

Cobh Parish



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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22nd January, 2017

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Priest on Sick Call	087-6872014

Thought for the day: The whole Gospel message can be summed up in these 10 words of Jesus we hear today : '**Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is close at hand!**'

To change direction in life, to stop going in the direction I am moving, to do a U-turn because I am going down a blind alley, one word sums it all up – **repent**. Why? Because God is near, and to follow His will rather than my own all the time, is the most crucial thing I can do right now. The word 'crucial' comes from the Latin word 'crux' for 'cross'. So a crucial decision is one I make at a crossroads in my life; but it is also a Christian one because I must take up my cross and follow Jesus.

What or who in my life has changed me? What in my own life needs change and improvement? What am I leaving out? What should I be doing that I am not already doing, that God may want of me?

The four fishermen in the Gospel today left everything at once not knowing where their paths would take them, but the fact that Christ was doing the asking was all that mattered. What, then, does Christ want of me now, today, this New Year? Let us take the time to ask Him.

Cobh Parish Income: Sunday, 15th January - Cathedral: €2,298.00 Rushbrooke: €474.00 Ballymore: €155.00. 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 Annie Gillan, Low Road and late Belmont Place. May she rest in peace.

Baptisms: We welcome into our community 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. There will be a day of prayer in the Cathedral set aside for the sick of the parish and those who care for them. More details next week.

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 NEXT SUNDAY 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.

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.

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* corkscrepturegroup@gmail.com or *call* 021-4295144 *before* 3rd February 2017.

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. We urgently need to review what it is practicable for the priests to celebrate each weekend and allowing for sickness, holidays, retreats etc.

Anam Cara, the national organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Wednesday 1st of February from 19:30 to 21:30 in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Co. Cork. This is a free event open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for event, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tuesday 31st January or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

8 Week Adult Bible Study – A Biblical Walk through the Mass. Middleton Parish. 8 Successive Mondays, 6th Feb - Mar 27th, 7.30pm - 9pm. 10 euro fee which includes textbook and workbook. To enrol please contact the facilitator, Fr Eamon Roche, 086 9972539.