

Reflection

Today, in the First Reading from the Book of Exodus, The Ten Commandments were given by God to Moses to provide a map of life for the Jewish people who had entered into a special relationship with Him. In the Second Reading, St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians explains that we need to grasp why Jesus our Saviour was sent by God. This needs us to take an added look at the Ten Commandments and the teaching of Moses in light of the teachings of Christ. Jesus when asked, explained that all Ten Commandments could be seen as loving God with all your heart and all your soul and loving your neighbour as yourself. Thus, the question is not whether we can recite the Ten Commandments off by heart but do we live our lives by them?

Finally, we read in John's Gospel that Jesus got angry when the Temple in Jerusalem was not being used as the Lord intended "my house is a house of prayer". It is only when we come to church on Sundays to pray together as the family of God - as individuals, as neighbours and community, that we are able to make our church The Lord's true "house of prayer".

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the souls of:

Jim Cullinane, Ballyvackey

Denis Nyhan, Kilgarraffe

Denis O'Driscoll, Bandon

John Pat Whelton, Farran, Ring

There will be a second collection at all Masses next weekend for the Irish Bishops' Commission.

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

Clonakilty Bereavement Group has been established and a 5 week course is commencing on the 8th March in the Clonakilty Parish Centre at 8pm. Contact details 023 8834320/ 086 8259317

All families are requested to bring the Events Calendar to any Mass next weekend to have it stamped by a Parish Assembly member.

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Third Sunday of Lent (B)

4th March 2018

First Reading: (Exodus 20:1-17) The Commandments are the human response to the covenant God makes with his people, under which we have obligations to God and to one another.

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) The crucified Christ is, against all human and religious expectation, the source of wisdom and strength to those who believe.

Gospel: (John 2: 13-25) By cleansing the Jerusalem Temple, Jesus demonstrates that he himself, put to death and raised to life is the true dwelling place of God with humankind.



I, together with my brothers and sisters and the rest of our family would like to thank you all most sincerely for your support, messages and most importantly, your prayers during this sad time of Dad's passing. They have meant so much to us as a family. Thank you to all who were able to travel to Bandon to be with us. Your presence was greatly appreciated. Dad always had a great fondness for Clonakilty and its people and has left a fitting legacy for the town by the construction of Bushmount and Darrara College.

We would ask you to continue to remember us in your prayers as we start on this new journey without Dad and we, in our turn will be offering our prayers and Masses for you.

May God bless you all