

## Diocesan Needs collection this weekend

The last Diocesan Needs Quarterly Collection in October 2023 amounted to €45,607 throughout the Diocese, which is much appreciated. The next quarterly collection will take place on this weekend of 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> January

This quarterly collection helps the diocese to provide ongoing supports to parishes. It contributes to the day-to-day running costs of the Diocese including wages, utilities (light & heat, phone, postage & stationery, repairs & maintenance, insurance), professional fees, primary and secondary school religious advisory costs, safeguarding, data protection, mission and ministry and levies paid by the Diocese for national hierarchy costs in Maynooth.

### Weekend Collection for parish funds:

Jan 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>. €1,180 (Holy day); Jan 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>. €4,230

### Donate online

Many thanks to the people who use the Donate button on the parish website to support the parish funds. The support of people who give by direct debit is also appreciated.

### Recently Deceased:

Michael (Lolo) Googan, Ballymacwilliam,  
Charles Hurley, Assumption Place. May they Rest in Peace.

### ALONE

The organisation that enables older people age at home are looking for Telephone and Visitation Volunteers to support older people in the community. Call 0801 222 024 please or see [ALONE.ie/Volunteer](http://ALONE.ie/Volunteer).

### Parish Office hours

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.

Selection of Mass Cards are available for sale in the Parish Office and Masses can be also booked for those cards. You may also bring your own card for the mass intention. Marriage and baptism bookings are taken online at [www.onefaith.ie](http://www.onefaith.ie)

### Clonakilty Community Alert

Clonakilty Community Alert provide personal alarms for any elderly person in the locality (Over 65) Contact Pdraig on **(087) 9298506**

## Church of the Immaculate Conception, Clonakilty & Sacred Heart Church, Darrara

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

### 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024- Second Sunday of Year B.

## Diocese appoints first lay Diocesan Secretary

The Diocese of Cork and Ross has for the first time appointed a lay woman to serve as Diocesan Secretary.

Sheila Lewis, who is from Kilworth, in north Cork, has a background in industry and the voluntary sector, and will commence her full-time role in the Diocesan Office on Feb 1st.

The Diocesan Secretary has responsibility for the day-to-day administration of the Diocesan Office which includes coordinating the provision of a wide range of services to the parishes, families of parishes, priests, religious and faith communities of the diocese.

### Alpha Training 3rd Feb 2024

The Office for Mission and Ministry of the diocese is hosting an Alpha training day for people who have completed Alpha and would like to become a leader in their local parish.

It's on at Clonakilty Parish Centre on Saturday 3 February 2024 from 10am to 3:30pm. There is no cost involved. To book a place, log into <https://corkandross.org/alpha-training-day>.

### Sycamore

We will begin on 31<sup>st</sup> January at 7.20pm in the Parish Centre and continue for six Wednesday evenings 7.20pm to 9pm.

### Church Cleaning

Volunteers are needed to assist with the monthly cleaning of the parish church which is done on a Saturday morning – anyone interested please contact Maria O'Donoghue – or the Parish Office at 023-8835654.