

Cobh Parish



Fatima Centenary Year 1917-2017

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15th January, 2017

World Day for Migrants and Refugees

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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 most important teaching of today's readings is that Jesus is the Lamb of God. John, God's chosen prophet after the manner of Jeremiah, is chosen by God, even before he was conceived in his mother's womb to show people the way to God. John, likewise chosen from all eternity, is crucial in preparing people for the reception of the coming of Jesus, 'the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.' Every time we come to Mass we hear repeated those same words of John the Baptist: 'this is the Lamb of God'. We respond with a prayer of welcome and seeking forgiveness. When we consider the words regarding Jeremiah planned from eternity, they teach us in fact of the dignity of every individual from conception. 'Behold the Lamb' also points to the heavenly banquet. Our ultimate purpose and goal is to be happy in love with God forever in heaven where we will behold the Lamb of God face to face, as we only see him now with the eyes of faith in the Eucharist. That is the meaning of our being called into existence by God who knew us even before we were conceived or born. This is the reason for our Sunday Eucharist, the foretaste and promise and pledge of our eternal life, and the fulfilment of all our yearnings for love, peace and happiness.

Cobh Parish Income: Sunday, 8th January - Cathedral: €2,101.00 Rushbrooke: €403.00 Ballymore: €153.00. We thank all who contributed to these collections.

Deaths: We pray for the repose of the souls of those who died this week. We pray especially today for Kathleen (Kitty) Costelloe, Springfield Park, Mary Flynn, Park Road Centre and Marie Cashman (nee Nash), Wokingham and late Cobh. May they rest in peace.

Baptisms: We welcome into our community Ryan Conway Griffiths, and all who were baptised recently.

Youth Ministry: Next meeting will take place in Parish Centre on Friday, 20th January @ 4.30pm. All welcome ages 4 - 17. Any queries please contact Rose @ 087-6896206.

Please note that from the end of January 2017 **the 7.00 pm Mass on the last Sunday of each month will be a Monthly Memorial Mass** for all the deceased of the previous five weeks. The first Memorial Mass will be on the **29th of January** and the names of the deceased of late December and January will be called out and a special candle will be lit in honour of these deceased at the Mass. The annual remembrance Mass in November will continue to be celebrated.

HOLY MASS FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE, Tuesday 17th January 2017 @7.30pm. The Feast of OUR LADY OF HOPE, in St. Benedict's Priory The Mount Cobh. Lights refreshments, All welcome.

School Enrolment for September 2017: Note to all parents/guardians the closing date for enrolment in schools of the parish for 2017 is Friday, 3rd February.

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.

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 Middleton, Co Cork - venue to be decided. This initiative is supported by Bishop William Crean.

Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to FATIMA- 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima: 7th to 14th September 2017. Departing from Dublin 7 nights. Hotel Cinqcentenario, Cost €874 inclusive, including free coach transfer to and from Dublin Airport. Single room supplement, €25 per night. For further information: Fr McCarthy 021 4815619: Pilgrimages Abroad/Lauri Duffy Travel 69 Upper O'Connell Street Dublin. (01) 635 9300 [Email:info@pilgrimagesabroad.ie](mailto:info@pilgrimagesabroad.ie)

Important notice re MASS SCHEDULE: Fr Jim Moore serves the diocese as Diocesan Secretary. Due to the demands of his service to the diocese he is longer in a position to celebrate public Masses in a regular basis at weekends. Very soon, we need to review the Mass schedule at weekends as a result of this change to the weekend rota. I have taken this up with the Parish Pastoral Council. The number of the Masses on the public Mass rota has not changed since Fr Jim Killeen's departure. Now, with Fr Moore's removal from the Sunday roster we urgently need to review what it is practicable for the priests to celebrate each weekend and allowing for sickness, holidays, retreats etc.Fr. McCarthy

MASSES CELEBRATED IN 2016: There are 9 public Masses on Sundays, 3 regular daily Masses, and a weekly Mass in the hospital on Thursdays. This schedule excludes the Benedictine Priory on weekdays and the Hospital on Sundays, both of which Fr Moore celebrates. The priests also offer Mass for the religious communities once a month for 10 months of the year. There were an additional **22 Wedding Masses and 62 Funeral Masses** celebrated by the 4 priests of the Parish at times other than scheduled Sunday or daily Masses. Some house Masses, Anniversary and Month's Mind Masses were also celebrated on occasion.