

Cobh Parish



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Fatima Centenary Year 1917-2017

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5th February, 2017

V. Rev. John McCarthy, Adm., 1 Cathedral Terrace, Cobh	4815619
Rev. Peter O'Farrell, 2 Cathedral Terrace, Cobh	4855983
V. Rev. Liam Kelleher, 4 Cathedral Terrace, Cobh	4816400
Rev. Pat O' Donoghue, 3 Cathedral Terrace, Cobh	4813601
Priest on Sick Call	087-6872014

Thought for the day: The word 'light' is mentioned 7 times in the readings of today. But it is not an abstract image – we are given concrete, practical ways in being a 'light' to others in the First Reading and Psalm. There is a very clear link between being a light and the performance of good works. When we are surrounded by so much darkness, the light shines all the brighter, and stands out more. Jesus is the light of the world, but so are we called to be in practical ways. A *light of the world* is someone who is just and merciful in all their dealings with others, who selflessly does good works – perseveringly, consistently and not sparingly or infrequently. We should be more anxious to go to the source of all light – Christ – who is THE light – of the world. We must draw close by prayer – especially before Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament – as well as imitating the kind of life Jesus lived, which was not for Himself alone, but for others. We are called to examples of light to one another. Light will be reflected on to others in turn. Let your light shine.

Cobh Parish Income: Sunday, 29th January - Cathedral: €2,204.00 Rushbrooke: €435.00 Ballymore: €181.00. We thank all who contributed to these collections.

Deaths: We pray for the repose of the souls of those who died recently. We pray especially today for Marian Cox, Dublin. May she rest in peace.

Baptisms: We welcome into our community Maggie Anna Curtis and all who were baptised recently.

FOR YOUR DIARY – February 11th is the feast of our Lady of Lourdes and the 25th World Day of the Sick. This will be a day of prayer in the Cathedral set aside for the sick of the parish and those who care for them. Prayer leaflets marking this day will be available in the days leading up to February 11th.

From Feb 3rd there will be an opportunity to take a leaflet from the churches of the parish to pray for the sick - and their carers - and to put in writing a prayer for your intentions. These can be placed in a special basket in the Cathedral on Feb 11th for 6 pm Mass.

Please note the next **Memorial Mass** for all the deceased of February will take place at **7.00pm on Sunday, 26th February**. **A special candle will be lit in honour of these deceased** at the Mass.

Mass Goers Association (MGA), February 2017: The Mission Prayer for this period 'We pray to the Holy Trinity & the Holy Family for new vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life'. Our next meeting is on 15th February, 2017 after 10am Mass in the Parish Centre.

Youth Ministry: Next meeting will take place in Parish Centre on Friday, 17th February @ 4.30pm. All welcome ages 4 - 17. Any queries please contact Rose @ 087-6896206.

Are you interested in supporting the work of Trócaire in the Diocese of Cloyne? Trócaire is looking for volunteers to bring social justice issues alive at parish level. Further information from Fr Tom McDermott (Trócaire Representative, Diocese of Cloyne) 086 1615216 fathertommcd@gmail.com or Sinead.morgan@trocaire.org 021-4275622. An information evening will be held on January 31st 2107 @ 7pm in Midleton, Co Cork - venue to be decided. This initiative is supported by Bishop William Crean.

Cork Scripture Group is pleased to announce a course on The God of Revelation presented by Mons. Ned Goold. It is open to anyone with an interest in Scripture. It will be held on Mondays 13, 20, 27 Feb and 6 March 2017 from 7.30 – 9.30pm in the Scala Centre, Blackrock, (opposite Blackrock Castle). **Saturday workshop** on 4 March from 10.00am - 1.00pm in the Sacred Heart Hall Western Road. Fr. Michael Mullins from Waterford, who has written many commentaries on the Bible, will present the morning on **The Beatitudes: A key to Unlocking Matthew's Gospel**. Cost: €50 [for the 4 nights and Saturday workshop]. To book a place or find out more please *email* corkscripturegroup@gmail.com or *call* 021-4295144 *before* 3rd February 2017.

Important Notice re: MASS SCHEDULE: An announcement is being made this Sunday regarding the revised Mass rota.

Cobh Flower and Horticulture Club will hold their next meeting at Cobh Community Centre on Monday 6th February at 7.30pm. Daniel Leahy of Carewood Garden Centre, Castlemartyr will talk on 'Successful Planting for Year-round Colour'. Plants will be on sale. Visitors welcome. Admission €5. Cobh Flower and Horticulture Club will hold Flower Arranging Classes for Beginners in the Cobh (Great Island) Community Centre on the following dates: Wed. 22nd Feb. /Wed. 8th & 15th March. Duration of Classes: 2 Hours - 10.30am to 12.30pm. For further information contact Mary Coleman @ 086 367 3890.

Divine Mercy: Hour of Prayer in the Priory, Monday, 13th February 8.00pm - 9.00pm, Rosary 7.40pm. **All Welcome.**