

The Launch of the World Meeting of Families 2018 will take place all over Ireland on this Sunday October 1st. It will be celebrated in Clonakilty Parish Church when symbols will be brought up at the beginning at the 11.30am Mass. Throughout the year there will be a special Mass once a month in preparation for this event.

Also at the 11.30 Mass the Enrolment of First Holy Communicants will take place and the Novena to St. Therese of Lisieux will be brought to an end with the blessing of roses.

The Family Rosary will be recited in the Parish Church on this Sunday evening, October 1st at 5pm.

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

The October meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society will take place on Tuesday October 3rd at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. The meeting includes the Rosary and Adoration. New members always welcome.

Next Friday, October 6th is First Friday. There will be an evening Mass at 7.30pm in the Parish Church.

The Vigil of Eucharistic Adoration will take place in Mount Carmel Hospital Chapel on Friday October 6th. Adoration will commence at 8pm with the Rosary. Mass will be at 10.30 pm and Adoration will close at 2am on Saturday October 7th.

The Rosary in honour of Our Lady will be recited in the Parish Centre nightly (except Saturdays) during the month of October at 7pm. All are welcome to come and pray the Rosary.

The Rosary will be recited at the Ballinglanna Grotto on Saturday October 7th at 9pm.

Congratulations and best wishes to the new Parish Assembly who recently finished their training and formation. We wish them well over the next three years.

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

1st October, 2017

First Reading: (Ezekiel 18:25-28) When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live.

Second Reading: (Philippians 2:1-11) Consider others as better than yourselves; do not look to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

Gospel: (Matthew 21:28-32) Actions speak louder than words.

Baptism

We welcome to the Christian Community:

Emma Clare Deasy

Wedding

Congratulations and every good wish to:

Lisa Shanahan and John Paul Maughan

Reflection

Jesus spent the last weeks of his life in Jerusalem. He must have felt the anger and tension of the Chief Priests and elders rising against Him. After all, they were the Teachers, they knew the Law – yet He was befriending sinners and tax collectors and eating with them. But they would feel unclean in Tax Collectors company; contaminated by sinners and they let Jesus see that too! Jesus told them the beautiful Parable of the Two Sons hoping that they might “listen”. He is trying to help us see that if we have a change of heart and show sorrow for wrong decisions just as the eldest son did – God’s love and compassion are ours – because God has no favourites. He takes everyone into His Kingdom not just the chosen People, the Jews, there are no barriers and no boundaries in His Kingdom. That is the powerful message of Hope in today’s Gospel story. No sin is too great to be forgiven by God – no crime is outside God’s loving Compassion and Mercy.