

Wedding

Congratulations and every good wish to:
Gillian Flynn and Jonathan Keohane

Do This In Memory Mass in preparation for First Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday, March 4th at 10am in Darrara and at 11.30am in the Parish Church.

Stations of the Cross will take place every Wednesday during Lent at 9.30am in the Parish Church.

Next Friday, March 2nd 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 March 2nd. Adoration will commence at 8pm with the Rosary. Fr Sean Crowley will celebrate Holy Mass at 10.30 pm and Adoration will close at 2am on Saturday March 3rd.

The Family Rosary will be recited in the Parish Church on next Sunday evening, March 4th at 5pm.

Clonakilty Bereavement Group has been established and will be commissioned at the 11.30am Mass on Sunday February 25th. A 5 week course is commencing on the 8th March in the Clonakilty Parish Centre at 8pm. Contact details 023 8834320/ 086 8259317

The World Meeting of Families Icon will arrive in the Cathedral, Skibbereen on Monday 26th February at 7.30pm for a Welcome celebration led by Monsignor O'Driscoll. A bus will leave Clonakilty at 6.30pm. If interested please hand names into the sacristy. The Icon will move to Bandon on Friday March 2nd with Mass at 7.30pm.

To mark The World Day of Prayer on Thursday March 1st an Ecumenical Service will take place in Clonakilty Methodist Church at 8 pm.

PROTECT THE 8TH AMENDMENT PUBLIC MEETING: A talk and training workshop will be held on Thursday 15th March at 7,30pm in O'Donovan's Hotel. All welcome

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Second Sunday of Lent (B)

25th February 2018

First Reading: (Gen. 22:1-2,9a, 10-13, 15-18) The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Second Reading: (Romans 8:31b-34) If God is for us, who can be against us?

Gospel: (Mark 9:2-10) Jesus was transfigured before them and his clothes became dazzling white.

Reflection

St. Mark's Gospel story of the Transfiguration might appear to be somewhat out of place being related as it is, in the middle of sombre season of Lent - how Jesus led his three most dedicated followers Peter, James and John up a high mountain to reveal to them visions of Moses and Elijah, his own purity and above all, his mandate from God the Father. Mount Tabor near the Sea of Galilee, has been suggested as this mountain. At just over half the height of our own Carrantouhill, it would still take an enormous effort to climb, as any walker will tell you. Perhaps here lies the connection with Lent. Would Jesus have been trying to emphasise to these followers that, in order to share in the vision of the Transfiguration and indeed the experience with which they wanted to stay forever by building tents there, they would have to also experience the extreme effort of a hard climb?

The absolute joy of Easter Sunday can be so enhanced by how we put some effort into the journey through Lent, by forgetting our own troubles for the duration and by seeking to give our companions encouragement for their climb in life.