

# Cobh Parish

Fatima Centenary Year 1917-2017



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**Third Sunday of Lent - 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2017**

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**Thought for the day:** Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman in this Sunday of Lent is a dramatic one – Jesus meets this notorious woman in her town who is isolated and rejected by her community. She has to wait for everyone's siesta to draw water for herself. She is a woman who has had 5 husbands (!) and is in a relationship with a sixth man. Jesus knows this full well. It would be easy to condemn her adulterous, sinful life and to reprimand and dismiss her. Jesus knows however that behind her broken relationships is a deeper thirst for a love that has yet to be satisfied. The multiplicity of relationships points to a series of failures to have that elusive need met. Jesus offers her his mercy and the water of the Holy Spirit, of a relationship with God. This whole encounter teaches us something about our desires and what they say about us. What are our desires - for food, drink, comfort, happiness, relationships, success, and satisfaction? These are not bad in themselves but they can be superficial. If we become obsessed or excessive as the unnamed Samaritan woman, then what are we looking for? What is behind our cravings? Are we running towards something or someone or running away? Lent teaches us to detach ourselves from things only in order to attach ourselves more fully to Christ in love. The Gospel episode teaches us that apart from Christ all our searching is mere emptiness. He alone satisfies. Let us take the time to get to know Him - and listen - better in silent prayer.

**Cobh Parish Income:** Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, Cathedral: €2,230.00, Rushbrooke: €512.00 Ballymore: €162.00. 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 Angela (Babs) Long née Kenny) East Hill and Dorset, George O'Donovan, Glasson's Ave. and Skibbereen, Heather Errol O'Connor (née Kerr) Wicklow & Cobh, Joe Cahill, The Anchorage and Mary Rose Allen, Glenmore. May they rest in peace.

**Baptisms:** We welcome into our community Emma Bridget Lucey and all who were baptised recently.

**Book Shop:** We now have a new wide variety of cards in our Book Shop and also First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts.

**“Understanding the Mass with the Saints”** - Fr. Pat O’Donoghue is 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. All welcome.

**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.

**Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March, the Pilgrim Virgin statue of Our Lady of Fatima recently blessed by Pope Francis will be visiting the Cathedral. There will be mass at 8.00pm followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and veneration of Our Lady until 11.00pm. All are welcome.**

**Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March – 10.00am Norwood - Fr. Pat O’Donoghue**

Newtown, Newtown Court, O’Halloran Place, Ballynoe, Ballynoe Road, Ballynoe Park, Ballynoe Mews, Ballynoe Drive, Estuary View, Estuary Walk, The Mews, Oak Drive, Gardiners Walk The Meadows, The Orchard, Chandlers Walk, Chandlers View, Chandlers Rest, Hermitage Drive, Hermitage Grove, The Pines, Copperfield’s, Riverside Ave., Riverside Rise.

**Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March - 10.00am Norwood - Fr. Pat O’Donoghue.** Norwood Park, Norwood Grove (old), Brooklawn, Norwood Grove (new), Norwood Court, Brookvale, Rushbrooke Park, Rushbrooke Manor, Flower Hill, Woodside.

**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March – 10.00am Norwood Fr. Pat O’Donoghue.**  
Ballyleary, Tay Road.

**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March- 10.00am Cathedral- Fr. Liam Kelleher.**

Bishop St, Beechmount, Mount Crozier, Rope Walk, Carrignafof, The Anchorage, Seafield Ave., Thomas St., Maple Court, Bond St., The Belfrey, Bishop Ahern Close, Roches Tce., Hawthorne Tce., Roches Row, Bellvue Tce., Bellvue, Sandymount, Lower Midleton St., West View, Park View, Spy Hill, West End Tce., The Crescent.

**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> March- 10.00am-Cathedral –Fr. Liam Kelleher.**

Hillview Tce., St. Maur’s Tce., Athenian Tce., Glasson’s Ave., Wilmount Ave., Carrignafof, Garryowen Villas, Wilmount Park Philip O’Neill Place, The Spires, College Gate, College Drive, College Ave., College Green, College Lawn, College View, The Grove, College Court, College Gardens, College Corran, College Orchard.

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Westbourne Place, Casement Sq., West Beach, East Beach, Lynch’s Quay, Sirius Wharf, Harbour Row, Harbour Hill, East Hill, Albert Tce., Meehan’s Tce., Lake Road, Fort Villas, High Road, Lower Road, Lissaniskey, Connolly St., The Mall, New Park, Cottrell’s Row, East Hill Villas, East View, Upper East Hill, Seaview Tce., Brighton Tce., Frenches Walk, Mount Eaton, Eaton Heights.

**In support of the “Joy of Bells”** to express solidarity and respect for migrants and refugees, along with the ringing of church bells throughout the country, Adrian Gebruers will play a short recital on our Cathedral Carillon this Sunday at 11.00 a.m. It is the hope that the bells will proclaim our Christian witness and proclamation of faith, trust, love, reconciliation and joy and that every migrant is welcome!