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#### Handing on the Faith.

Handing on the faith is always a challenge and especially to families with growing children. People are very conscious of a change in young peoples attitude to faith and to religion. Many parents agonise about their children's faith and wonder what more they can do. Pope Benedict in his Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Ireland addresses young people. *"It is in the Church (the faith community) that you will find Jesus Christ. He loves you and has offered himself on the cross for you. Seek a personal relationship with him within the communion of his Church."* We the adult church have a task in helping young people to "find Jesus". This is really a task of sharing our own faith with them. The Pope in his letter addresses the whole Christian community on this task, not just parents. *"In our increasing secularised society, .. We need to find new ways to pass on to young people the beauty and richness of friendship with Jesus Christ in the communion of his Church. In confronting the present crisis ... a new vision is needed, to inspire present and future generations to treasure the gift of our common faith. By walking the path marked out by the gospel, by observing the commandments and by conforming your lives ever more closely to the person of Jesus Christ, you will surely experience the profound renewal that is so urgently needed at this time."* The Pope encourages us all to persevere on that path of spiritual renewal. There have been various helps to that renewal over the years. I think the changes that have invited us more deeply into our Sunday Mass have been a very great help. However we need to go farther than that. We need to get involved actively in our faith community. The Parish Assemblies and Pastoral Area initiatives are a movement in that direction. There are also many offers of ongoing faith education available.



#### TROCAIRE

The response to the recent Trocaire appeal for the Pakistan flood disaster was again very generous. This is the third appeal this year from Trocaire. The first was for the Haiti earthquake disaster the second the usual Lenten Campaign. Over **€4,600.00** has been contributed to date this year. A grateful "thank you" to all who contributed.



#### Autumn Stations

**Friday 23rd July:**

Jimmy McCarthy Farnagark. 8.00 p.m.

**Saturday 14th August:**

Stephen and Hannah Galvin Ratharoon. 11.00 a.m.

**Friday 17th September:**

Kevin and Marian Quinn Cloundereen. 8.00 p.m.

**Friday 1st October :**

Donal and Anne O'Donovan Currarane 8.00 p.m.

**Friday 8th October :**

Bernie Lyons Gurranreaagh 8.00 p.m.

**Saturday 16th October:**

Edmond and Patricia Moloney Barleyfield. 11.00 a.m.

**Saturday 23rd October:**

Willie and Kitty O'Sullivan Knockbrown. 11.00 a.m.

**To be arranged:**

Finbarr and Imelda O'Mahony Ballymore a.m. or p.m.

Denis Healy & Emma Crowley Granfeen a.m. or p.m.

Vincent and Marie Hickey Glendubh a.m. or p.m.

Stations are being booked in now for this Autumn.

A few others have agreed to have the Station but have not yet organised dates.

Our thanks to all those who are hosting the Stations this Autumn.

I would again encourage moderation in the hospitality..

Tom Riordan P.P.



**Adoration**

The **Blessed Sacrament** will be placed on the Altar, in Kilbrittain Church on the **Friday** evenings for the rest of the year in response to the Pope's plea to have Eucharistic Adoration to pray for the church in Ireland. from 8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. People are welcome to come for whatever time suits, five minutes or for the hour. Keep a space in your calendar of events.



"Although God demands a whole heart, He will accept a broken one if He gets all the pieces."

*Mary Irving*



**Legion of Mary**

The members of the **Legion of Mary** invite people to join them. They meet on Monday evenings at 8.00 p.m. in the Sacristy. Candidates interested in joining could approach Fr. Tom Riordan, Spiritual Director, or any member of the Legion.



**Parish Pastoral Assembly**

The fourth election to the Parish Assembly was held in May of this year. Several people had served two terms on the Assembly already and so were not eligible for re-election. A sizeable number agreed to go on the Assembly 29 in total, of these 3 are continuing from the last Assembly. Preparatory meetings will be held this group conducted by members of the Diocesan Pastoral Development Team. There will be three evening beginning 6th September and a planning day. The first meeting of the New Assembly is then scheduled for Monday 11th October.

## Notice Board

### **Marriages:**

Aileen McCarthy, Maryboro to David Ryan, Upton.  
Michelle Hayes, Riversdale to Denis Cronin, Coolmain.  
Siobhan Holland, Kielnamaul to Mark Keohane, Bandon.  
Sylvia Kearney, Village to Malcolm Curran, Annascaul.

*My beloved is mine and I am his. (Song of songs 2:16)*



### **Deaths:**

Sheila Murphy, Cloundereen.  
Phil Galvin, Clashavanna.  
Kieran O'Driscoll, Maulnaskimlehane.  
Peg O'Brien, Cloundereen

*God's grace and mercy are with those he has chosen. (Wisdom 4:15)*



### **Ongoing Religious Education**

**Pathways: Exploring Faith and Ministry:** is a programme available in Cork organised by the Diocesan Office for Adult Religious Education in conjunction with All Hallows College, Dublin. It runs from mid September to mid May on Wednesday nights. Further information is available on the church notice board.

At various times of the year especially **Advent** and **Lent** there are short courses on the gospel and other faith interests. Each year there is an introduction to the Gospel for that year put on at more that one venue in the city and west cork.

The Gospel according to Matthew is the gospel for the coming year. There are other distance learning courses available to interested people.