

## Parish Assembly Nominations

Being actively involved in one's parish is a logical follow-on from being baptised. Each parishioner is responsible with others, including the clergy, for the faith life of the parish.

A new parish assembly will be nominated at Masses next weekend. Please consider putting yourself forward to serve the Lord and the parish. The new parish assembly will serve for three years.

On arrival in church, each person will receive a nomination paper and a pen (if you need one).

## First celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week

The children will celebrate this sacrament with their families on the following dates:

Tuesday March 7th at 7pm: Gaelscoil Mhichíl Uí Choileáin

Wednesday March 8th at 7pm: The four English-speaking schools.

## Collection for Turkey / Syria aid

The Irish agency Trócaire, which is the aid arm of Ireland's Catholics, is working with Caritas Internationalis in Turkey and Syria to bring help to the people affected by the recent earthquakes.

A second collection will be taken up in the churches of the diocese on the weekend of March 18th and 19th to help fund this aid.

## Cork and Ross pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Fintan Gavin will lead a pilgrimage to Lourdes from our diocese from Sept 22nd to 27th. Everyone is welcome to join the pilgrimage. There will be a special section for assisted pilgrims. Helpers are needed. See [www.corkandross.org](http://www.corkandross.org) More info from [lourdes@corkandross.org](mailto:lourdes@corkandross.org) or 085-2525040.

*Trócaire* boxes are available in the churches. Please take one home.

## St. Patrick's Day Masses

The feast day of our national patron saint is a holyday of obligation (and not counted as a day in Lent!) and the times of Masses in the family of parishes on 16th and 17th will be the same as a Saturday and Sunday. Bí linn!

## ***CLONAKILTY PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**Church of the Immaculate Conception**

**Clonakilty**

**&**

**Sacred Heart Church, Darrara**

Priest on Duty: 087-6828076

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Second Sunday of Lent

**5<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

## Planning Baptism

"Go make disciples of all nations, and baptise them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

This is the mission we have received from the Lord. (The 'we' is all of us!) The Sacrament of Baptism is the foundation stone of the Christian community. Everything else we do is because we belong; we have been made part of God's family; we have received the grace and love that God pours into our lives.

How the church community celebrates baptism has evolved over the years. The community aspect is underlined when more than one child is baptised at the one ceremony. "The Christian community welcomes you with great joy!"

From Easter onwards this year, baptism 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.

A family in any one of the six parishes will be welcome to book a baptism in any of the parishes on any of these planned dates.

## Recently Deceased

Please pray for James O'Leary, Mountain Common, Ardfield, who died during the week. May he rest in peace.