Perhaps at times we can feel tempted to withdraw into ourselves and our own affairs, safe from the dusty paths of life. Or regrets, complaints, criticism and sarcasm gain the upper hand and make us lose our desire to keep fighting, hoping and loving. At those times, let us look to Mary so that she can free our gaze of all the 'clutter' that prevents us from being attentive and alert, and this capable os seeing and celebrating Christ alive in the midst of his people. And if we see that we are going astray, or that we are failing in our attempts at conversion, let us turn to her like a great parish priest from my previous diocese, who was also a poet. He asked her, with something of a smile:

'This evening, dear Lady my promise is sincere;

But just to be sure, don't forget to leave the key outside the door.'

Pope Francis

Follow the Footsteps of Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem 2020

Take the TRIP of a LIFETIME to the HOLY LAND. June 8th - 18th 2020. Group Leader. Mícheál de Barra and Spiritual Director, Fr. John Newman (Bible Scholar) in association with Premier Travel. Cork. Contact Micheál at 0868337681 or email culturaltoursireland@gmail.com (See also our website: www.carpediemtours.ie)

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Cork Alzheimers Cafe Last Friday of each month. St. Finarr's Hospital. Next meeting Friday 1.30 - 3.00pm.

Volunteers

The Parish is in urgent need of new members May The Good Lord Bless you all. for the following ministries: Choir, Eucharistic ministers, Readers, Collectors, Children/ Family mass, Altar Society, Dusting the Church. Please contact the parish office for more details. It is through your generosity and world www.sma.ie. support that the parish can continue so please respond to our appeal.

Baptism:

Congratulations to Gillian and Alan on the Baptism of their daughter Ellie Jai.

Bulletin Sponsorship

This weekends bulletin is sponsored in memory of Cora Cuff Healy whose 6th anniversary occurs at this time.

APPRECIATION

I wish to thank you all for your support and kindness over the past five years. It is hard to believe that it is five years that I was appointed here. It was a very big change for me to take on a parish in Ireland after being away for 28 years in Nigeria. You helped me to make the transition and I truly am very grateful. I begin another phase of my life as I leave here to take a sabbatical, giving me the opportunity to take courses that I know will be good for me.

SMA Website where you will find news of the SMA, its work in Africa and other parts of the

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Mission Sunday Year C - Psalter Week 1 20th October 2019

Mass Times Sunday: 10.00am and 12 noon Saturday Vigil: 7.00pm

Weekdays: 7.15am.10am. Confessions: Saturday 10.30am & 6.20pm. Sunday Devotions: 5.00pm Adoration: Mon - Fri. 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Masses Saturday 19th October 2019 7.00pm Vigil: Bill O'Mahony R.I.P. Anniversary

Masses Sunday 20th October 2019 10.00am Jeremiah Mullins R.I.P. Anniversary

12 noon Cora Cuffe Healy R.I.P. 6th Anniv.

Remembrance/Anniversaries

Fr. Tom Lynch / Con O'Brien / John Donovan Cora Cuffe Healy 6th Anniversary Betty Rodgers Birthday Remembrance Betty Hurley/Jeremiah Mullins/Declan Murphy Bill O'Mahony 1st Anniversary John, Frank & Noreen Healy / Hugh Twomey Andrew O'Reilly / Edward & Brigid Cantwell Tom O'Donoghue / Brendan Moriarty Ambrose & Anna Maria Murphy Con Tobin 38th Anniversary / Winifred Tobin Ned & Lourdes Kenny / James Hurley Patrick & Eileen Walsh / Reg Bradley Maurice Walsh / Mary Dunne May they Rest in Peace

Reflection

'May God bless you with discomfort At easy answers, half-truths, And superficial relationships And may God bless you with enough foolishness To believe that you can Make a difference in the world. So that you can do What others claim cannot be done To bring justice and kindness To all our children and the poor. FRANCISCAN BLESSING

Church collection €905 Diocesan Needs €640

Today's 2nd collection is for Propagation of Faith Thank you for your support and generosity.

