



Our prayers and best wishes go to the children from Darrara NS who received their First Holy Communion on 13th May.

Baptism

We welcome to the Christian Community:
Matthew Hubert Dajnowicz

Wedding

Congratulations and every good wish to:
Anne Campbell and Jim McCarthy Katriona Keohane and James O'Sullivan
Michelle Holland and Damian Drohan

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the soul of:
Francie Murphy, Tawnies Crescent

There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend in aid of the Cork and Ross Pastoral Development Office.

The Rosary will be recited at the Grotto, Convent Road at 7.30pm every evening except Saturday and at the Grotto in Ballinglanna at 9pm each night during the month of May.

Enterprise Town returns to Clonakilty Parish Centre on 19th May 2017 at 6pm-9pm. After the fantastic success of 2016 everyone is delighted to see the initiative back again this year. This event supports all local communities groups therefore we are calling on all schools, businesses and clubs from Clonakilty and surrounding areas to get involved and showcase what they do and how they are part of the community. For groups interested in taking part you can register by emailing Geraldine Galvin Bank of Ireland at geraldine.galvin@boi.com or text your details to mobile 086 8589043 or by calling into the branch to speak to a member of staff or the organising committee".

Please note the Parish Centre Car Park will be closed on the 19th May to allow exhibitors access.

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Church of the Immaculate Conception

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Sacred Heart Church, Darrara

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Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)

14th May, 2017

First Reading: (Acts 6:1-7) We see the growth of the first Christian community, and how they sorted out in a peaceful and just manner the problems that inevitably arose.

Second Reading: (1 Peter 2:4-9) This describes the responsibility and special dignity of the members of the Christian community.

Gospel (John 14:1-12) Jesus consoles his friends who are distressed over his words that he is going away.

Reflection

Today's Gospel should have a profound spiritual impact on us as Jesus once again explains his divine and human persona to his disciples. He sets out to allay their fears and dispel any doubts they may have with gentle reassurance. "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me ... I am going now to prepare a place for you ... You know the way to the place where I am going." Still they were confused and Thomas blurted out: "We do not know where you are going so how can we know the way?"

The reply Jesus gave can surely be described in modern-day parlance as the ultimate Sat Nav instruction to eternal life. "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life". The robotic voice of the car Sat Nav immediately recalculates if we deviate from the prescribed route. However, on our spiritual journey not alone is Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life but he will also lead us if we let him into our lives in a spirit of Faith and Trust. The song "You'll never walk alone" comes to mind. But, it is entirely up to us to personally recalculate and return to the right road when we know we are astray, remembering his words: "No one can come to the Father except through me" and "whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself". We too must be Christ-like and act accordingly with those we encounter, keenly aware of the responsibilities and opportunities afforded to us by his promises. After all, what better assurance than these words of Jesus: "I shall return to take you with me so that where I am you may be too".