

## Mission Sunday collection

This weekend parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. The kindness shown will help overseas missionaries to continue to share the love of God with some of the world's most marginalised and vulnerable people. Thank you for supporting the Mission Sunday collection today and please remember it is more than an appeal for financial help. Missionaries also need spiritual support.

## Weekend Collections – Oct 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> 2023

Total amount €3,970 your generosity is much appreciated.

## Cork & Ross Priests' Benevolent Fund

The situation of retired priests varies from that of most people who retire. Priests retire much later in life - when their health permits. Secondly, because a Priest is not legally employed by the diocese or his parish, priests do not have occupational pensions to support them in retirement.

Several decades ago, the Cork & Ross Priests' Benevolent Fund was established in our diocese to support priests who are sick or retired and is registered as a charity with its own charity number. Currently there are 21 priests in receipt of assistance from the Fund and 6 receiving support with nursing home costs.

In the current year, it is anticipated that this Fund will run a deficit in the region of €10,520 The projected deficit for 2024 is €68,535. In the four years pre-Covid, the parish levies contributed an average of €370,00 to the Fund. Income halved in 2020, recovered in part in 2021 and in 2022 it increased to €310,000 for the year- though still below pre-Covid levels.

The trustees and the beneficiaries of the Fund are grateful to the people of the parishes and to the priests in assignments for their support for the charitable work of the Fund.

## Parish Office opened.

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

It is located to the rear of the Parish Centre.

In-person enquiries are welcome along with contact by phone (023-8835654) and by email. Selection of Mass Cards available for sale and Masses can be also booked for those cards. Marriage and Baptism bookings are taken online at [onefaith.ie](http://onefaith.ie)

## ***CLONAKILTY PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**Church of the Immaculate Conception, Clonakilty**

**&**

**Sacred Heart Church, Darrara**

Priest on Duty: 087-6828076 Parish Office: 8835654 Urgent Calls: 086-8760608

## **Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. 2023 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **November Novena of Masses**

From Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>, Mass will be offered in the parish church at 10am and at 7pm each day for the Holy Souls. You are invited to enrol people in the Novena by using one of the envelopes and lists available in the churches.

### **November prayers in cemeteries**

On Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>, prayers for the faithful departed will be said in cemeteries of the parish. (Details to follow.)

### **Parish Assembly formation.**

The meetings will be in the Parish Centre in Clonakilty on:

Monday Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm and will end before 9.30pm. Formation will be provided by the Mission and Ministry Office of the diocese.

### **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 10<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Tickets at €32.50 are on sale now at the Parish Office, at O'Donovans' Hotel and online at:

[www.tommyfleming.com/tickets](http://www.tommyfleming.com/tickets)

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

### **First Holy Communion 2024**

Meetings have been held with the teachers and with the parents of the children. The children will be enrolled to prepare for the sacraments at Masses in November.

### **Autumn Dues**

Many thanks to people who have made a donation to the income for the priests of the parish – by envelope and on [clonakiltyparish.ie](http://clonakiltyparish.ie)

