

## First Holy Communion month!

Every blessing to the children from Scoil na mBuachaillí and St. Joseph's National School, Clonakilty, who received the Lord in Holy Communion for the first time this Saturday.

On Sat 13th, children from Gaeilscoil Mhichíl Uí Choileáin, Clonakilty will celebrate their First Holy Communion in Clonakilty Church at Mass at 10.30am. (Note: there is no Mass at 10am). Let us accompany them with our prayers.

## Collections: Thank you!

The Offertory collection for the parish last weekend was €4,035. Thank you for your generosity. Where does it go? During March and April the cost of heating oil for Clonakilty church was € 3,351.

## 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 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](http://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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

**7<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

## Summer planning!

The parishes in the family of parishes (six parishes, 13 churches, six priests, many communities) are considering how to have a sustainable schedule of weekend Masses during the summer months. If each priest has a two-week break, then on any weekend there will be at least one priest less.

At the present time, most of the priests are scheduled for either three or four Sunday Masses. The weekend timetable may also include a wedding, baptisms, morning Mass, confessions, a funeral, a call to the sick.

Inevitably, people who are used to going to Mass in each church want the Mass to be offered in 'their' church. But this is not going to be possible. We'll do our best to be fair to everyone. But it's just impossible to give everyone everything they are looking for!

## Pilgrimage to Knock

The St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society overnight Pilgrimage to Knock will take place in June. Coach will leave Clonakilty on Friday morning June 23rd 2023 and return on Saturday evening June 24th 2023. For more information please contact 0871323053.

## Lourdes Young Adult Helpers Information Evening

There will be a special Information Evening for those aged between 18-25 who would like to come on the Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>) as a Young Adult Helper. This special meeting will take place in Mardyke House (T12 W8RP) on Wednesday the 17th May at 7.30pm. For more information, please contact Sheila on 021 490 2459 (9am - 5pm) or email [sheilakelleher@ucc.ie](mailto:sheilakelleher@ucc.ie)

