

St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Mon – Fri 10.00 am Sat. 1 st Communion Masses; 10 am New Inn School and 12 noon Gael Scoil Uí Drisceoil	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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Bad news and good news

"I've got some good news and some bad news to tell you. Which would you like to hear first?" the farmer asked. "Why don't you tell me the bad news first?" the banker replied. "Okay," said the farmer. "With the bad drought and inflation and all, I won't be able to pay anything on my mortgage this year, either on the principal or the interest." "Well, that is pretty bad," said the banker. "It gets worse," said the farmer. "I also won't be able to pay anything on the loan for all that machinery I bought, not on the principal or interest." "Wow, that is bad!" the banker admitted. "It's worse than that," the farmer continued. "You remember I also borrowed to buy seed and fertilizer and other supplies. Well, I can't pay anything on that, either principal or interest." "That's awful," said the banker, "and tell me, what's the good news?" "The good news," replied the farmer with a smile, "is that I intend to keep on doing business with you." Two of the disciples of Jesus

were on the road that leads to Emmaus. They were as low as that farmer because their Master had been crucified like a common thief. But now they have heard reports that their Master is not dead at all. The disciples are troubled and afraid. Should they believe the good news or the bad? And that's our dilemma, too. Do we really believe the Good News? The Good News is that Christ is, in fact, alive.

The Rosary will be recited at the Grotto each evening during the month of May at 8 pm commencing on Monday, May 1^{st.}

Annual May Sunday procession to Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Glanmire will take place on Sunday next, 7th May leaving St Joseph's Church at 3 pm. All parishioners and those from adjoining parishes are very welcome to attend. Preacher at the Grotto will be Fr Con Cronin a native of the Borlin Valley, Kealkill, a member of the Kiltegan Missionary Order and currently Curate in Passage West. Church door collection to defray maintenance expenses etc. will be taken up next weekend at all masses.

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2nd Collection today is for Diocesan Needs.

World meeting of Families: Launch of Diocesan preparation programme. On Thursday 4th May Bishop Buckley will launch the Cork and Ross Diocesan programme of preparation towards this international event being hosted in Ireland next year. This launch will coincide with the talk by Fr Timothy Bartlett, the General Secretary for the World Meeting of Families. All are welcome to come to one of these gatherings: 2:30pm to 4:00pm Clonakilty Parish Centre, 7.30pm to 9.00 pm Blackrock Parish Centre. Details: Sr Karen 021 4537601.

Diocesan Priesthood: Come and See afternoon

On Sunday 7th May from 2:30pm to 5:00pm men who are interested in knowing more about the formation, training and life as a Diocesan priest are invited to the Pastoral Development Office in Ballyphehane where there will be priests and students to discuss this vocation and way of life.

Contact in confidence: Fr Charlie Kiely 021 4537603; Mgr Aidan O'Driscoll 023 8833165; Fr Tom Deenihan secretary@corkandross.org

We all felt a deep dismay at the decisions of the Citizens' Assembly last Sunday. What is now almost certain is that there will be a constitutional referendum to either repeal or amend the 8th Amendment to the Constitution. This amendment enshrines the right to life of the unborn child in our constitution. You are invited to a meeting on Monday 8th May at 8PM in the Pastoral Room to discuss how we, as a parish, should organize a pro-life response to these events.

Pope Francis seeks the views of young people Young people aged 16-29 are invited to complete the survey for Pope Francis with their views on church today – available at <u>www.corkandross.org</u>

VOCATIONS PRAYER PILGRIMAGE: Sat 6th May starting at 10.30am Mass in Church of St Francis, Liberty St. Continuing to St Augustines, Ss Peter & Paul, St Mary's Popes Quay and finishing with refreshments in the Dominican Centre Popes Quay. Contact Anne-Marie Whelan 0872209994 email <u>eavopost@gmail.com</u>

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 3rd 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.

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.