

COBH PARISH NEWSLETTER

March 4th 2018

Third Sunday of Lent

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Thought for the Day

St. Colman's Cathedral took from 1868–1915 to build. That is 47 years. These years include milestone events such as the year 1879 when Mass was celebrated here for the first-time, the years 1895-1915 for the interior and exterior carvings, and the years 1912-1915 which saw the completion of the spire. The number of people involved must be staggering, as well as the man-hours and other expenses in ensuring its completion. It is an amazing achievement and it is always gratifying to hear and see visitors sing the praises of our beautiful cathedral.

We can then begin to imagine the shock and consternation when Jesus declares that He would knock 'this Temple' and build it up again. His hearers thought that He was referring to the great Temple in Jerusalem in which they stood and which took a comparatively equal length of time to build as the cathedral—46 years to be exact. The thought horrified them and angered them as it would disturb us that any harm would come to our beloved cathedral! We now know that Jesus was of course referring to 'the temple that was His body' and foreseeing His impending Passion and Death and Resurrection. The sad truth is that the Temple would be destroyed in 79 AD by the Romans after a great Jewish uprising. In retaliation for the Jewish revolt and as a deterrent to future trouble the Roman occupying force demolished the Temple. All that remains is the now famous 'Wailing Wall.'

The Temple is used as a symbol of our bodies. We sometimes refer to the body as our temple.

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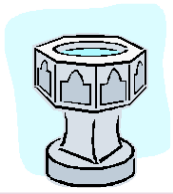
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For the early Christians St Paul emphasised that we are made Temples of the Holy Spirit in virtue of our baptism. Sin defiles the integrity of the Christian soul and body. Perhaps Christ's anger at the defilement of His Father's house—the Temple in Jerusalem—should give us pause as to the extent in which we are guilty of defiling our own bodies or that of others – through sin. Jesus has no time for the extortion and preying on the poor that had become commonplace in what should have been the most sacred place for the Jews – the Holy of Holies, the sanctuary, the Presence of God

It is the one episode in the Gospel that stands out because we are startled at the anger of Jesus. His is a righteous passionate anger and should teach us that we too should be angry—appropriately— at the defilement of the dignity of the temples of the bodies of the poor and vulnerable in our world, especially the infringement of the rights of the most vulnerable—the poor, the homeless, the immigrants, the elderly and the unborn. Where is *our* moral outrage ?

Cobh Parish Income: Sunday 25th February Cathedral: €1734.00, Rushbrooke: €535.00, Ballymore: €225.00, The Mount: €107.00. We thank all who contributed to these collections.



Baptisms: We welcome into our community: Amy McCarthy and all who were baptised recently.



Deaths: We pray for the repose of the souls of those who died recently. Ann Moniz née Charlton, London and Westview. May she rest in peace.

Coffee morning at St. Benedict's Priory - Wednesday 14th March from 10am. Raffle and Mini-Auction at 11.30am. Do come along, meet the Sisters and support the upkeep of the Priory and Bible Garden.

Position of Sacristan in St Colman's Cathedral

We are currently looking for someone who may be interested in the position of sacristan in St Colman's Cathedral.

Please send your CV and letter of interest to The Administrator, Fr John McCarthy at 5 Cathedral Terrace Cobh. Closing date for receipt of applications is Sunday March 4th.

Interviews will take place in early March. The successful applicant will be expected to begin from the weekend of March 24th and 25th.



As part of our preparation for the **World Meeting of Families** in Dublin this August, we are continuing our

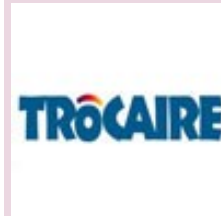
parish conversation about Pope Francis teaching on family and marriage. This is taking place on the six Thursdays of Lent in the Parish Centre, continuing this **Thursday March 8th** at 8pm. All are welcome to join the conversation.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign

2018 This year's Trócaire Lenten campaign focuses upon the Koroma family in Freetown, Sierra Leone who were affected by recent landslides in their area. This



tragic event affected the Koroma family in various ways and cost them their home, possessions, work tools and changed the course of this families future forever.



Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 7th of March from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

The **Cork Simon Coffee Morning** campaign is taking place again this year in the month of March. Would you consider holding a Coffee Morning in aid of Cork Simon? Holding a Cork Simon Coffee Morning is a great way to get everyone together and support the fight against homelessness. If you'd like to know more about how to host your own Coffee Morning you can call 021 4321 166, email coffeemorning@corksion.ie or visit the Cork Simon **Website** www.corksion.ie/coffeemorning

First Confessions:

Tuesday 6th March at 7.00pm, Cathedral - Gaelscoil
Wednesday 7th March at 7.30pm, Cathedral - St Josephs.
Thursday 8th March at 7.30pm, Cathedral - St Marys.

