

Cobh Parish



Fatima Centenary Year 1917-2017

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Second Sunday of Lent - 5th March, 2017

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Rev. Pat O' Donoghue, 3 Cathedral Terrace, Cobh	4813601
Priest on Sick Call	087-6872014

Thought for the day: From our Lord in the desert we can learn many lessons. There is the merit of withdrawing from our active daily lives to spend time in prayer and reflection - an exercise not as easily done today as in the past. The lesson of self-discipline is particularly valuable in our time as so many of us are unwilling to practice any form of self-denial. How often do we reflect on the difference between our lives and the lives of those living in the Third World? Note how we are frequently unwilling to endure an inconvenience or hardship of any kind. This is contrast to some of our young men and women who are prepared to endure so much to find fame in athletics and sport. We should keep in mind what St. Paul said to the Corinthians: 'Every athlete practices self-restraint all round; they do this to gain a crown that fades, but as we seek to gain a crown that fades not!'

Our Lord shows in a particularly convincing way how the Word of God can be useful in coping with temptation. There is no better antidote to temptation than familiarity with the New Testament account of the life and death of Christ.

Cobh Parish Income: Sunday, 5th March-Cathedral: €1,892.00, Rushbrooke: €437.00
Ballymore: €205.00. 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 all who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

Baptisms: We welcome into our community Alexandra Forrest, Amelia Krawczyk and all who were baptised recently.

Book Shop: We now have a new wide variety of cards in our Book Shop, i.e. numbered Birthday Cards for children, St. Patrick's Day, Mother's Day, Easter etc.

"Understanding the Mass with the Saints" - Fr. Pat O'Donoghue will be giving a series of talks on Wednesdays of Lent in the Parish Centre at 10.45am. The talks will be on understanding the Mass through the writings of the Saints, using scripture and the imagery found in our Cathedral. First talk on 8th March. All welcome.

Lent:

Fridays of Lent: The Parish will be praying the Stations of the Cross at 3.00pm on Fridays of Lent in the Cathedral. All welcome.

Tuesdays of Lent: Devotions to the Holy Face will take place in the Mount from 7.00pm - 8.00pm. All welcome.

MGA: "We pray that the Holy Spirit will give Pope Francis the wisdom, good health and energy to lead our Church." Our next meeting is Wednesday, 15th March after 10.00am Mass in the Parish Centre. Our purpose is 'caring and sharing'. All are welcome, please bring a friend.

St. Benedict's Priory: Day Retreat on the theme: "Radiant with Joy - Eucharistic and Benedictine perspectives on Lent" given by Dom Mark Kirby OSB, Prior of Silverstream Priory. Tuesday 7th March, 9am-5pm. Free of charge. For information and to book please contact Mother Prioress on 021 4811 354. cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com

Cathedral Pipe Organ Restoration Fund. A musical evening of Classics and Favourites will be performed by the Band of 1st Brigade, Cork in St. Colman's Cathedral on Friday, 10th March at 7.30pm. Tickets €20.00 and are available from the Cathedral Bookshop and the Parish Office - Tel: 4813222

Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 1st - 6th June 2017. 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. Tel: 022-20276.

Knock & Lough Derg - 3 Day Trip Due to the success of last years one day retreats to Lough Derg there are three different date choices on offer for 2017. May 13th-15th, August: 22nd-24th, September 5th- 7th. Day 1: Visit Knock & overnight in Bundoran
Day 2: Retreat on Lough Derg & overnight in Bundoran Day 3: Visit two attractions on return journey home. For details on bookings etc contact 023-8849196 Cormac on 087-6167835 or Denise on 087-7688561

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

Cork Simon Community - Please support Cork Simon Community during the month of March by holding a Coffee Morning in your home, school, work or in your local community. All of the funds raised through Coffee Mornings in March will directly support the services we provide for men and women who are homeless in Cork. It's really easy to sign up! Simply visit corksmon.ie/coffeemorning, call us on 021 4321166 or email coffeemorning@corksmon.ie.

Divine Mercy - A special Day of Divine Mercy in Lent will be held at St. Augustine's Church, Cork on Sunday, 5th March at 2.00pm (Fr. Ml. Fitzgerald, Fr. Igor Simonovis) Confession, Rosary, Talk on St. Faustina, her Diary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Divine Mercy Talk, Benediction, Mass at 4.00pm.