

20th February 2022

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The Harbour



Parish Newsletter for Passage West, Monkstown, Shanbally and Ringaskiddy

Kindness
STARTS WITH
you.

Prayer Services this week

21st – 27th February 2022

PASSAGE WEST

Mon: Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday: Mass 10.00 a.m.
Wed: Liturgy of Word 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

Thurs: 9.00 a.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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A Time of Transition and New Beginnings

As he has visited parishes over recent months, Bishop Fintan has spoken of the fact that this summer nine priests in the diocese over the age of 75 will step aside from their responsibilities and duties as parish priests. Some will choose to retire completely from active ministry, others will wish to continue to minister in the diocese but without the burden of parish administration and the responsibility that goes with it. We wish all of these men, who have each served the diocese faithfully for over fifty years, every happiness and blessing over the coming months and years.

These changes will obviously have a knock-on effect for many other parishes in the diocese over the coming months. Bishop Fintan has indicated to me that the Harbour Parishes will be one of the parishes impacted by these changes. However, Bishop Fintan is very conscious of the fact that our community has already suffered several changes and losses over the past two years. Sr Rosarii and Fr Galvin have retired after many years of committed and faithful service. The pain of Fr Con's sudden and tragic passing last August continues to be felt deeply by the community. Mindful of these sensitivities, Bishop Fintan is anxious to avoid any further abrupt change for the community. Instead, he has proposed a gradual transition that will hopefully make the change easier for all of us.

On that basis, Bishop Fintan has appointed Fr Chris O'Donovan to serve here in the Harbour Parishes, beginning next weekend, 26th/27th February 2022. I will work alongside Fr Chris over the coming months to help to introduce him to our community and hopefully to help him settle into the pastoral life of our parish in preparation for his assuming the responsibilities of Parish Priest at the end of May. I warmly welcome Chris and I look forward to our working together over the coming months to make this transition as smooth as possible for everyone in the community.

My own appointment here in the Harbour Parishes will end at the end of May and I will be appointed to another parish during the summer, bringing to an end ten very happy years as part of this wonderful community. However, for now, my focus remains firmly fixed on continuing to serve the needs of the parish over these coming months and I look forward to working with all of you and Fr Chris during that time. We will cross the bridge of farewells and goodbyes when the time comes, but for now we warmly welcome Fr Chris and we hope that he will be as happy here as Fr Con, Fr Galvin and I have been in our years among you.

Fr Seán

Walking in the shoes of another

The gospel today calls us to be people of compassion. Jesus tells his disciples: 'Be compassionate as your heavenly Father is compassionate.' Compassion is when we can walk in another's shoes, and try to see, hear and feel the world of the other, particularly when they are facing challenges, hardships or suffering in life. Let us take to heart the following verse:

Walk a mile in my shoes.

*See what I see. Hear what I hear. Feel what I feel.
Then maybe you will understand why I do what I do.*

Until then, please don't judge me.

ANONYMOUS

Anniversary Remembrance

Michael & Nan Hayes
Frank Norberg
Patricia Mullane
Sr Carmel Higgins
Rhoda Layton
Bryan McSweeney
Noreen Glavin
John Hartnett
Rita O'Keeffe
Angela McCarthy
Dan & Mary Coveney

Recently Deceased

MAUREEN CULLINANE (née Umney), Strawhall, Monkstown died peacefully at Cork University Hospital on Sunday 13th February 2022. We offer our sincere sympathy to her sister Claire and her extended family and friends. May she rest in peace.

FINBARR HARDING, Midleton and late of Passage West died peacefully at Marymount Hospice on Sunday 13th February 2022. We offer our sincere sympathy to his children and his extended family and friends. May he rest in peace.

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

In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Simon O'Sullivan, late of Congress Place, Carrigmahon, Monkstown who died in England on Thursday 3rd February 2022. May he rest in peace.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Gerry O'Driscoll, (Postman) on the death of his mother Bridget (Breda) O'Driscoll, Shanakiel, Cork who died on Saturday 5th February 2022. May she rest in peace.

Lead them Lord in the path of life eternal.

Passage West Library

Our local Library in Passage West is open from Wednesday to Saturday each week. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. with lunch closure 1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Thursday 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Newspapers available for viewing in the library: The Irish Examiner, The Echo and the Carrighoun.

Update on Memorial Project in honour of Fr Con

We are delighted to announce that the project to renovate St Elizabeth's Meeting Room in honour of Fr Con is almost ready to begin. Thanks to the generosity of local architects and engineer, who offered their services and expertise free of charge, a survey of the building and a schedule of works required has been drawn up. A local general contractor has generously offered his labour free of charge for the demolition works, installing the damp proof membrane, insulation, fire-proofing and plaster-board. In an effort to minimise costs we are hoping that other local tradesmen may volunteer their services for some of these other aspects of the project:

- + LANDSCAPING: Clearing of overgrowth around the building.
- + ELECTRICAL: RECI certified rewiring of room, installation of appliances, emergency lighting, fire detection and alarm system.
- + CARPENTRY: Remedial work on windows and original cabinets.
- + FITTED-FURNITURE: Built-in fitted storage units.
- + FLOOR COVERING: Installation of new flooring.
- + PAINTING AND DECORATING.

If any tradesperson or company is willing to come on board with us to support this project in memory of Fr Con, we ask you to either email harbourparish@gmail.com or to call Fr Seán directly. We hope that our fundraising efforts will meet the costs of the materials required for the rehabilitation of St Elizabeth's. Working together we hope to create a community space that will benefit the entire community, a living legacy of which Con would be justifiably proud. Any offers of help or support will be warmly welcomed. Unfortunately, diocesan regulations mean that we are only allowed to accept offers from tradespeople or contractors with their own independent insurance cover. A Special Collection will be taken up at all Masses in our parish next weekend, 26th / 27th February towards the costs of materials. *Fr Seán*

Welcomed in Baptism

CIAN AND LIAM KIELY were baptised in the Sacred Hearts Church, Monkstown on Saturday 12th February 2022. Cian and Liam are the children of Andrew and Katie.

NATHAN MCCARTHY, Ardmore, Passage West celebrated his baptism last Friday 11th February 2022 in St Mary's Church, Passage West. Nathan will celebrate his Confirmation with his classmates in Ringaskiddy LHNS at the end of March.

*We warmly welcome them into our
Christian Community*

Ringaskiddy Active Retired

New members are welcome to join the Ringaskiddy Active Retired Group who meet every Tuesday in the Community Room in the Oratory, Ringaskiddy from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. If you are interested contact 087 6174696.

Shamrock's GAA News

Outdoor Academy continues every Saturday on the pitch in Shanbally at 10.30 a.m. New members are welcome. All upcoming fixtures are now available on our website and social media sites. Gym is open to the public for membership. The Lotto Draw will take place in the Ferry Boat Inn, Ringaskiddy on Monday 21st February 2022. For other news and fixtures please visit shamrocksgaa.com

Accommodation needed

Elisa from Italy is looking for accommodation and work in Cork. She attended an English College here in the Autumn and wants to return. Finding accommodation is proving difficult to organise now that she is back in Italy. Is there a family looking for an au pair in exchange for board and lodgings or anyone with a room to rent to tide her over until she finds a job and place to live? Please contact Margaret O'Connell, Lackaroe on 087 6264076 for more information.

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