

Reconciliation for Christmas

In preparation for a worthy celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas, we are called to prepare by prayer and by going to Confession.

Each Saturday in Clonakilty Church the Sacrament of Confession is available from 12noon.

On Monday Dec 19th, there will be a community celebration of the sacrament in Clonakilty Church at 7pm. All the priests from the family of parishes will assist. This liturgy involves communal prayer, listening to the Word of God, shared examination of conscience, individual confession of sins to a priest, shared act of thanksgiving.

Confession in the church on Christmas Eve will be from 11am to 1pm.

Bambinelli next Sunday with crib blessing

You are invited to bring the figure of the baby Jesus from your home crib to Mass next weekend. The figures will be blessed at Mass. This tradition comes from Italy – hence its Italian name where *bambino* is a child! After the blessing, the figure is taken home and wrapped. It's the first thing to be unwrapped on Christmas morning and placed in the crib. Children in school will also receive a drawing of the baby Jesus this week at school which they can colour and also bring to Mass next weekend.

Cork and Ross website update

Keep up with news from the Diocese of Cork and Ross and Bishop Fintan Gavin by visiting the new diocesan website at www.corkandross.org

Collection baskets

During the Covid pandemic restrictions, the normal practice of taking up the main collection as part of the Offertory of the Mass was suspended. From next weekend, we are returning to having collectors take up the collection at the Offertory. Your contribution is part of your offering to God as well as helping meet the parish's bills. (Second collections will be taken up after Holy Communion.)

The assistance of collectors is appreciated as is the generosity of those who contribute. Thank you.

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Church of the Immaculate Conception

Clonakilty

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Second Sunday of Advent (A)

4th December 2022

Thursday 8th is a special holy day

Dec 8th (Thurs) is the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. Before Our Lady was born, God had already chosen her to be the mother of the Saviour.

Let's praise God together on this holy day ask Our Lady's intercession for us all.

It's also the patronal day of our parish church!

"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

Mass times are:-

Holy Day Vigil Masses (Wed.)

6.15 pm Rosscarbery 7.00 pm Clonakilty

7.30 pm Rathbarry

7.30 pm Courtmacsherry

Day Masses (Thurs)

10.00 am Clonakilty

10.00 am Barryroe

11.00 am Rossmore

11.30 am Rosscarbery

11.30 am Timoleague

7.00 pm Clonakilty (on the evening of the holy day)

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of those who died recently:

- Michael Hayes, Tawnies Crescent, Clonakilty
- Dermot Reid, Inis Cuan, Clonakilty and formerly of Limerick

SVP collection next weekend

The annual church-door collection by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be taken up next weekend. Your support is appreciated.

