

Baptism

We welcome to the Christian Community:

Odhran Patrick O'Riordan Tawnies Crescent

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.

The Station Mass for Casheliskey and Kilbree will be held on Friday March 24th at 8pm in the home of Breda O'Hea.

The statue of Our Lady of Fatima which is currently touring around Ireland will repose in the Parish Church from 9.30-11am on Monday March 27th.

Trocaire boxes are available in the church.

Cork Scripture Group is organising an evening presentation in the West Cork Education Centre, The Square, Dunmanway on Thursday March 23rd from 7.30 to 9.30. Ben Hegarty OP will look at Scripture and Laudato Si. It is open to anyone who would like to attend. The donation is €5.

Life of the Spirit Seminar begin on Sunday afternoon 26th March 2.30 – 5.00 p.m. at St Maluda's Church Clogagh, Timoleague. For further information contact Msgr Finbarr O'Leary. Email olearytf@gmail.com

The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association is holding a fund-raising dance in Ballinscarthy Hall on Friday 24th March. Music by the Marino Band. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

The Darrara Heat of the over 60s Talent Competition will take place in Darrara Community Centre on Wednesday 22nd March at 8.30 p.m. Our guest on the night will be Bernadette Milner who won last year's final in the City Hall. All are welcome to attend

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Third Sunday of Lent (A)

19th March, 2017

First Reading: (Exodus 17:3-7) Despite their ingratitude, God shows his care for his people by providing water for them in the desert.

Second Reading: (Romans 5:1-2. 5-8) God has proved his extraordinary love for us by the fact that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel (John 4:5-42) This tells the story of Jesus' touching encounter with a Samaritan woman.

Reflection

St. Thérèse of Liseux wrote the following about Jesus asking the Samaritan woman for water:

"...when He said 'Give me a drink', it was the love of His poor creature the Creator of the Universe was seeking. He was thirsty for love. Ah! I feel it more than ever before, Jesus is parched, for He meets only the ungrateful and indifferent among His disciples in the world, and among His own disciples, alas, he finds few hearts who surrender to Him without reservations, who understand the real tenderness of His infinite Love (Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of St. Thérèse of Liseux).

All we need is to give ourselves completely to God, to trust completely in God, to allow God to be the source of all our existence.