

27th February 2022

8th Sunday in
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The Harbour



Parish Newsletter for Passage West, Monkstown, Shanbally and Ringaskiddy



Prayer Services this week

28th Feb – 6th Mar 2022

PASSAGE WEST

Mon: Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday: Mass 10.00 a.m.
Ash Wed: Mass 10.00 a.m.
Thursday: Mass 10.00 a.m.
Friday: Mass 10.00 a.m.
Sunday: 11.30 a.m.

MONKSTOWN

Wed, Friday 9.00 a.m.
Sunday: 10.00 a.m.

SHANBALLY

Wednesday: 7.00 p.m.
Saturday: 6.00 p.m.

RINGASKIDDY

Thursday: 7.00 p.m.
Sunday: 8.45 a.m.



PARISH OFFICE

Come in we're open!

TUESDAYS

10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon

THURSDAYS

5.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

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Cathy Concannon

Welcome Fr Chris

This weekend we warmly welcome Fr Chris O'Donovan to our parish community and we look forward to his ministry with us and among us. This weekend Fr Chris will celebrate the Vigil Mass in Shanbally and our Sunday Morning Mass in St Mary's Church, Passage West. We wish Chris every blessing and happiness in his new appointment and hope he soon feels at home here in the Harbour Parishes.

Monkstown Church Anniversary Celebrations

2021 marked the 150th anniversary of the Church of the Sacred Hearts in Monkstown. Covid19 restrictions last year, particularly the limit of 50 people for any service or celebration, meant that it was not feasible to mark such a special moment and so our anniversary celebrations were deferred. Now that restrictions are being eased we hope to be able to gather as a community over the coming months to mark this significant milestone in the history of our parish. This Wednesday, 2nd March 2022, we invite you to join us for a short meeting in Monkstown Church from 8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. to discuss ideas as to how we can celebrate our anniversary and hopefully to form a steering group to help coordinate our preparations over the coming months. All are welcome so please come and join us.

Thandekile – The face of Trócaire Lenten Campaign

This year, Thandekile, a 31 year old mother from Zimbabwe, and her children, Nomatter (11) and Forward (8) are the faces of the Trócaire Lenten Campaign. Thandekile was only 31 years old when Covid19 claimed the life of her beloved husband, Donovan, leaving her alone to provide for her children. In Zimbabwe the cruel effects of poverty, the pandemic and climate change have left many people like Thandekile on the brink of catastrophe. For Thandekile even grief is a luxury she cannot afford. All her energies and efforts must be focused on the daily struggle to provide for her children. Each and every day, with next to nothing, she does everything she can to become self-sufficient. 'I live for my children,' she says. 'My wish is to be able to provide for their needs, to grow a little business. You have to be hardworking and to be able to stand your ground if you are to gain respect in society. I will soldier on,' she says, hope gleaming in her eyes. In Zimbabwe, many families already live below the poverty line – hardworking families who share the same values as you – are unable even to grow enough food to feed themselves because of drought and climate change. They are doing everything they can to stand on their own two feet, but the upheaval and loss around Covid have only made the burden worse. A better world shouldn't be only for some. A better tomorrow should belong to all of us. Please, this Lent, stand with Thandekile and families like her, by supporting the Trócaire Lenten Campaign. Trócaire packs are available in all of our Churches this weekend and throughout Lent. Please pick up a pack and use it over the coming weeks of Lent. Every little helps. We remember the words of Jesus: 'I was hungry and you gave me to eat.' Let's play our part this Lent so that families like Thandekile's can dare to dream of a better tomorrow.

Fr Seán

Ash Wednesday

This coming Wednesday 2nd March 2022 we will celebrate Ash Wednesday and begin the season of Lent. Blessed Ashes will be distributed at our Masses at 9.00 a.m. in Monkstown, 10.00 a.m. in Passage West and 7.00 p.m. in Shanbally. Ashes will also be available after each Mass to take home.

