

St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Mon – Fri 10.00 am	Thursday & Friday 9.20 am
Saturday Vigil 6 pm Sunday 9.00, 10.30; 12.00	Sunday 10.00 am

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

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# Divine Mercy in action

A *Time* magazine issue in 1984 presented a startling cover. It pictured a prison cell where two men sat on metal folding chairs. The young man wore a black turtleneck sweater, blue jeans and white running shoes. The older man was dressed in a white robe and had a white skullcap on his head. They sat facing one another, up-close and personal. They spoke quietly so as to keep others from hearing the conversation. The young man was Mehmet Ali Agca, the Pope's would-be assassin (he shot and wounded the Pope on May 13, 1981); the other man was Pope St John Paul II, the intended victim. The Pope held the hand that had held the gun whose bullet tore into the Pope's body. This was a living icon of mercy. John Paul's forgiveness was deeply Christian. His deed with Ali Agca spoke a thousand words. He embraced his enemy and pardoned him. At the end of their 20-minute meeting, Ali Agca raised the Pope's hand to his forehead as a sign of respect. John Paul shook Ali Agca's hand tenderly. When the Pope left the cell he said, "What we

talked about must remain a secret between us. I spoke to him as a brother whom I have pardoned and who has my complete trust." This is a perfect example of God's Divine Mercy in action.

### **SPRING STATIONS** Ballyphilip South at the home of John &Mary Donovan on Fri 28th April at 8pm.

Falun Chamber Choir from Sweden will sing at 12 Mass on Sunday, 30th April.

Annual procession to Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Glanmire will take place on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May leaving St Joseph's Church at 3 pm.

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next weekend is for Diocesan Needs.

## **Vocations to Priesthood**

The Diocese will host its annual come and see afternoon for those who are interested in knowing more about being a priest in the diocese and the formation and training involved on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 2:30pm to 5:00pm at the Pastoral Development Office in Ballyphehane. Further details from Fr Charlie 021 4537603; Fr Tom Deenihan 021 4301717; Fr Bertie O'Mahony 021 4346940; Fr Aidan O'Driscoll 023 8833165.

# **Cork and Ross Lourdes Pilgrimage**

There is still availability on our annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 11<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June. To book contact Joe Walsh Tours in Cork 021 4277959.

The Annual Mass for current and deceased members of the Scout Organisation in Cork will be held on Thursday next April 27<sup>th</sup>, at the SMA church Blackrock Road, at 8.00pm. All welcome.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 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.

# WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

All parishioners are invited to attend one of two gatherings with Fr Timothy Bartlett, the General Secretary for the World Meeting of Families in Ireland who will tell us more about this international event to be hosted in Ireland next year at the request of Pope Francis. At these sessions we will also launch our Diocesan programme of preparation towards the World Meeting. The two sessions are on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May from 2:30pm to 4:00pm in Clonakilty Parish Centre and from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in Blackrock Parish Centre. For more details contact 021 4537601 Medjugorje Pilgrimage May 31st - June 7th 2017 ex Cork. Early morning flight. Spiritual Director: Fr. Sean Corkery Cost is €719.00pps. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380. Joe Walsh Tours is the agent for this pilgrimage.