



Congratulations to the boys and girls of Scoil na mBuachaillí and Knockskeagh who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 25th April.

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

Next Friday, May 5th is First Friday. There will be an evening Mass at 7.30pm in the Parish Church. There will be no evening Mass in Darrara. The Vigil of Eucharistic Adoration will take place in Mount Carmel Hospital Chapel on Friday May 5th. Adoration will commence at 8pm with the Rosary. Mass will be at 10.30 pm and Adoration will close at 2am on Saturday May 6th

The April meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society will take place on Tuesday May 2nd at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. New members welcome.

The Rosary will be recited at the Grotto, Convent Road every day except Saturday during the month of May. This week it will be at 7.30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and at 6.45pm on Tuesday and Friday.

The Rosary will be recited at the Grotto in Ballinglanna at 9pm each night during the month of May.

World Meeting of Families: On Thursday 4th May Bishop Buckley will launch the Cork and Ross Diocesan programme of preparation towards this international event being hosted in Ireland year. This launch will coincide with the talk by Fr Timothy Bartlett, the General Secretary for the World Meeting of Families. All are welcome to come one of these gatherings: 2:30pm to 4:00pm in Clonakilty Parish Centre or 7:30pm to 9:00pm in Blackrock Parish Centre. Details: Sr Karen 021 4537601

Come and See Afternoon: On Sunday 7th May from 2:30pm to 5:00pm men who are interested in knowing more about the formation, training and life as a Diocesan priest are invited to the Pastoral Development Office in Ballyphehane where there will be priests and students to discuss this vocation and way of life. Contact in confidence: Fr Charlie Kiely 021 4537603; Mgr Aidan O'Driscoll 023 8833165; Fr Tom Deenihan secretary@corkandross.org

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Third Sunday of Easter (A)

30th April, 2017

First Reading: (Acts 2:14.22-28) On the Feast of Pentecost, Peter preaches to the Jews about the resurrection of Christ.

Second Reading: (1 Peter 1:17-21) The benefits we enjoy as Christians were won by Christ through the shedding of his blood. Our response should be a life of holiness.

Gospel (Luke 24:13-35) The risen Jesus joins two of his disciples on their journey, and shows them that it was by dying that he entered into glory.

Reflection

Today's gospel is another beautiful Easter Story. Two of the disciples are walking the road to Emmaus – a village about seven miles from Jerusalem.

They are walking away from Gethsemane; they are walking away from Calvary and the tomb of Jesus. They are sad and a stranger noticing their cast-down faces joins them on the road. He asks them what they're talking about and why they are so sad. He listens patiently. Then He begins telling them all the Scripture Stories beginning with Moses and showing how Jesus Christ had to suffer so that He could enter into His glory.

It was late evening and the two friends begged the stranger to stay with them – He came in with them and they broke bread together and "they recognised Him in the breaking of the Bread." Their hearts burned within them as they listened to Him.

Jesus walks beside us on all the Roads of Life. Sometimes we fail to recognise Him on the way. But he comes in the guise of a friend, or a parent, maybe a teacher. He listens to our long stories too. And we pray "Stay with us Lord." May He show us the Way.