



### Mass Times

**Vigil Saturday: 6pm**

**Sundays: 9 am & 11 am**

**Working Holy Days: 10 am & 7.30 pm**

**Monday to Saturday: 10 am**



### Baptisms

**Emily Harper Falvey.**

**Mikey John Keenan.**

**Amelia Laura Williamson.**

*We welcome them into the Christian Family*



### LOURDES. Cork & Ross Pilgrimage 2019.

10 – 15 JUNE - 5 nights

Full Board Accommodation.

Booking Forms Available for the Pilgrim Section from

Joe Walsh Tours. 117 Patrick Street, Cork.

Tel (021) 4277959



### Enquiries for Special Sick/Assisted

**Section** to: The Pilgrimage Director. V. Rev. Canon James O'Donovan.

Parochial House, Ballinlough, Cork. Tel. (021) 4292296

### LOURDES 2019: YOUNG ADULT HELPERS

The Diocese of Cork & Ross invites young adults 18-25 to join the pilgrimage to Lourdes as helpers from 10th to 15th June. As helpers you will assist with the sick and be involved in the full pilgrimage programme – time for prayer, sharing in the story of Lourdes and making new friends. Limited number of places – for further details contact Fr Charlie Kiely on 021 4537474.

### HANDING ON THE FAITH – TALK AND WORKSHOP – SATURDAY 9th MARCH

from 10:00am to 1:00pm at **St Michael's Blackrock Parish Centre, Cork.** Keynote address will be given by Dr Dan O'Connell from Mary Immaculate College, Limerick who is a parent, parishioner and professional educator. He will address us on the theme and this will be followed by a workshop on *HOW TO USE THE YOUCAT SERIES* in your parish, home, school as tools for handing on the faith. Open to all – parents, parishioners, teachers, clergy, religious. Contribution €5 per person to include workshop handbook. To reserve a place contact 021-4537474 or email [pdo@corkandross.org](mailto:pdo@corkandross.org)

The next meeting of **Cork Regional Pioneer Council** will take place in the SMA Hall Wilton at 8pm on Wednesday 20th of February. All Pioneers are welcome as are anybody interested in joining our organisation.  
Sorcha Uí Laoghaire.

### Cork Alzheimer's Café

a safe place for people with Alzheimers and other dementias, their carers, family and friends,

along with social and health professionals to meet. Last Friday of each month 1:30 – 3:30pm in St Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Road. Light refreshments provided free of charge. All welcome. Friday, 22nd February - the next meeting.



### Some Inspiration

The reading from 1 Corinthians 15 can be expanded slightly as follows:

*Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. (1 Cor 15:12–20)*

In Corinth, all the believers really did believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Some, however, were unable to take the next step and believe that the dead would also rise in Christ. This is not unlike today: many believing Christians do not really believe in the afterlife. Paul exposes the lack of consistency. The clean logic of Paul has great power, especially when the full text is read.

### Days of Recollection

Guided by the writings of the Servant of God, Mother Marie Adele Garnier (1838-1924), foundress of the Adorers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Montmartre, OSB. Takes place on **Saturday 23rd February 2019**. The theme this month is: The Beatitudes at St Benedict's Priory, The Mount, Cobh. Begins at 9am with Holy Mass & Adoration. 1st talk at 11.00am. Day ends with tea at 3.30. Lunch provided. Donations welcome to cover costs. To book your place or to arrange to stay in our retreat house at any time, please contact: Mother Prioress: 021-4811 354 or email [cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com](mailto:cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com)

### FREE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME

Northridge House, at St Luke's Home are offering a Free Professional Training Programme for those wishing to become Carers. The programme is on behalf of South West Gno Skillnets and is open to those on receipt of Social Welfare. The courses includes two QQI Level 5 Modules and other essential training for this important role. It is an area in which there is a shortage of qualified carers. The Course commences 20th March and has 12 full days concluding 12th June. Interviews are on 12th February and prior booking is essential. Places limited to 20. Call Claire at 021-536551 for further information.

