

Diocese of Cork and Ross Vocation Discernment for men aged 18 to 40 who are thinking about priesthood. Monthly gatherings will take place at the Pastoral Development Office, Ballypnehane beginning on Wednesday 29th November from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Further information contact Fr Charlie Kiely on 021 4537603

Baptism

We welcome to the Christian Community:
Donnacha Brendan Lynch

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the soul of:
Kitty Lyons, Patrick Street

There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend for Marriage Support.

Do This In Memory Mass in preparation for First Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday November 26th at 10am in Darrara and at 11.30am in the Parish Church.

**The Rosary will be recited in the cemeteries on the following dates:
November 19th Paircin at 2.15pm, Darrara at 3pm and Ballintemple at 4pm
November 26th Kilgarriffe at 3pm and Kilnagros at 4pm**

We ask your prayers for Sara Jane, who will, on Sat 2nd Dec at the 7 30pm Vigil Mass, celebrate her reception into the Catholic Church. She is currently undergoing a programme known as RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

The Rosary will be recited in Templequinlan cemetery on Tuesday November 21st at 4pm (In Darrara Church if raining.)

O Holy Night

A concert of favourite Christmas Music will take place in the Parish Church on Sunday November 26th at 7pm featuring Fiona O'Reilly (Soprano), Dan Twomey (Tenor), Eoin Leahy (Baritone) and the Chorus and Orchestra of Opera Cork. Proceeds to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Meals on Wheels, Clonakilty. Tickets €15 from Meade's Newsagents.

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

19th November, 2017

First Reading: (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31) By today's standards, the woman at the centre of this reading would hardly be called a talented person. Yet she is held up as a model.

Second Reading: (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6) Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light.

Gospel (Matthew 25:14-30) Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.

Reflection

Hello fans of Mary Black, Daniel, Bing, Jack B. Yeats, Patricia Messinger, etc. Happy is the person who realises their talents soon enough in life to share them with others. St. Matthew passes on Jesus' Parable of the Talents which exhorts us to use those Gifts in a wholehearted way to 'lift' the lives of others. Saint Paul reminds us that we are 'children of the light'. Further, blessed is the person who is fortunate enough to meet someone in life who not only appreciates, but reflects those talents with interest.

How wonderful to see married couples complementing - and complimenting - each other's 'plusses' and to see the goodness passed on if they are blessed with a next generation.

The Gospel further exhorts us to take courage and make the first move, be it singing in public, painting the first brush-stroke on a blank canvas or saying Hello to a stranger. Is not a stranger only a friend waiting to be introduced? Don't bury your gift and you will receive it back in abundance, says Jesus.

Perhaps this Sunday should also be Wife Appreciation Day as the reading from Proverbs describes. Another 'bunch of roses' day, men! Go on, make her day!