

There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend for Diocesan Needs.

Do This In Memory Mass in preparation for First Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday, January 22nd at 10am in Darrara and at 11.30am in the Parish Church.

Pre-Marriage Courses for 2017 will be held on:

Saturday January 28th

Saturday April 8th

Saturday 9th September

Application forms from Clonakilty Clergy or the Parish Church Sacristy
023 8834441

Church cleaning will take place next Saturday 21st January after the 10am Mass.

Darrara Active Retirement fortnightly meetings resume on Tuesday next 17th January at 2.30 p.m. New members and ideas welcome.

Clonakilty Flower Club will host their first meeting of the new year on Monday night 16th January at Fernhill House Hotel at 8.00pm. The demonstration will be given by club members. All new members and visitors are welcome to attend.

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will hold a Blood Donor clinic in Fernhill House Hotel on Tuesday 17th January 5.00 – 8.30 and Wednesday 18th January 3.00 – 5.00 p.m. and 7.00 – 9.00 p.m.

St Josephs Girls NS Clonakilty will hold their New Infant Enrolment Week from Monday 16th January – Friday 20th January every day from 2.00 – 3.00 p.m.

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Priest on Duty: 087-6828076

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Urgent Calls: 086-8760608

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

15th January, 2017

First Reading: (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6) This talks about the servant God has chosen to bring Israel back to him, and not just Israel, but all people.

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 1:1-3) Here Paul reminds the Christians at Corinth of their call to holiness.

Gospel: (John 1:29-34) Isaiah's prophesy is fulfilled in Jesus. He is God's Chosen Servant who takes away the sins of the people and baptises them with the Holy Spirit.

Reflection

The Gospel today tells us of John the Baptist and how he identified Jesus as the "Lamb of God". John was a true prophet, not wanting any glorification for himself but choosing rather to be a signpost for others to lead them to the only one who could save them. He was given the grace and honour to introduce Jesus to us, to put us on the right track to make sure that we knew who was the only one to follow because Jesus is the only way to God.