th of March will be used for the next draw.

Clonard Parish Office – Closed until further notice

We will continue to update our website www.clonardparish.ie and our Facebook Page Church of the Annunciation Clonard with the latest news.