

First Holy Communion month!

Excitement is building across the parishes and schools as many children prepare to receive the Lord in Holy Communion for the first time this month. Let us accompany them with your prayers.

On Sat 6th, children from Scoil na mBuachaillí and St. Joseph's National School, Clonakilty will celebrate their First Holy Communion in Clonakilty Church at Mass at 10.30am. (Note: there is no Mass at 10am).

Collections: Thank you!

The Offertory collection for the parish funds last weekend was €4,160. The second collection which was for Diocesan Needs came to €1,940. Thank you for your generosity.

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 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 Email lourdes@corkandross.org

Deacons in Cork & Ross

The Diocese of Cork & Ross invites those who feel a call to be deacons to contact 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). Please pray that those called to this ministry may respond positively.

Trócaire boxes are arriving in. Thanks for the kindness.

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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 Easter

30th April 2023

All confirmed in the Spirit!

The final Confirmation ceremony in West Cork this year takes place next Tuesday 9th in Ardfield/Rathbarry Parish. The children from the two schools of the parish will be Confirmed by Bishop Fintan Gavin at 10.30am Mass.

Parish Assembly renewal

There's been a lot going on in our parish and in the family of parishes since the nominations were done for the next parish assembly. All the nominations have now been collated. Those nominated will soon receive a letter inviting them to come to an information meeting where everyone will learn more about what's involved.

At that meeting, people will be invited to commit to serving on the parish assembly for the following three years.

At the end of the summer / beginning of autumn a short programme of formation will be provided for all members. This will also include members setting the priorities for the parishes for the next three years and also developing a strategy to lead the delivery of these priorities — in partnership with the wider parish.

Some elements of the service of the next parish assembly will also be in collaboration with the people from the other parishes in our family of parishes. For example, if our parish is training new Ministers of the Word, it makes sense that we do it at the same time as our neighbours.

Bishop Fintan has also announced recently that the diocese has employed a Parish Life Coordinator who will support this work in our parishes. Eilís Casey has just commenced this work.

