

Second collection this weekend supports priests of the future.

The annual collection for the Priesthood Education Fund in the Diocese will be taken up this weekend. This year two seminarians for our diocese have commenced studies in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. Both have completed a year of initial formation in Spain last year. Another man is studying for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese. The Priesthood Education Fund will finance their studies as well as costs for ongoing training and education for priests.

In the region of €110,000 will be needed to meet these costs in the coming year. Last year €70,616 was raised in this collection – which was very generous. Appreciating that these are difficult financial times, you are asked to be as generous as you can to the Priesthood Education Fund annual collection this year.

Clonakilty Friendship Club -every Monday 10.30am-12.30-meet in Clonakilty Parish Centre- new members both male and female over 55 most welcome. Enquires to Bernie: 087-6929024

Recent Baptism: We welcome into our Christian Community Penny Beth O'Driscoll, Wayside Crescent.

Vatican 11-

Would you like to know more about the Church – an Adult Education & Study Facilitation in the Documents of Vatican 11- commencing at the Presbytery Hse. North St., Skibbereen – Tuesdays 7.30pm - 9.00pm- beginning October 3rd 2023. All are welcome.

Gougane Sunday

You are invited to the celebrations at Gougane Barra on Sunday 1st October marking the 1400th anniversary of the death of St Finbarr. Mass at 3pm preceded by the Rosary at 2.30 pm. Fr Bernard Cotter will preach this year. Bishop Fintan looks forward to seeing you in Gougane.

Weekend Collection – 16th/17th Sept.

Total amount €4,415 – your generosity is much appreciated.

Trócaire Collection for Lent - totalled €3,795. Thank you.

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24th Sept. 2023 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish welcomes Tommy Fleming return for a pre-Christmas concert: tickets on sale now.

Clonakilty Parish Church will host Tommy Fleming in concert on Sunday Dec 10th at 8pm. Tickets at €32.50 are on sale now at the Parish Office, at O'Donovans Hotel and online at:

tommyfleming.com/tickets

Proceeds will pay for some of the recent work at the parish church.

New Parish Office opened

The Parish Office is open Mon-Fri 9.30am to 1.30pm.

In-person enquiries are welcome along with contact by phone (023-8835654) and by email.

Some services previously available at the sacristy are now provided by the Parish Office, e.g. signing of Mass Cards (Cards printed by the Sisters at Glencairn Abbey and Divine Word Missionaries are also on sale), publication of the parish newsletter (deadline 12n Thurs), booking of weddings and baptisms (this can also be done online), purchase of religious objects, rosaries, etc (a project of the Legion of Mary).

Your Invite to Alpha

The parish Alpha group invites you to try Alpha with us on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 - 9.00pm starting September 27th at 7.30 pm at the Parish Centre.

Alpha is a 10-week experience which is relaxed, non-threatening, low key, friendly and fun. Alpha can help you to deepen your relationship with the Lord.

Alpha is free - so why not come along and give it a try!

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