

**Weekend collection:** Dec 14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> €4,205.

The Clonakilty & Darrara **St Vincent de Paul Collection** –totalled €9,775.

Thank you for your generosity.

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

**Clonakilty Parish Photos of the Relics of St Bernadette** are now on sale in the Parish Office (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. (The parish Christmas cards have sold out. Thank you.)

### **Christmas Offering**

Envelopes are available at the doors of the churches for the Christmas Offering. This collection forms part of the priests' income. Your kindness is much appreciated.

**Darrara Community Centre** hosts Yoga for Charity – Saturday Dec 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. 11am – 12.30- all proceeds to Clonakilty Day Care Centre. Suggested contribution of €15 but any amount is welcome – no booking is necessary – enquiries contact 087-1379637. Please bring a mat and blanket.

### **Parishes Office hours**

The Parishes Office will close for Christmas on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm. The Office will re-open on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> and will be closed on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Jubilee Year 2025**

Pope Francis has announced that the coming year will be a Jubilee Year of Hope. Announcing the Jubilee Year theme, Pope Francis wrote:

“Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often, we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God’s word helps us find reasons for that hope. Taking it as our guide, let us return to the message that the Apostle Paul wished to communicate to the Christians of Rome.”

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

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

### **Dec. 22nd. 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Advent – Year C**

#### **Christmas time Masses**

In Clonakilty on Christmas Eve, Mass is at 6.30pm and 9pm. On Christmas Day, Mass is at 8.30am (parish church), 9.30am in Darrara and 11am in the parish church. Carols will be sung by the choirs for 15 mins before Mass in Clonakilty.

All the Mass times for the family of parishes for Christmas are on [www.onefaith.ie](http://www.onefaith.ie)

#### **In the Family of Parishes:**

##### **Christmas Eve Masses**

Timoleague	6:00pm	Carraigfada	6:30pm
Clonakilty	6:30pm	Rossmore	7:00pm
Barryroe	8:00pm	Clogagh	8:00pm
Rathbarry	8:00pm	Clonakilty	9:00pm
Rosscarbery	9:00pm	Courtmacsherry	10:00pm

##### **Christmas Day Masses**

Clonakilty	8:30am	Ardfield	9:30am
Darrara	9:30am	Lisavaird	10:00am
Barryroe	11:00am	Bealad	11:00am
Clonakilty	11:00am	Rosscarbery	11:30am
Timoleague	11:30am		

- Mass will also be celebrated in the nursing homes and at the Community Hospital and at the Convent of Mercy.
- There are five priests in the family of parishes this year for Christmas.

#### **Restoring pre-pandemic liturgical practices**

Ministers of the Eucharist again receive the Sacred Blood of the Lord from the chalice – as well as the Body of the Lord in the host.