

We wish each and every one of our parishioners, their friends and families at home and abroad a very happy Easter.

May God bless you all.

Monsignor Aidan O'Driscoll

Fr. Eddie Collins

Baptism

We welcome to the Christian Community:
Billy Jeremiah Anglin



At the Holy Saturday Vigil Mass, Rana Mullan was received into the Church. The Clonakilty Community welcome her and give her our heartiest Congratulations.

The collection on this weekend is for the priests of the Parish.

Please return all Trocaire boxes either to the sacristy or to Trocaire, Cook Street, Cork.



Congratulations to the boys and girls of St. Joseph's N.S and Darrara who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 4th April.

- Cork and Ross Lourdes Pilgrimage. There is still availability on our annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 11th to 16th June. To book contact Joe Walsh Tours in Cork 021 4277959.
- Pope Francis' questionnaire to young people aged 16 to 29 is now available for completion on our Diocesan website www.corkandross.org or the Cork and Ross Facebook page www.facebook.com/pastoraldevelopment This questionnaire from the Pope gives a voice to all young people as he prepares for the next synod on young people to take place in 2018/2019.

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Clonakilty

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Sacred Heart Church, Darrara

Priest on Duty: 087-6828076

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Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection (A)

16th April, 2017

First Reading (Acts 10:34.37-43) This is part of an early sermon preached by St. Peter in which he proclaims the risen Jesus to be the Saviour of those who believe in him, and Judge of the living and the dead.

Second Reading: (Colossians 3:1-40) Through our Baptism we already share in the risen life of Christ, though in a hidden and mysterious way.

Gospel (John 20:1-9) On their finding Jesus' tomb empty, the truth of his resurrection begins to dawn on his disciples.

Reflection

Towards dawn on Easter Sunday, Mary Magdalen and the other women came with spices to the Tomb where Jesus lay. Suddenly there was an earthquake and God's Messenger- an Angel, rolled back the tomb stone. The guards were so frightened they seemed to be dead on the ground. The women were stunned - it is hard to imagine how they felt as they turned back to tell the others Jesus was not in the tomb!

But more astonishing still, as they went, "there coming to meet them on the road was Jesus." "Greetings" He said.

We can only imagine the excitement and joy that filled the women's hearts as they hurried to tell the others "Jesus is alive. He is Risen!" That out of the terrible darkness of Good Friday a New world has come. Jesus is here now – Risen.

We think of many tyrants through History who tried to "imprison" and "Seal up" good people for their own cause. Easter Day reminds us that we cannot imprison the human Spirit. The Human Spirit is His presence in the world and it is in the daily good deeds of ordinary people that we meet Jesus coming towards us on the Road.