### **Pre-Christmas Celebration of Reconciliation**

A community celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (will be held in Clonakilty Church on Monday Dec 16th at 7pm. All welcome. It consists in a Liturgy of the Word, Examination of Conscience, Individual Confession and Absolution and a community prayer of thanksgiving.

### **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.

All the Mass times for the family of parishes for Christmas are on one faith.ie

### Weekend collection:

Nov 30th & Dec 1st: €3,575. Thank you for your generosity.

# **Recent Baptisms:**

Hannah Isla Fleming, South Ring, Robin Patrick Brendan Crowley, Clogheen and Fiadh Rose Collins, Clonakilty.

# **Recently Deceased:**

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Finola Hurley, late of Oysterhaven, Clonakilty and Cambridge England. May she rest in Peace.

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

**Sacred Heart Church Darrara Gift Mass & Christmas Carols** – Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am. You are most welcome to join with us and are invited to bring Gifts - all going to local charities.

**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.

St Vincent de Paul Annual Church Door Collection - this weekend Dec  $7^{\text{th}}/8^{\text{th}}$  and your donations will be much appreciated.

**Clonakilty Parish Church cleaning** takes place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December, immediately after 10am Mass. If you would like to help, come along to the sacristy at 10.30am. All help most welcome and appreciated.

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Dec. 8th. 2024 - Second Sunday of Advent - Year C

# No holy day this week!

The 8<sup>th</sup> of Dec is usually the feast of the Immaculate Conception. This year, because it falls on a Sunday (and the season of Advent takes precedence) we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent. The Mass of the feast day will be celebrated on Monday, but it isn't a holiday of obligation. Mass will be at 10am.

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

On this Sunday we extend a special fáilte to the children from Rang II in Gaelscoil Mhichíl Uí Choileáin who are enrolling to celebrate these sacraments for the first time in 2025.

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.

### 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.

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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.