Anniversary Remembrance

Pascal Dugan
Alec Myles
Patrick Ryan
Jeremy O'Connor
Joan & Philomena Gallagher
Michael & Charles Gallagher
Shirley Gallagher
Philomena Audley Cotter
John Perkins
John & Margaret O'Connor
Mossy & Siobhán Lynch
Helena Murphy
Eithne Farr
Bill Scott
Donal Patterson
Tommy Walsh
Mary & Denis Murphy

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord
May they rest in peace.*

Recently Deceased

DENNIS BOARDMAN, Diamond Hill, Monkstown died peacefully at home on Friday 18th February 2022. We offer our sincere sympathy to his wife Alma, his children Gill, Nigel, Kevin, Jane, Colin and Alan and his extended family and friends. May he rest in peace.

THEA ALLEN [née McCarthy], Mournington, Co Meath and late of Passage West died unexpectedly at her home on Wednesday 16th February 2022. We offer our sincere sympathy to her family and friends in our community. May she rest in peace.

ANNE WHITE [née McCarthy], Carrigaline and late of Raffein died peacefully in St Finbarr's Hospital on Wednesday 23rd February 2022. We offer our sincere sympathy to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

MICHAEL O'SHEA, Kiskeam and Cork City died peacefully in University Hospital, Kerry on Wednesday 23rd February 2022. Michael was laid to rest in St Mary's Cemetery, Passage West on Friday 25th February 2022. We offer our sincere sympathy to his extended family and friends.

*Lead them Lord in the path of
life eternal*

Recently Deceased

JACK CUMMINS, Nohoval, Cork died on Sunday 20th February 2022 following a tragic accident. We offer our sincere sympathy to his parents, sister Amy and brother Charlie and his grandparents John and Betty Cummins, Coolmore. May he rest in peace.

Welcomed in Baptism

KAI GERARD O'CONNELL was baptised in the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Shanbally on Saturday 19th February 2022. Kai is the son of Ian and Shauna.

JOHN DELEA was baptised in the Sacred Hearts Church, Monkstown on Saturday 19th February 2022. John is the son of Niall and Pissamai.

*We warmly welcome them into our
Christian Community.*

Yoga for the Older Adult

Gentle exercise in tune with breathing and short meditation. Join us in the Gill Room, Monkstown at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. For further information contact 087 7433232.

St Vincent de Paul

The Church Gate Collections in February 2022 for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul amounted to €1,414.35. The Society thanks you for your generosity and looks forward to your continuing support at the collections next weekend, Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th March 2022.

Shamrock's GAA News

Outdoor Academy continues every Saturday on the pitch in Shanbally at 10.30 a.m. All other training and match details will be sent via WhatsApp to all groups and also posted on our social media sites. Lotto Jackpot is €600 and the draw will take place in the Shamrock Bar, Shanbally on Monday 28th February 2022. For other news and fixtures please visit shamrocksgaa.com

Cork Scripture Group

Cork Scripture Group presents a module on "Exploring the New Testament Letters of John, 1 Peter and James." Presenters: Fr John Newman, Fr Sean O'Sullivan and Sr Sheila Curran. Dates: 4 Mondays of March and Saturday March 26th. Cost €50. Venue Scala, Blackrock. For information and booking contact corkscripturegroup@gmail.com

Give up or take up?

A question that many people ask at the beginning of Lent is "What did you give up for Lent?" When we were young it was common, indeed it was expected, that all of us would give up something for Lent. Once Ash Wednesday came round, all of us, no matter how young we were, were encouraged to make some small sacrifice by giving up something for the next forty days. Sugar was a popular choice and many of us never went back to it again. Today, the tradition of giving up something for Lent is not as strong as it was in the past, but the idea behind it is still a good one. Giving up something helps to develop a sense of discipline, it helps us to appreciate all that we have and it allows us to help the most needy in the world by contributing what we save to the Trocaire Lenten Campaign.

But of course you do not have to "give up" something if you do not want to. You might decide to "take up" something instead. Lent is about more than "giving up" drink or cigarettes or sweets – it's about taking on a new commitment to our faith and trying to be more like Jesus in the way we live our lives. There are many ways in which we can journey with Jesus through these forty days, many ways in which we can make that extra little effort to be the person God wishes us to become. It is simply a matter of deciding how. To give up or to take up? The choice is ours!

Fr John Galvin

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