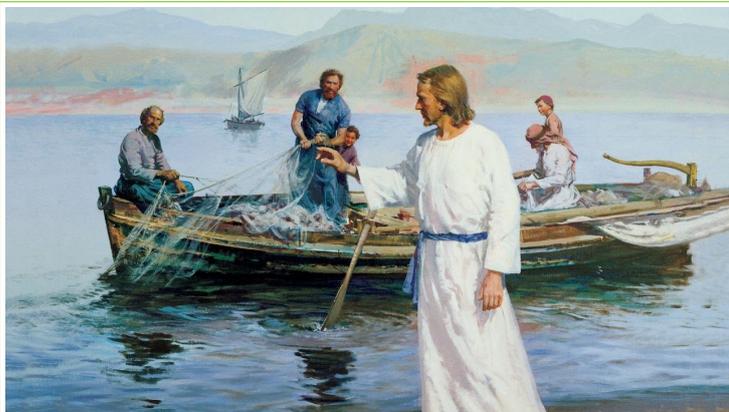




COBH PARISH NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

10th February 2019



The readings this Sunday are about three people who were called and challenged in the midst of their workdays to do something more. Peter, Paul and Isaiah feel totally unsuited to the task at hand, and what's more, before God, they feel completely unworthy. They are honest and humble about their sinfulness. All they see is their failings, defects and deficiencies.

This does not stop God's initiative however. In the Gospel, Jesus knows Peter through and through and what's more, Peter knows that too. Peter realises with the miraculous draught of fish that He is in the presence of God. Having first addressed Jesus as Master, he kneels before Him calling Him 'Lord'. Their relationship has changed. Peter's best efforts without Jesus produce nothing. Peter having fished in the familiar waters and knowing the movements of the shoals of fish and where and what spots were the most likely to produce a catch, is left wondering at the fruitless search all night. But what Peter could not do with all his know-how, skill and experience, this 'land-lubber' carpenter from Nazareth, this rabbi, and now 'Lord', could accomplish at a single word.

What is this to us? Does this story mean anything? Or the story of the call of Isaiah, or Paul on the road to Damascus? What might God want of ME? Does God want something of me? Is he asking something of me, some calling, some task, to take another step forward, the next best step, and not to be afraid of what is being asked of us, because of who is asking it.

We are asked out of love which makes all the difference ...it is God, Jesus who asks us, do we dare refuse? What can we refuse those we love?

Just as an employer or supervisor might decide to pick you for a certain task, it is usually not a spur of the moment decision on their part. They have deliberated, perhaps with others, and considered you suited for the task at hand. Have we confidence in ourselves alone, and our own abilities? Probably not, but with Jesus, with God, 'all things are possible'.

Peter had no earthly idea what was ahead, what was going to happen, even that he was called to leadership and martyrdom. What mattered was here and now what Jesus wanted. Jesus had proved Himself to Peter, but Peter did not think he could prove anything to Jesus.

Peter leaves everything after him, even the draught of fish. The call - and the response is - total. It displays Peter's total commitment, and there is no going back, no back-sliding.

Can I do the same? Jesus is asking something of me and of you.

As with Peter Jesus sees something in all of us that we may be unaware of ourselves.

It is ultimately about freedom. To leave behind and detach ourselves from the nets and traps of sinful habits and compulsions, to be truly free from the past and its mistakes, and to live a new kind of life, one that Jesus wants. It is freedom— for others— as it was for Peter who became the first Bishop of Rome.

Grow in the Love of the Lord.

The second of five seminars will take place next week. You will recall these being mentioned at the initial information meeting **for parents of First Holy Communion children**. The sessions are an opportunity to reflect and engage as parents / guardians on their own Christian faith so that parents, as the primary educator, can support their children who are making their First Communion in a better, more meaningful way.

Date	12 th Feb	13 th Feb	13 th Feb
Time	7.30pm	9.30am	7.30pm
Venue	All sessions in Parish Centre.		

This year we celebrate the Centenary of the Dedication of the Cathedral—which took place on August 12th 1919.

