



COBH PARISH NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

27th January 2019

Thought for the day—the Lord's Year of favour

The Gospel today sees the beginning of Jesus' public mission as we read from the Gospel of St Luke. Jesus returns from the wilderness to his home and familiar surroundings. He gives the shortest sermon ever: *'today this word is being fulfilled even as you listen.'*

This 'today' is appropriate because Jesus fulfils all the hopes and longings and yearnings of the people of Israel. Without their fully realising it the longed for Messiah is now in their midst. Jesus proclaims the words of the prophet Isaiah on the Sabbath day—who speaks of a choice, an anointing, a call to proclamation of good news to those who need to hear it, news of freedom and light in a year of favour in the choppy waters of these times of uncertainty and a crucial time in our history with the many the challenges to faith and to vulnerable life.

It is the Lord's work – the year of favour - a year of blessings, of a renewal of faith, a return to the rediscovering the richness of our faith heritage.

May this **Centenary Year 2019** be a year of favour for our parish, our Diocese and to the thousands of visitors who will come to the Cathedral this blessed year.

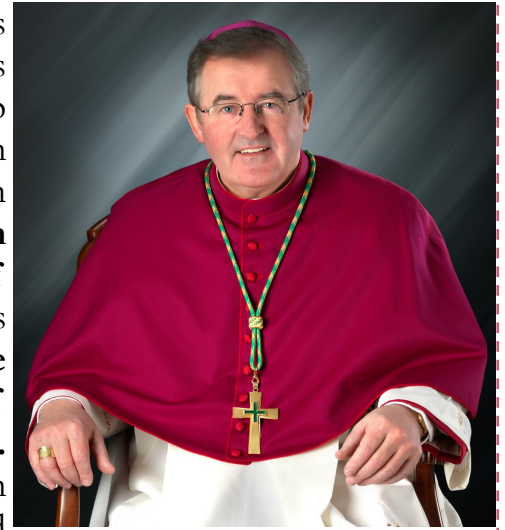
Junior Infants: Please note the deadline for all schools in the Parish is 1st February to enrol Junior Infants.

Lourdes Triduum Feb 9-11

Please note that on the night of Monday, 11th February a Diocesan Lourdes Mass will be held in St. Colman's Cathedral at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.



Congratulations and best wishes to Bishop William Crean on the occasion of his **6th anniversary of ordination as Bishop of the Diocese of Cloyne**.



Bishop Crean was ordained on Sunday **January 27th 2013** in St Colman's Cathedral. **Ad multos annos!**

DIOCESAN CHANGES

Most Rev William Crean has accepted the resignation from office of the following priests in the Diocese of Cloyne to come into effect on February 16th:

- V. Rev. Canon Jackie Corkery, PP, VF, Kanturk
- V. Rev. Michael Dorgan, PP, Castlemagner

Bishop Crean has made the following appointments in the Diocese of Cloyne with effect from February 16th:

- V. Rev. Tobias Bluitt, PP, Doneraile to be PP, Kanturk and Vicar Forane of Kanturk Deanery. He is also to serve as Administrator of Castlemagner parish
- V. Rev. Aquin Casey returning from Sabbatical to be CC, Cobh**

Rev. Aidan Crowley, CC, Doneraile to be PP, Doneraile

Rev. Paul Bennett, CC, Blarney to take Sabbatical Leave

Rev. Gabriel Burke, CC, Mitchelstown to be CC, Blarney

Rev. Patrick O'Donoghue, CC, Cobh to be CC, Mitchelstown

We pray God's blessing especially on Fr Pat in this time of transition.

Cobh Parish Income: Collections for 20/1/19 was Cathedral €1,687.00, Norwood €465.00, Mount €115.00, Ballymore €238.00.



Baptisms: We welcome into our community Holly Tina O'Donovan, Tara Britton, Bobby Murphy and all who were baptised recently.



Deaths: We pray for the repose of the souls of Stuart Griffin, Elmwood Estate, James O'Brien, Beechmount and all who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Pipe Organ Restoration Update

Funerals will continue to take place at 10 am only until further notice due to the voicing and tuning of the Pipe Organ. 8 am Mass continues in the Adoration Chapel until further notice.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will continue to be recited Mon. to Fri. at 3.00pm in the Parish Centre and all are welcome.

Citizens Information Service will no longer operate from St Colman's Parish Centre as of Friday 25th January 2019. They are relocating to Pearse Square Cobh.

Youcat for kids: a programme of catechism based instruction for 7-12 year olds to learn about the catholic faith, takes place in the Parish Centre from 4:30 to 5:30pm on Friday 1st Feb. All Welcome. For any further enquiries please contact Fr Pat O'Donoghue on 4813601 or Rose Clancy 087 689 6206.

Alliance of the Two Hearts Night Vigil of Reparation & Adoration. At St Benedict's Priory, Cobh on Friday Feb 1st. Rosary starts at 8:30pm, First Friday Mass at 9:30pm; First Saturday Mass at midnight Friday evening. Vigil ends at 3:30am. All are welcome to come for all or part of the night.

Monthly Pro Life Vigil : St Benedict's Priory on the last day of each calendar month there will be adoration from 8.00 pm until 5.30 a.m. to pray for the vulnerable unborn. Please visit before midnight.



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.

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Copies of the Cathedral Calendar are 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 4th 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 021 4812937 or Don and Dona 086 380 5055



Colaiste Muire - Bishop William Crecan spoke recently to 1st Year students in Colaiste Muire about being the Chairperson of Trocáire and his recent visits to Africa. He also spoke about the Centenary of the Consecration of St. Colman's Cathedral which will be celebrated this year. As a part of the 1st year Junior Cycle Religion course students study the work of Trocáire. They decided to write a letter to the Bishop, as Chairman of Trocáire and invite him to visit them in Colaiste Muire.