

St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Mon - Fri10.00 am	Friday 9.20 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Sat Devotions 9.45 am Mass 10 am Saturday (Vigil) 6pm	
Sunday 9.00; 10.30, 12.00	Sunday 10.00 am

St Joseph's Church Adoration Monday night 8.30 pm – 9.30 pm. Fri 10am – 10pm. St Michael's Church Thursday 10 am – Noon

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Follow your heart

Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty helped thousands of Jews and prisoners-of-war escape during the Nazi occupation of Rome. At one stage the Pope called him aside and said: "Be careful, the Germans can destroy the church in occupied lands." "Ah", O'Flaherty said, "I'm a simple man. I know nothing of politics. When I see people in need my heart just tells me to help them". Here was a man whose heart was truly uncontaminated by the world. Later after Rome's liberation, the Pope admits: "it's because of people like you that the church has credibility in every age."

The Pope was right. What makes us Christian is good works stemming from a faith-filled, compassionate heart. Christ is the model. He reached out to heal the blind, the lame, the deaf, and the dumb. He befriended the sinner, the sordid, the despised. The world crucified him, but he triumphed in defeat. Christ asks us to

live our faith in the same way. The key to such a life is to opt for compassion and to fight to free our hearts from selfishness and small-mindedness.

In the film version of O'Flaherty's life, *The Scarlet and the Black* starring Gregory Peck, the Nazi commander confronts O'Flaherty. He shouts: "there is no God, no right or wrong, only service of one's own desire and power." The great temptation as Christ discovered in the desert is to abandon innocence for power and compassion for egoism. May God take away our hearts of stone and give us hearts of flesh instead. Let our words and actions be those of O'Flaherty: "When I see people in need my heart just tells me to help them".

> Catechism of the Catholic Church Adult Studies September – December 2015 St Francis Church, Liberty Street, Cork Beginning Monday 7th September 2015 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm *Spiritual Directors :* Rev Marius O'Reilly, Chaplain U.C.C. Rev Michael Holland O.F.M. *Facilitator :* Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin, B. Div.

## Stations

**Poulacurry North** on Tuesday 8th September at 8 pm at the home of Dan & Betty Leahy. If you would like to host a station mass in your area, please contact the parish office.

## Novena to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

Sacred Heart Church, Western Road, Cork . August 31st - September 8th . 10 am and 8.00 pm daily. Preached by Fr Shane Crombie.

23 <sup>rd</sup> August	St Joseph's	€1,266	St Michael's	€233	Total €1,499
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Collection in aid of St Vincent de Paul will take place on Sat 5th /Sun 6th Sept.

Anam Cara is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 7 pm -9 pm in the Clayton Hotel, (formally Silver Springs).

Annual car boot sale in aid of the Fr O'Callaghan, India fund will take place in the Circus field, Riverstown on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September from 7 am till late.

Irish Blood Transfusion Service: A special thank you to the 124 Donors who attended the recent clinic.

The Poor Clare Sisters, Poor Clare Monastery, College Road, Cork are holding a vocations afternoon on Saturday  $12^{\text{th}}$  September 2 pm - 4.30 pm. All welcome.