Spring Events at Knock: The next 'Quiet Days for Busy People' day retreat will take place Saturday 24 February from 11am-3pm in the Prayer Guidance Centre. The retreat costs €30 and includes lunch at Knock House Hotel. To book your place at either of these events, call (094) 93 75355 or to find out more about all of the upcoming events at Knock, log on to www.knockshrine.ie/upcoming-events

2018 marks the 150th anniversary of the laying of the Foundation Stone of the cathedral—which took place on September 30th 1868. We will keep you updated on the commemoration of this historic milestone in the cathedral's history.

Station Masses this week

NORWOOD LENT STATIONS 2018

STATION DATES AND TIMES

TUESDAY, 6TH MARCH – 10.00AM NORWOOD -

FR. PAT O'DONOGHUE Elmwood Grove, Russell Heights, Leeview Court, Newtown, Newtown Court, O'Halloran Place, Ballynoe, Ballynoe Road, Ballynoe Park, Ballynoe Mews, Ballynoe Drive, Estuary View, Estuary Walk.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH MARCH—10.00AM

NORWOOD—FR. PAT O'DONOGHUE

The Mews, Oak Drive, Gardiners Walk, The Meadows, The Orchard, Chandlers Walk, Chandlers View, Chandlers Rest, Hermitage Drive, Hermitage Grove, The Pines, Copper fields, Riverside Ave., Riverside Rise.

THURSDAY, 8TH MARCH – 10.00AM NORWOOD

FR. PAT O'DONOGHUE

Ballyleary, Tay Road

FRIDAY 9TH MARCH - 7.30PM NORWOOD—

FR. PAT O'DONOGHUE

Norwood Park, Norwood Grove (old), Brooklawn, Norwood Grove (new), Norwood Court, Brookvale, Rushbrooke Park, Rushbrooke Manor, Flower Hill, Woodside.

CATHEDRAL LENT STATIONS 2018

STATION DATES AND TIMES

WEDNESDAY, 7TH MARCH - 10.00AM

FR. LIAM KELLEHER: Bishop St., Mount Crozier, Rope Walk, Carrignafof, The Anchorage, Seafield Ave., Thomas St., Maple Court, Gond St., The Belfry, Bishop Ahern Close, Roches Tce., Hawthorn Tce., Roches Row, Bellvue Tce., Bellvue, Sandymount, Lower Middleton St., West View, Park View, Spy Hill, West End Tce., The Crescent.

THURSDAY, 8TH MARCH - 10.00AM

FR. LIAM KELLEHER: Hillview Tce., St. Maur's Tce., Glasson's Ave., Carrnafof, Garryowen Villas, Wilmount Park, Philip O'Neill Place, The Spires, College Gate, College Drive, College Ave., College Green, College Lawn, The Grove, College Court, College Gardens, College Corran, College Orchard.

FRIDAY, 9TH MARCH 10.00AM

FR. LIAM KELLEHER: Ard Aoibhinn, Westbourne Pl.,

Casement Sq., West Beach, East Beach, Lynch's Quay, Sirius Wharf, Harbour Row, Harbour Hill, Albert Tce., Meehan's Tce., Lake Rd., Fort Villa, High Rd., Lower Rd., 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.

BALLYMORE LENT STATIONS 2018

FRIDAY 9TH MARCH AT 7.30PM

FR. JOHN McCARTHY:

Belgrove, Ashgrove, Ballyelane, Belvelly, Ballinacrusha.



"Rally to Save the 8th." All-Ireland RALLY FOR LIFE, Dublin, Saturday 10th March. Buses departing from Cork City and County. To book a seat, contact Gillian 089 402 9445.

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Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 11th - 18th September 2018: Cost €899 - 7 nights full board. Flight from Cork to Faro return. Insurance €29 extra for those who wish to avail of it. Single room supplement is €30 a night. Contact Pilgrimage Abroad 01 6359300 or for further information Fr. Patrick Winkle 024 92270, Fr. John McCarthy 021 4815619

Mass Goers Association (MGA)

The mission prayer for this period“We pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire and guide our Holy Father Pope Francis and leaders of the Catholic Church”

Our next meeting is on 14/03/2018 after 10am Mass in the Parish Centre and all are welcome. Our purpose is caring and sharing. Our Patron St. Pope John Paul II - Please Pray for us.