

Parish Assembly Nominations

Many thanks to all who participated in the nominations. Nominees will be contacted when we collate the papers.

Collection for Turkey / Syria aid this weekend

The Irish agency Trócaire, which is the aid arm of Ireland's Catholics, is working with Caritas Internationalis in Turkey and Syria to bring help to the people affected by the recent earthquakes.

A second collection will be taken up in the churches this weekend.

Cork and Ross pilgrimage to Lourdes: Launch

An Information Evening about the pilgrimage is being held in Clonakilty Parish Centre on Friday 24th March at 8pm. All welcome. The evening will include a presentation about the pilgrimage, including from young people who have been to Lourdes with the diocesan pilgrimage and the experience of adults who have travelled as helpers. Bishop Fintan Gavin and the pilgrimage coordination group will also attend.

Bishop Fintan will lead the pilgrimage to Lourdes from our diocese from Sept 22nd to 27th.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for Margaret O'Leary (née McCarthy), Lisselane, Clonakilty; Pat O'Keeffe, Casement Park, Clonakilty; Jack Hedigan, Carhoo, Clonakilty and Mary Hayes, North Mountain Common, Ardfield, who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Planning Baptism

From Easter onwards this year, baptism will be celebrated in the family of parishes following this timetable:

Baptism in Clonakilty parish each Saturday at 4pm (as required).

Baptism in the other parishes at 2pm (as required):

Ardfield/Rathbarry & Kilmeen/Castleventry on the first weekend of each month. Rosscarbery on the second weekend. Barryroe on the third weekend of each month and Timoleague on the fourth weekend.

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

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Church of the Immaculate Conception

Clonakilty

&

Sacred Heart Church, Darrara

Priest on Duty: 087-6828076

Sacristy: 8834441

Urgent Calls: 086-8760608

Fourth Sunday of Lent

19th March 2023

Remaining Covid restrictions lifted at churches

It's three years since churches were closed as part of the country's response to the Covid19 pandemic. Thankfully, we are now a point where all the measures put in place are now being lifted in our churches as well as wider society.

Wearing of Face Coverings No Longer Necessary

It is no longer required to wear a face covering while distributing Holy Communion for either priests or Ministers of the Eucharist. It is now possible for Ministers of the Eucharist to receive under both species at Mass.

Removal of Covid Notices in Churches and Parish Centres

Covid notices and stickers in relation to social distancing and the wearing of face coverings should be removed from church seats, notice boards etc.

Reception of Holy Communion on the Hand and on the Tongue

The faithful may receive Holy Communion either on the hand or on the tongue.

Sanitiser will continue to be available at the churches and people who wish to continue wearing a face covering are free to do so.

Parish Office

A parish office will be opened in the Parish Centre following Easter. Initially, the office will deal with phone and email inquiries only until works at the Parish Centre are completed. Details to follow.

The office will be a contact point for people from the family of parishes.