

Fáilte specialta!

We welcome and enrol the children from Second Class in Gaelscoil Mhichíl Uí Choileáin at 11.30am Mass this Sunday as they prepare to celebrate their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Fáilte roimh cách.

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.

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.

Meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society

St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society meetings will recommence on next Saturday March 4th in the Parish Centre immediately after the 10 am Mass. The meeting will include a time of Adoration. Everybody welcome especially new members.

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.

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

Coffee Morning:

In aid of the Red Cross working in Turkey and Syria. On this Sunday 26th in the Parish Centre from 9am to 1pm.

Congratulations!

The Sacrament of Confirmation was celebrated by our neighbours in Timoleague, Kilmeen and Barryroe parishes during the past week.

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Church of the Immaculate Conception

Clonakilty

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Sacred Heart Church, Darrara

Priest on Duty: 087-6828076

Sacristy: 8834441

Urgent Calls: 086-8760608

First Sunday of Lent

26th February 2023

March: Parish Assembly renewal

As we prepare to set up a new parish assembly to serve the parish for the next three years, these are some activities of two of the subgroups formed by the outgoing parish assembly.

Youth and Family sub-group set out to welcome and invite families and young people to active participation in our Parish. Initiatives include:

Youth Stations of the Cross on Good Friday

Prayers on the Beach on the Mondays of June Bank Holiday

Remembrance Trees for remembering our departed family & friends during November in both Churches. John Paul II Award in secondary schools Family Rosary on the first Sunday of each month at 5pm in the Church. Alpha & Sycamore programmes rolled out.

The *Community Connections* subgroup's activities included:

Refreshments for the Easter Ecumenical services, and In Memory Masses and after the Carol services; Tea Days in aid of the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland and Down Syndrome Ice-cream Fundays. The Simon clothes collections. Pilgrimages to St. Finbarr's Oratory, Gougane Barra, and to the Holy Door, St. Francis Church, and to the Phoenix Park during the Papal visit.

Trócaire boxes are distributed each year to all the schools and a speaker is invited to speak at all Masses to highlight the *Trócaire* Lenten campaign.

Nominations

A new parish assembly will be nominated in March this year. Please consider putting yourself forward to serve the Lord and the parish.