

Baptism

We welcome to the Christian Community:
Jacob Harry Gallwey
Olivia Mary Roberts

Luke Michael Thompson-Kehoe
Eimear Eibhlín Whelton

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the soul of:
Leo Meade, Ballinascarthy
Kitty McCarthy, Strand Road

There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend for the Irish Bishops' Commission.

Do This In Memory Mass in preparation for First Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday, March 19th at 10am in Darrara and at 11.30am in the Parish Church.

Next Friday, March 17th is St Patrick's Day. There will be a vigil Mass on Thursday evening at 7.30pm in the Parish Church. As St Patrick's Day is also a Public Holiday, Masses will be at the same time as Sundays at 8.30am and 11.30am in the Parish Church and 10am in Darrara.

Stations of the Cross will take place every Wednesday during Lent at 9.30am in the Parish Church.

Gospel Reflection under the guidance of Sr Magdalene will continue on Tuesdays in the Parish Centre after the 10am Mass.

Trocaire boxes are available in the church.

There will be an opportunity to venerate the relic of the Holy Face of Jesus from Rome from 7-8pm on Tuesday March 14th in Mount Carmel Hospital Chapel. All welcome.

- The Clonakilty St. Patrick's Day Parade will start at 3pm on March 17th and is preceded by street entertainment and a vintage display from 2pm.
- Ahakeera Drama Group presents A three-act Comedy, Too Close To Home in Darrara Community Centre on Sunday the 12th March at 8 pm. All are welcome.

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Second Sunday of Lent (A)

12th March, 2017

First Reading: (Genesis 12:1-4) This tells of the call of Abraham. Thanks to his faith in God the whole human race has been blessed.

Second Reading: (2 Timothy 1: 8) The power of God and the vision of immortality enables the Christian to face the sufferings which faithfulness to the Gospel inevitably brings.

Gospel (Matthew 17:1-9) On Mount Tabor the three disciples get a glimpse of the glory of Jesus.

Reflection

Today's Gospel passage describes the moment when Peter, James, and John see the face of Jesus shining like the sun. Peter never forgot that moment. Years later he wrote about it, saying: "With our own eyes we saw his greatness. We were there when he was given honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from Heaven saying, 'This is my own dear Son with whom I am pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice coming from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain" (2 Peter 1:16-18). Every Christian is called upon to be a light that shines in the darkness. This light is to be placed on a lampstand where it gives light to all in the house. Lent is a time for asking ourselves how well we are living out our calling. Lent is a time for asking ourselves how well we are letting our light shine before others that they may see it and give praise to our father in Heaven.