

World Youth Day in August in Lisbon

A group of young people from the Cork area will be among the expected 3m young people who will attend from August 1st to the 6th. The information meeting last Monday was very well attended and there are just a few places left. Email connect@corkandross.org

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The children will celebrate this sacrament with their families on the following dates:

Tuesday March 7th at 7pm: Gaelscoil Mhichíl Uí Choileáin

Wednesday March 8th at 7pm: The four English-speaking schools.

Cork and Ross pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Fintan Gavin will lead a pilgrimage to Lourdes from our diocese from Sept 22nd to 27th. Everyone is welcome to join the pilgrimage. There will be a special section for assisted pilgrims. Helpers are needed. See www.corkandross.org More info from lourdes@corkandross.org or 085-2525040.

Lourdes collection last week: the second collection at Masses last weekend for the Pilgrimage to Lourdes raised €2,135. Thank you.

Legion of Mary shop

The 'shop' located at the main entrance to Clonakilty Church will be open before and after Masses on the weekend of Feb 25th and 26th. Items include rosaries, statues, gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, etc.

Convent school class of 1973 reunion

The 1973 Leaving Cert class are holding a reunion on September 16th. Contact Julia at 086-3681815 or Carmel at 086-2638722

Upcoming dates:

Feb 21st: Confirmations in Timoleague

Feb 22nd: **Ash Wednesday**

Feb 23rd: Confirmations in Kilmeen/Castleventry

Feb 24th Confirmations in Barryroe

Recently deceased

Please remember in prayer: Noel Barrett, Ballinascarthy and Copenhagen, who died recently.

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th February 2023

Ash Wednesday & Lent

On Wednesday 22nd, we begin the holy season of Lent in preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

Mass and distribution of blessed ashes in Clonakilty 10am and 7pm

Barryroe: 9.30am; Timoleague 9.30am; Rosscarbery 10am and 7.30pm

Trócaire boxes are available in the churches. Please take one home.

March: Parish Assembly renewal

One of the subgroups of the parish assembly is the Liturgy group. It takes responsibility for many aspects of the parish's religious celebrations in the Liturgical Calendar. This includes the organisation of the training and rota of the Ministers of the Word and Eucharist for daily and weekend Masses. Distribution of Holy Communion to the sick and housebound at home, in hospital or in nursing homes, is a special privilege for Ministers of the Eucharist.

The group also prepares for the Christmas and Easter ceremonies; the Remembrance Liturgy for the Holy Souls; Advent and Lenten Devotions; Inter-church Worship (in particular Christmas and Easter) and other liturgies as the need arises. Members of the liturgy group also lead the Liturgy of the Word when a priest is unavailable for Mass.

Participation of the church community in liturgical preparation and celebration enriches understanding and growth of the personal faith of all involved. This leads to a broader based parish faith community and creates an atmosphere of welcome and solidarity in the life of our parish of Clonakilty.

A new parish assembly will be nominated in March this year.