### Weekend collections:

Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. €4,035 & Trócaire Collection €4,228. Thank you for your generosity.

## **Recent Baptisms:**

Leo Michael Clancy, Carhue; Luke Seán Clancy, Australia, Ruairí Patrick Crick-Lombard, Rosscarbery

## **Recently Deceased:**

Elma O'Mahony, Inchydoney, May she Rest in Peace

**Darrara Church:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues on Tuesday evenings 7-8pm

**Darrara Art Group** – are holding an Art & Craft Fair in Darrara Community Centre – Sunday Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.- 1pm-5pm. All Welcome.

**Clonakilty Parish Christmas Cards** now on sale in the Parish Office along with photos of the Relics of St. Bernadette (mounted and ready for framing).

**Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards** are now available at the Parish Office – along with a variety of other cards also for sale.

**Vocations Society of St Joseph -** Our annual Christmas Mass will be celebrated on next Tuesday evening December 3rd in the Parish Church @ 7.30pm, followed by refreshments in the parish centre. New members are always welcome.

**Cope Foundation Clonakilty** are holding a Coffee morning, Cake Sale, Sales Tables & Christmas Raffle on Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> in the Parish Centre 9am – 2pm. Baking would be very much appreciated – Everyone Welcome.

# Taking care of our church buildings

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Recently, the external lighting of the church yard at Clonakilty was all upgraded to LED lights. The floodlighting of the church was also replaced and changed to low-energy lights. This makes our church yard safer and cheaper to light in the long term. This work cost €19,997. Thank you to all who contribute to the church collections. A CCTV system has also been installed in the church this week. This helps us to care for the church and to also help people to be more secure when visiting the church.

The fire alarm system in the Parish Centre has also been upgraded and cost €3,818

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## Dec 1st. 2024 - First Sunday of Advent - Year C

## **Enrolment for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion**

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays we extend a special welcome to the children from the schools in our parish who are enrolling to celebrate these sacraments for the first time in 2025. On this Sunday, the children from St. Joseph's Girls Primary School and from Scoil na mBuachaillí will be enrolled.

Their parents accompany them and help them to build a friendship with Jesus in their lives through prayer. The teachers help them learn more about Jesus. The wider faith community welcomes and supports them in a special way this year.

**Parish Assembly** meets on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

St Vincent de Paul Annual Church Door Collection -next weekend Dec  $7^{th}$  &  $8^{th}$ - your donation to same will be much appreciated.

## Our prayer from the Boat

Loving God, at baptism you have gifted us with a call to serve you and all people in all we do.

We ask you, Lord, to bless the people of Cork and Ross during this time of prayer and listening.

May we be attentive to the promptings of your Holy Spirit.

Open our eyes to see where you wish us to go in our faith communities and families of parishes.

Open our ears to hear the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, leading us. Open our hearts to follow you with joy and childlike trust.

Open our minds to new possibilities and ways of being your Church. Fill us with hope and humility as we build the Kingdom of God together in our diocese at this time. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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