Our dedicated email address for the centenary is:

stcolmans100@gmail.com

8.00am Mass resumes in the Cathedral from this Monday 11th February.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in attending 8.00 am Mass in the Adoration Chapel since Easter. This allowed for the necessary cleaning of the cathedral, for the work required in returning the Pipe Organ as well as the tuning and voicing of the Pipe Organ.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited in St. Colman's Cathedral from Monday, 11th February at 3.00pm and all are welcome.

Cobh Parish Income: Collections for 3rd Feb. 2019 was Cathedral €1,655.00, Norwood €548.00, Mount €116.00, Ballymore €107.00.



Baptisms: We welcome into our community Fiadh Brennan, Oscar Lawlor, Ailbhe McDermott and all who were baptised recently.



Deaths: We pray for the repose of the souls of Dan Curtin, Whitepoint, Patrick Walsh, Coolamber Ave., John Leahy, Michael Burke Tce., Ellen (Teresa) Keogh, Moore's Place, William Barrett, Wicklow & late Cobh and all who died recently.
May they rest in peace.

Pipe Organ Restoration Update

Perhaps you might consider **sponsoring a Pipe** if you have not already done so. Pipe sponsorship forms are available at the Parish Office. Many parishioners have sponsored one in their own name or in the name of dear departed loved ones who worshipped here - a very fitting lasting memorial to honour them.



Mass Goers Association (MGA)

The Mission Prayer for this period

"We pray for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life."

Our next meeting will be Wed 13th Feb 2019

After 10am Mass in St. Colmans Hall.

Our Purpose is Caring and Sharing

St John Paul II, Pray for us.

98th Clonmult Ambush Commemoration

The 98th anniversary of the Clonmult Ambush will be commemorated at the Ambush site at Clonmult on Sunday, 17th February, 2019 at 12.30pm, organised by a local community based committee. A Mass of remembrance in St. Lawrence's Church, Clonmult at 11.00am will be celebrated by Canon John Terry, son of Edmond Terry who survived the ambush. Mr. Alan Dukes will deliver the oration.

We would like to contact family relation of Cobh men James, Ahern, Maurice Moore and Patrick O'Sullivan.
Tel: 086-8057262

V. Rev. John McCarthy, Adm.	4815619
Rev. Tom McDermott CC	4812937
V. Rev. Liam Kelleher	087 8516984
Rev. Pat O' Donoghue CC	4813601
Parish Office	4813222
Priest on Sick Call	087-6872014

Copies of the Cathedral Calendar are still available for sale at **€5** in the Parish Office and the Cathedral Shop. This very attractive A3 size calendar featuring aspects of the cathedral with the newly cleaned carvings and windows in high resolution photography will make a very fine gift for loved ones at home and abroad who have an affinity and love for our cathedral. All proceeds go towards the **Pipe Organ Restoration Fund.**

Alpha Course for Adults and Young People

Continuing this Monday February 11th 2019—ideal for adults and young people (over 16s) - each evening starts—Monday at 7.00 pm. Each session begins with dinner, followed by a lively presentation of a Christian topic and time for exploring the meaning of life in small groups where everyone has the opportunity to share their views and ask questions.

Run weekly on Monday nights over 12 weeks—January to April 2019 at Ground Floor 3 Harbour Tce Cobh, P24TC65. Invite your friends and 'come and see.'

For further information contact Fr Tom McDermott
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086 380 5055

Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

31st May - 5th June, 2019

Booking for Pilgrimage is now open with
Joe Walsh Tours, 117 Patrick St., Cork (021) 4277959
Sick/Assisted Pilgrim application Forms are available from
The Parish Secretary, 27/28 Bank Place, Mallow
(022)20276

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock is on

Sunday, 12th May.

Parishes to make their own travel arrangements.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 9th - 16th Sept. 2019

Contact Pilgrimages Abroad: Lauri Duffy Travel
Dublin 01 6359300

Rome/San Giovanni 15th / 22nd April Easter 2019 with Papal Ceremonies in Rome for the Easter Period 7 nights
€995 pps Payments can be made in instalments contact James Treacy on 061921470 or 0860572216.