

Priests will continue to minister to 'occasional Catholics,' or the 'semi-attached.' This is sometimes a source of frustration for priests. In part, this is because there does not seem to be any coherent strategy, not only at a national level but even within dioceses, for instance, with regard to admitting children who are from non-practising families to the sacraments of initiation and providing for sacramental marriage. In other countries people are quick to register formally 'in' or 'out' of the Church. In Ireland, we tend to be pragmatic rather than to take principles stances, and so it is likely that many people will drift in and out of the Church. The challenge here is to get the balance right between providing pastoral care sensitively, on the one hand, and inviting people into fuller communion and conversion on the other.

Fr Eamonn Conway. 'Being a Priest in Contemporary Culture' in *Priesthood Today Ministry in a Changing Church*

Pope Francis seeks the views of young people aged 16-29. You are invited to complete the survey for Pope Francis with their views on Church today - available at www.corkandross.org.

World meeting of families 2018
Registration of the World Meeting of Families is now open: Information on different types of tickets and accommodation can be found on www.worldmeeting2018.ie

Safeguarding Month in October
2nd Week: The Diocese of Cork & Ross has introduced Child Friendly safeguarding leaflets and a poster, which can be found in the church porches and/or Parish Centre. The Church has a sacred obligation to ensure that children are welcomed, cherished and protected in a manner consistent with their central place in the life of the Church.

Diabetes Ireland Open Invitation
Type 2 Diabetes Support Group Meeting on Tues. Oct. 17th. Time 10.30am-12noon.
Venue: Nano Nagle Centre ((Old South Presentation Convent, Evergreen St. Ent).
All welcome. Free event.
Contact Charlotte or Marion on 021 4274229.

Church Renovation Fund

I wish to thank you all for your support and cooperation. The work is not yet complete as the Rose Window over the front has to be taken out and the woodwork replaced plus the office is still not finished but it is in progress. To date we have collected €6,710 between donations, cake sale and the five collections taken up at our Masses. I thank you for your support and generosity. We have already paid out close to €80,000 to cover the works already completed and we will need another €30,000 to cover the remaining.

VOLUNTEERS

Urgently needed: Eucharistic Ministers, Choir, Readers, Collectors and helpers for dusting the Church. We are at a critical situation where we are depending on the few generous volunteers to cover all the above different jobs. Appealing to you to please help us. Give your name and phone number at the front desk where the priest will contact you. Thank you.

Baptisms:
Congratulations to Sile and Daniel on the Baptism of their daughter Madlene and son Franz Molzberger. To Evelyn and Neil on the Baptism of their son Finn Barry. To Frieda and David on the Baptism of their son Daithi Collins.



St Joseph's SMA Church, Blackrock Road Parish, Cork

Priests of the Parish:

Fr Noel O'Leary SMA PP

Fr Alphonse Sekongo SMA CC

Tel: 4616327 Parish

Tel: 4616327 Parish

e-mail: smaparish@eircom.net

Webcam mcnmedia.tv

Parish office: 4616328

Fax 4292890

Priest on call: 4616328

SMA House: 4292871



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year A-Psalter Week 4 - 15th October 2017

Mass Times

Sunday: 10.00am and 12 noon

Saturday Vigil: 7.00pm

Weekdays: 7.15am, 10.00am.

Confessions: Saturday 10.30am & 6.20pm.

Sunday Devotions: 5pm

Adoration: Monday-Friday 1.30-3.00pm

Masses Saturday 14th October 2017

7.00pm Vigil: The deceased members of O'Shea and Broughton Families R.I.P.

Masses Sunday 15th October 2017

10.00am Fred & Mary Cudmore R.I.P. Anniv.

12 noon Bryan Paul R.I.P. Month's Mind

In Remembrance/Anniversaries

Fred & Mary Cudmore

The O'Shea & Broughton Families

Bryan Paul Month's Mind

Nora O'Sullivan 1st Anniversary

Maisie Mangan / Ormond Mangan

Kitty & Tim McCarthy

Gertie Hayes / Jean O'Neill

May they Rest in Peace

Last weekends Church collection €875.

Diocesan Needs collection €525.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

Today's 2nd collection is for Church Renovation Fund.

Reflection

In our second reading today, Paul makes two important and very true statements. First, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" and Second, "The Lord will fulfil all your needs in Christ Jesus". This is Paul's source of contentment. Therefore, like him we must respond to the Lord's invitation to be at his banquet and divine presence where all good things are made available for our contentment. Paul is simply saying that God is willing and capable of meeting all our needs that are in line with Christ's wishes for us.

Parish Assembly

It is that time where our present Parish Assembly has to step down. Over the coming weeks we will make available voting slips and will ask you to nominate someone that you feel will help our parish to move forward and bring new ideas to reach out to new and regular parishioners.

Family Mass

Our family Mass is now changed to 10am Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month. This is to facilitate our children that have other activities that are clashing with the 12noon Mass.