

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the souls of:
Michael O'Sullivan, Assumption Place
Elsie Lane, Cathedral Place, Rosscarbery

Do This In Memory Mass in preparation for First Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday, February 11th at 10am in Darrara and at 11.30am in the Parish Church.

There will be a second collection at all Masses next weekend for the Lourdes Invalid Fund.

The February meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society will take place on Tuesday February 6th at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. The meeting includes the Rosary and Adoration. New members always welcome.

The Eucharistic Adoration Committee would like to thank God for the success of the Renewal last weekend. Thank you to all who committed to spending one hour each week with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We are short of adorers for the following hours: Wednesdays at 4pm (urgent), Fridays at 11am and Fridays at 3pm. If you would like to join the Adoration rota, please contact Sue at 086 3964672

The Spring/Easter Offering envelopes are available in the church.

- Scoil na mBuachaillí, Clonakilty is enrolling for 2018/2019 on Wednesday February 7th. There is an Open Day and a Tour of the School on enrolment day at 1.15 p.m. If you cannot attend on the 7th you can make alternative arrangements by ringing 023 8834487 or email info@snbclonakilty.com
- Knockskeagh National School will hold their Enrolment/Open Day on Thursday, 8th February from 11.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Everyone welcome. Please bring your child's PPS number and a copy of his/her birth certificate. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us 023 8838070.
- Clonakilty Community Youth Centre will hold a coffee morning in the Parish Centre on Sunday February 4th from 9- 2pm to raise funds for the new Centre.
- Afternoon Tea Dance Sunday 4th February in Darrara Community Centre from 3pm -6pm. Entry €10. Music by Kieran Cooke Band.
- Clonakilty Camogie Club are holding a registration evening on Sunday February 11th in Ahamilla from 3pm to 5. New members always welcome. We hope to see you there.

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Church of the Immaculate Conception

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Sacred Heart Church, Darrara

Priest on Duty: 087-6828076

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Urgent Calls: 086-8760608

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

4th February 2018

First Reading: (Job 7:1-4, 6-7) Job finds life on earth to be a drudgery

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23) Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel. I have become all things to all, to save at least some.

Gospel: (Mark 1: 29-39) Jesus cured many who were sick.

Reflection

Some years ago, a man was coming to terms with the end of his life in a hospice. As sometimes with serious illness, he was blessed with some good days in between the more challenging ones. Recently in his life he had helped to set up a pitch and putt club in his locality. This gave great pleasure to many who had joined the club over the years. On his good days, from his hospice bed, he organised a tournament between clubs in the wider region. This raised thousands of euros for the hospice and the great work with which it was engaged.

St. Mark, in today's Gospel, describes how Jesus, when told that Simon's mother-in-law had taken to the bed with fever, went to her and taking her by the hand, cured her of her illness. She did not dwell on recuperation, but went straight into the role of hostess for the visitors and residents of her home.

Both of these occurrences contrast with the unfortunate Job's fretting about all of the misfortunes which have been visited upon him-the loss of family and possessions. Our greatest benefit from 'good days' will come from using our God-given talents to serve our less-fortunate fellows. St. Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthians, reminds us that we should feel it our duty to do so - in his case, to freely use his Gospel preaching ability to bring that Good News to as many as possible.