



# COBH PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

17th February 2019

The annual Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse took place on Friday 15 February, ahead of Pope Francis' gathering in Rome with senior bishops and major religious superiors to discuss child safeguarding throughout the universal Church.

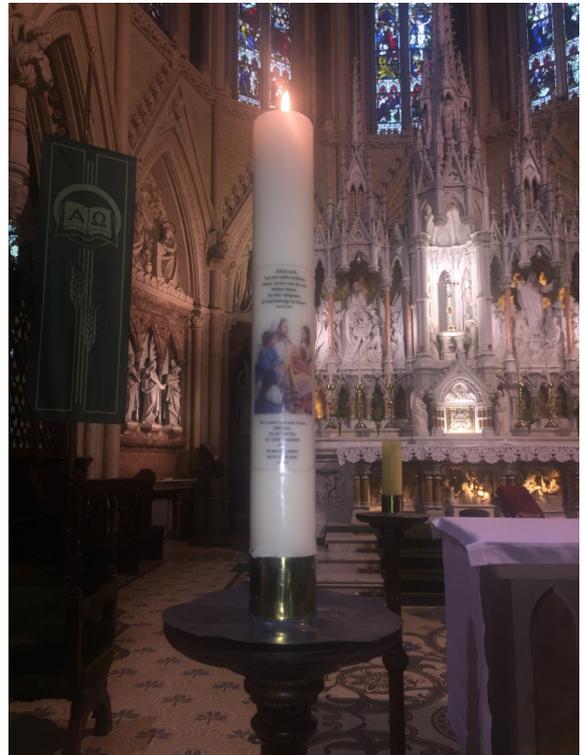
During their recent retreat in Knock, the bishops of Ireland blessed and dedicated candles of atonement for use in their Cathedrals and parishes throughout the country on 15 February and thereafter during the celebration of Mass and other liturgies.

"I encourage dioceses and parishes to undertake this new prayer initiative and to light the 'Candle of Atonement' in Cathedrals and churches across Ireland. It would mean a lot to survivors if the 'Candle of Atonement' was a permanent feature in our Cathedrals and parish churches. People visiting the church for quiet prayer might light the 'Candle of Atonement', pray the prayer, and bring to mind someone they know who has been directly impacted or affected by abuse. It would mean a lot if the Candle was lit at all Masses **on the 15-17 February, and also on the weekend of 23-24 February while the safeguarding meeting is taking place with Pope Francis in Rome.** Divine Mercy Sunday is another significant date, because I am convinced that prayer and outreach to survivors of abuse is a modern-day corporal and spiritual work of mercy."

Archbishop Eamon continued, "The simple prayer ritual for the dedication and lighting of the 'Candle of Atonement' in Cathedrals and parish churches is based on the very moving Penitential Rite composed and prayed by Pope Francis at the final Mass of the World Meeting of Families 2018 in Phoenix Park last August when he implored the Lord's mercy for the crimes of abuse and asked for forgiveness.

**"The 'Candle of Atonement' and accompanying prayer** are offered as a reminder to all of the need for us to atone, to ask forgiveness as a Church for the suffering caused by abuse. My hope is that these candles will be lit in Cathedrals and parishes across the country as a reminder of the need

for atonement and that they will symbolise repentance, light in the darkness and hope."



## Candle of Atonement Prayer

**Lord, forgive us our many sins.**

**We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you, for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable.**

**We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother.**

**Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word.**

**May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church. Amen.**

**Cobh Parish Income: Collections for 10/2/2019 was Cathedral €1,725.00, Norwood €527.00, Mount €103.00, Ballymore €190.00.**



**Baptisms:** We welcome into our community all who were baptised recently.



**Deaths:** We pray for the repose of the souls of Ann Meyer (nee Ruddy) Maidenhead and formerly Cobh, Dolly Coughlan, East Hill Villas, Catherine Healy, Norwood Park and Margaret O'Leary (nee O'Brien), Carrigtwohill & late Cobh and all who died recently.

May they rest in peace.



### Annual Diocesan Lourdes Mass

Thank you to all who helped organise our well attended Lourdes Mass last Monday - to Bishop Crean for celebrating mass and for all the Priests (and Deacon) who joined us to concelebrate. Thank you to all who took part in the mass; our altar servers, readers, psalmist/soloists, those who said the prayers of the faithful, those who brought up the gifts and, of course, our combined Cathedral and Chamber choirs for enhancing the liturgy with their beautiful singing. Thank you also to all who have worked behind the scenes; to our team of stewards, the Cobh Branch ONE, the Parish Pastoral Council and the team of volunteers who prepared the refreshments in the Community centre.

Thanks to all those who organised the special Lourdes Shrine which helped in the Triduum of Prayer from Saturday 9th to Monday 11th.

***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 Tel. (022)20276

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Rev. Tom McDermott CC	4812937
V. Rev. Liam Kelleher	087 8516984
Rev Aquin Casey CC	4813601
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Priest on Sick Call	087-6872014

Copies of the Cathedral Calendar are still available for sale at €5.00 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 18th 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 [fathertommcd@gmail.com](mailto:fathertommcd@gmail.com) 021 4812937 or Don and Dona 086 380 5055 .

**Irish Heart Foundation.**

**Annual Church collection will take place Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd March.**

This weekend we welcome Fr Aquin Casey who returns from Sabbatical Leave and joins the Parish Team. He previously served in the parish of Fermoy. He replaces Fr Pat O Donoghue who has begun ministry in the parish of Mitchelstown. We thank Fr Pat for his year so service to the parish and we assure Fr Aquin of our best wishes and prayers as he begins his ministry in Cobh.

