

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the Organising Committee of the Clonakilty Community Youth Centre and to the volunteers for all their hard work in helping to make the Tommy Fleming concert such a success. You gave generously of your time in preparation for the event as well as on the night. Thank you to the donors of the raffle prizes and to the ticket sellers. Thank you to all of you who turned up on the night. We hope you all enjoyed the concert.

Baptism

We welcome to the Christian Community:
Dimpho and Dylan Nat Khumalo
Cian Tanake Kabvembe-Chauke
Brooklyn Anne Condon-O'Driscoll

There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend for the Propagation of the Faith.

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.

In Loving Memory, a Service of Remembrance will be held in the Parish Church on Sunday November 5th during which we remember our loved ones and especially those in the parish who have passed away during the year. This year, as part of our preparation for the World Meeting of Families 2018 we will include the names of other loved ones whom you wish to remember. Please give the names in to the sacristy before Saturday November 4th.

The November envelopes will be available in the church.

A new rota for the Ministers of the Word is available in the sacristy.

- A Coffee Day in aid of Marymount Hospice will be held on Saturday October 28th from 10am to 4pm in the home of Ted and Angela Murphy, Cluainárd, Clogheen.

My Mission – A Mission Sunday Reflection

You have some work for me that no-one else can do. Together, we will bring towards completion some wonderful part of Your creation. Lord, may your will be done in me.

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Mission Sunday

22nd October, 2017

First Reading: (Isaiah 45:1.4-6) The return of the people from exile is seen as a sign of God's love for his people Israel and of his lordship over all peoples.

Second Reading: (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5) Here we see Paul's concern for the Christians at Thessalonika.

Gospel: (Matthew 22:15-21) This is the story of an effort by the enemies of Jesus to trap him into saying something incriminating.

Reflection

Today's Gospel story has a strong reminder to us that God must be included in all areas of our lives. There is nothing from which God must be excluded.

The Pharisees in today's Gospel set out to trap Jesus. First they flattered Him telling He was "honest and unafraid". But Jesus knew their schemes. "Let me see the coin you pay the taxes with," He said. They handed Him a denarius. But His reply must have stunned them! He said "Give back to Caesar what belongs to him."

Today the secular and the sacred of necessity overlap in our lives. Many people want the secular in life to be devoid of anything to do with God or Religion. But secularism without the sacred is a crude form of atheism. "There is no place on this earth where God is not." The poet Hopkins said "The world is charged with the grandeur of God" and His glory is best seen in people who are fully alive; alive in the world, alive in God.