



Comhgháirdeas le páistí na Gaelscoile a ghlac lena gléad Chomaóineach ar an Satharn an 20ú Bealtaine.

Baptism

We welcome to the Christian Community:

Fionn Patrick Lyons

Ciara Mairead Calnan

Michael Francis Thomas Wison

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the soul of Nora Googan, Fairfield Terrace

There will be a second collection next Sunday for the World Meeting of Families 2018.

A reminder to take nomination papers for the Parish Assembly and return them to the box in the Parish church by May 28th.

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.

Church cleaning will take place on Thursday next May 25th after the 10am Mass.

- The Clonakilty Brass Band will hold their annual concert on Sunday May 21st at 7.30pm in Dunmore House Hotel. Tickets available at O'Donovan's Hotel or at the door on the night.
Clonakilty Brass Band will also play in Astna Square on Thursday May 25th from 7-8.30pm as part of Cork County Council's special music events in West Cork.

The Ministry of Consolation has been running successfully in the parish here in Clonakilty for the last eight months, with its main role being the preparation of funeral rites. The group is known as the Pastoral team for funerals. They are not here to replace the Priest but those involved in the ministry work beside him. They actively participate in each funeral with the Priest whether it's a Priest in our parish or a visiting Priest. This includes participation in the Rosary, the removal, and the reception in to our Churches in the parish. We thank you for your encouragement and support, as we ask you for your prayers in this on-going ministry.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)

21st May, 2017

First Reading: (Acts 8:5-8.14-17) We learn about the joy and enthusiasm with which the Samaritans received the Gospels.

Second Reading: (1 Peter 3:15-18) Peter encourages Christians to remain steadfast under pressure in their attachment to Christ.

Gospel (John 14:15-21) To love Christ is to listen to his words and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to put them into practice in our lives.

Reflection

Through the Resurrection of His Son, God has redeemed us by making us His children. Today, we reflect on another wonderful pronouncement by Jesus as he prepared to ascend to the Father. He promised his disciples that he would ask Him to send another Advocate, the Holy Spirit of Truth, to be with them forever.

We live in an age when the message of the "Spirit of Truth" which Jesus promised would abide in His Church, is threatened to be sidelined by many who claim to love God while disregarding or making every effort to modify or even disregard His commandments in favour of populist so-called logic and "compassion".

Let us read today's Gospel again and reflect on the depth of our own love and the conviction with which we bear witness to the teaching of Jesus: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments". With Fatherly love he went on to say: "I will not leave you orphaned... but you will see me because I live and you will live".

May we always strive to practise in our lives the Faith we profess, strengthened by this powerful message.