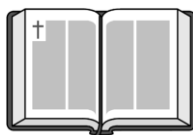


Today's readings

ACTS 3: 13-15, 17-19  
1 JOHN 2: 1-5  
LUKE 24: 35-48



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

15<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018.

**We welcome the Choir from St. Joseph's SMA Church, Blackrock Road to our 11.30.a.m. Mass this weekend.**

**DIOCESE OF CORK AND ROSS  
VOCATION PROMOTION DAY**

A Vocations Promotion Day will be held on Sunday next 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 2.30. to 5.30.p.m. in the Pastoral Development Office, Ballyphehane. This is a day when the Church prays in a particular way for vocations to the priesthood.

You may be aware that we currently have two students in Maynooth. A candidate has expressed interest in Diocesan priesthood and the period of Formation is now increased due to the introduction of a Propaedeutic Year which will lengthen the Formation process. We are all aware of the impact of an aging and declining number of priests. Indeed, the workload of priests has increased significantly in recent years due to this shortage. This is a concern for both priests and parishioners. It is in this context that our Vocation Promotion Day takes on a greater importance.

The experience of the past number of years has indicated the success of these days. Should you require any further information please contact Fr. Charlie Kiely on 021-4537603 or Canon Tom Deenihan on 021-4301717

**CHURCH DOOR COLLECTION- DIOCESAN NEEDS  
Quarterly collection takes place this weekend.**

**REAL PRESENCE PRAYER MEETING FOR ADULTS OVER 30**  
Meeting is on Wednesday next, 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30.p.m. in the Church Meeting Room. Enquiries to Siobhan on 086 3648617

Altar Society Group 3 on duty this week

**LAY APOSTLES OF JESUS CHRIST  
THE RETURNING KING**

Monthly lay apostle prayer group will meet on Friday next, 20<sup>th</sup> April, at 8.00.p.m. in the Church Meeting Room.  
Everybody welcome.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

The "Guide for Readers" which was not available for delivery with your April/June rota is now available on the lectern shelf during Church opening hours.

**RECENT DEATHS**

We offer our sincere and prayerful sympathy to the families of:

Maurice Sheehy, Curraheen Road  
Josephine Joyce, Bishopstown Road  
and to Monsignor Kevin O'Callaghan on the death of his brother Timothy.

May they rest in peace.

Any outstanding TRÓCAIRE BOXES should be returned to the Sacristy or Parish Office before Sunday next 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015

**CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS CONFERENCE 2018**  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April. 9.15am – 5.30p.m. Venue: Dominican Retreat Centre, Ennismore. Cost: €20 (including lunch)  
Booking recommended. Registration 9.15.a.m.

**CURRAHEEN FAMILY CENTRE**

Mon. 10.30.a.m. Exercise & Relaxation. 2.00.p.m. Bridge  
Wed. 10.30.a.m. Lecture by Anne Twomey on Spanish Civil War.  
Thurs. 10.00.a.m. Crafts Fri. 10.30.a.m. Silk Painting.

**REFERENDUM ON THE 8<sup>th</sup> AMENDMENT**

Bishop John Buckley writes:

*The following Referendum on the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May is a most significant event in Irish society. Irish people are being asked to remove the unborn child's right to life. This is an important issue for all people, for people of faith and people of no faith. Our faith tells us that we may never destroy innocent human life. This is an issue that we cannot be silent on.*

*I have prepared a Pastoral Letter on the forthcoming Referendum which shall be read at all Masses in the Diocese of Cork & Ross this weekend. Copies of the Pastoral Letter have been sent to all parishes.*

*I pray that, through our efforts and prayers, that the right to life of the unborn will be preserved.*

**NIGHT VIGIL OF ADORATION FOR PRO LIFE**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April. 8.00.p.m. to 2.00.a.m.

Those wishing to take part, please enter your name on the clipboards available in the Church porches.

*The following pro-life CD's are available in the Church:*

*Switching sides – Jennifer Fullwiler*

*A voice for the unborn - Lila Rose*

*Why I left planned parenthood – Abbey Johnson*

*(the largest provider of abortions in the U.S)*

*Just in passing.....*

*In his Chrism Mass homily, Archbishop Eamon Martin, Archbishop of Armagh, thanked priests for their generous service and commitment in answering God's call, but reminded 'there are times when we all need help, and priests are no exception.'*

*'My brother priests I know how much you dedicate yourselves to walking with your people. In the daily struggles of family life, when God's people worry and hurt, you are there with them, loving them, soothing them, offering the light of Christ to the moments of darkness and confusion in their lives.'*

*Today I exhort you, my dear brothers to please take care of your own health and well-being. You have been generous in answering God's call to serve, and in remaining committed to your priestly promises over many years. But there are times when we all need help, and priests are no exception. He said, 'just as many of our people struggle in this fast-paced, relentless and demanding world, we too are fragile at times; the challenges that affect our people affect us too!'*

*'Do not be like Simon Peter at the Last Supper when Jesus approached him with the basin and towel, crying out – never Lord, you will never wash my feet!'*

*'My brothers look for help when you need it. Be open to receiving help from a friend, a counsellor or mentor, a therapist or sponsor, especially when you find yourself drifting from the warmth of Christ's loving embrace towards the cruel clutches of the Evil one. Feel the warmth and supportive closeness of your faithful people, who gather with you for Eucharist, praying at every Mass for you and your ministry. Accept their care and welcome their gratitude and appreciation for your ministry among them.*

*Archbishop Martin concluded, 'It is important sometimes to admit that, like everyone else, we priests are as much in need of hope and the joy of Christ's love as those to whom we have the privilege to minister. That is why at this Chrism Mass I thank God for our faithful people, friends, family and brother priests – like those present with us in the Cathedral today -who 'wash our feet' (so to speak), who offer us consolation, loving support and understanding, who stand by us in trials, stay close to us in adversity, and sustain our vocations by their solidarity and forgiveness.'*