### MORNING REFLECTION FOR CARERS

1. The Anchorage Institute is offering a **Morning Reflection for Carers**, which involves a morning of supporting people in a Care Relationship. Dates for this even are 12th February, 12th March & 9th April 2018, from 10:30am to 12pm.  
2. **Soul Enrichment Course**, learning to listen with the heart, which will take place over 5 Saturdays, 10am – 4pm from March to July 2019. Both events are offered in Northridge House Education & Research Centre, St Luke's Home, Castle road, Mahon. Contact Vincent O'Grady at 0871679586.

### Reflections

1. We are told that Jesus "fixed his eyes on the disciples" before speaking. It suggests that he was about to say something that he really wanted them to take in. Surprisingly he then tells them it is no bad thing for us to be poor or hungry. But perhaps you have recognised the truth in what St. Augustine said "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

2. "Blessed are you who weep" is not an encouragement to be miserable. Rather it is an affirmation of the importance of loving relationships in life. We are blessed to have such people in our lives, but there may also be pain. Yet is it not true that the blessing of loving and being loved is worth the price you pay?

3. Jesus said that his followers would be open to opposition and ridicule because of him, and they are blessed when this happens. Unpleasant it may, but have you not been grateful on those occasions when you had the courage to stand by something that you believed in?

### PYXES STILL NEEDED

Our Parish is short of Pyxes, which are used to carry the Blessed Eucharist to parishioners who may be unwell and housebound. If anybody has a pyx lying around unused, please return it to the Sacristy at your earliest convenience. Thank you.



### CATHOLIC PAPERS SUMMARY

**Catholic Voice** (1) The Mystical Role of the Angels(2) Jonah the Reluctant Prophet: a lesson for the Church in Ireland  
**Catholic Times of 8/2** Pope backs celibacy, but doesn't rule out married priesthood  
**Universe of 8/2** Phone curbs are good for children  
**Tablet of 9/2** St. Anthony is not fussy about the people for whom he intercedes  
**Catholic Herald of 8/2** Can video throw new light on Michelangelo?  
**St. Martin Magazine** John Field - Inventor of the Nocturne  
**Catholic Herald of 15/2** (1) The Pope acknowledges abuse of nuns. Will it make a difference?  
(2) The big story of the past seven days:: Cardinal Muller issues 'manifesto' on Church teaching (see also Catholic Voice & Universe))  
**Universe of 15/2** Spirituality: From meditation to contemplation - following in the footsteps of the saints  
**Catholic Times of 15/2** Fr. Michael Collins: Speculation on that 'special place in hell' EU mud-slinging spat

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage May 28th** - June 4th ex Cork. 15 places remaining. €725.00 half board. €200.00 deposit secures place. Staying in locally owned Hotel Leone, 3 mins from St James Church. Spiritual director Fr Sean Corkery. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy on 0862959380.

**Faith Encounters in the Gospels** – three sessions – Tuesdays 12th, 19th & 26th February. Coffee from 10:30am, session from 11:00am to 12:15pm at the Pastoral Development Office, Ballyphehane – facilitated by Sr Karen. Reserve your place on 021 4537601.

### Thought for the day

We all know from experience that happiness can be confused with all sorts of things — enjoyment, getting my own way, pleasure etc. We also all know— in our heart of hearts—that true happiness is not something that I have for myself but something that I am with others. Rather than something I possess, it is something that I am, with my values and vision. The paradox of human life is that we attain happiness not by aiming at it for ourselves but only making other people the focus of our lives and loves. In the words of St Paul: Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. (Rom 13:8)  
Prayer  
God of our happiness, give us the wisdom that you alone can give so that we also may be wise and come to life in abundance, according to your will.

K. O'Mahony OSA

### Today's Hymns

#### PLEASE JOIN WITH OUR CHOIR IN THE SINGING

#### Entrance

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, light of my heart.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,  
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,  
In ears that hear me Christ ever be.

#### Recessional

Hail Queen of heav'n the ocean star,  
Guide of the wand'rer here below:  
Thrown on life's surge,  
We claim thy care:  
Save us from peril and from woe.  
Mother of Christ, star of the sea,  
Pray for the wand'rer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste and spotless maid,  
We sinners make our prayers through thee:  
Remind thy Son that he has paid  
The price for our iniquity.  
Virgin most pure, star of the sea,  
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.