

## Confirmation on Monday!

Pupils of Scoil na mBuachailli and of Knockskeagh NS will be Confirmed at Mass on Monday at which Bishop Fintan Gavin will be the principal celebrant. The Mass is at 10.30am (there is no 10am Mass) and please note that the church car park will only be available for families attending the church and it will be late opening. There will not be parking for everyone so if you live nearby it might be best to walk to the church!

**Diocesan Needs Quarterly Collection** in January amounted to €44,292 throughout the 68 parishes of the Diocese, which is much appreciated. It helps pay the running costs of the diocese. The next quarterly collection will be taken up as the second collection this weekend. Thank you.

## Office open for Baptism planning

A centralised booking system for Baptisms is now operational in our family of parishes. Baptisms at either of the six parishes can be requested online at [onefaith.ie](http://onefaith.ie) or by phone to (023) 8835654 (Mon-Fri 9.30–1.30).

Baptisms 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.

## Cork and Ross pilgrimage to Lourdes: September

See [www.corkandross.org](http://www.corkandross.org) Email [lourdes@corkandross.org](mailto:lourdes@corkandross.org)

## Deacons in Cork & Ross

The Diocese of Cork & Ross invites those who feel a call to be deacons to make contact with its Coordinator of the Permanent Diaconate, Fr Bernard Cotter, Co-PP, Union Hall, by Text or Whats App on: 087-9010627. Full information on the role of deacons is given on our Diocesan Website ([www.corkandross.org/vocation/the-permanent-diaconate](http://www.corkandross.org/vocation/the-permanent-diaconate)). Please pray that those called to this ministry may respond positively.

## CLONAKILTY PARISH NEWSLETTER

Church of the Immaculate Conception

Clonakilty

&

Sacred Heart Church, Darrara

Priest on Duty: 087-6828076

Sacristy: 8834441

Urgent Calls: 086-8760608

Third Sunday of Easter

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

## The Risen Lord's message at Easter is challenging

The scripture readings at Mass these days and weeks invite us to sit up and consider how we can be disciples of the Lord in our times.

The accounts of the life of the early Church can inspire us as we struggle to live our faith in a changing world.

The two disciples who headed home to Emmaus thought everything was so changed from what they expected that they threw in the towel. Almost! In their journey of doubt and despair, the Lord walked beside them but they didn't realise who it was until he did at their table exactly what he had done at the table of the Last Supper. "And their eyes were opened".

When the word that the Lord was risen and alive spread among them, the lives of the early Christians were to change, too. Each and every one of them became "missionaries", i.e. they began to tell everyone they met about the Resurrection and about the new communities that were forming — and they invited people to "come and see".

So a vibrant faith community is one which is aware of the presence of the Risen Lord with us (and prays to and worships him); is confidently inviting others to join (of all ages!); comes together to encounter the Lord in the Eucharist (on Sundays, especially) and is committed, in turn, to walking with those who may be downcast or outcast.

The assumptions we made about being Christian in the past don't hold true anymore. A lot has changed. How will we be faithful witnesses to the hope and joy of the Risen Lord into the future?