

Welcome to the autumn edition of the Yellow Beacon.

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Fr. Robert writes.....

DEATH AND THE CHRISTIAN FUNERAL

Sometimes I read newspaper headlines that say things like “Church sets rules for funerals”. I am uneasy with words like that. They sound authoritarian, talking down to people. Jesus is our role model. The Church today continues the mission of Jesus, so our role is to reach out, support, accompany the dying and support the faithful as they grieve for their loved one as we see Jesus do in the Gospels. The mission of the Church is to help people experience the mercy, forgiveness and love of God and have hope in life eternal. As members of the Church we won’t always live up to the standards Jesus sets for us, but we must always try. Misunderstandings and hurts arise when we don’t see death and the Christian funeral from a Christian point of view.

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Dying

When someone is seriously ill it is important, if possible, to call the priest to administer the sacraments. Depending on the faith of the person who is ill these can be of great benefit. The sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession), Anointing and Holy Communion bring an extraordinary peace that truly comes from God. It helps people on their journey. As life draws to a close, prayer is comforting and consoling for the person who is returning to “the Father’s House” and for the family and loved ones.

Removal, Funeral Mass and Burial

Our tradition of rosary, removal to the church, funeral Mass and burial over three days has come out of the experience of a community that felt the need to come to terms with the loss experienced in death. Sometimes circumstances are different and this is not possible. Ultimately, it is the grieving family, in consultation with others involved, who decide what is suitable.

Prayer Vigil in the Home of the Deceased or the Funeral Home

This gives people the opportunity to show respect for the deceased, pray for them and offer condolences to comfort the bereaved. It is to show solidarity, as St. Paul would say “be sad with those in sorrow” (Romans 12.15). This is followed by removal to the church, reception prayers, placing of Christian symbols on the coffin. This is to pray for the dead, show respect to the mortal remains, comfort and give hope to the bereaved.

Funeral Mass

The funeral Mass is the greatest prayer that we can offer for the deceased. At Mass the Christian community listens to the word of God which assures us of the hope of meeting our loved ones again in the kingdom of heaven. The Lord comes to us in Holy Communion and will do for us as we hear about what He did for people in the Gospels. He comforts, consoles, reassures and gives hope.

Rite of Burial

The word graveyard/burial place means sleeping place. It is consecrated or holy ground. It is the place where the community and family give final commendation and say farewell to their loved ones. Every stage of the funeral should be conducted with dignity and respect. For this reason the human body, should be treated with great respect. The body is the temple (dwelling place) of the Holy Spirit. When a body is cremated, the appropriate place for the ashes to be buried is in the cemetery.

LITURGY GROUP

We are into the Autumn of the year with all the wonderful colours. We live in such a beautiful country. In this **month of November**, we remember all our loved ones, who have gone before us, to be with the Lord. Our **Tree of Life** is in the sanctuary of St. John the Baptist church. The names of all those who died since this time last year are on white doves. It is a reminder to us to pray for the souls of those who have finished their journey of life. On Monday **November 28th** we will have a **special service** in the Parish Church at 7.30pm, to pray for them, and for ourselves, who mourn their passing. It will consist of readings, hymns and prayers. Ellen Joyce, Director of Arc House, Cork will speak on coping with bereavement. At that time we will be starting on our **Advent journey**, preparing for the celebration of the Birth of Jesus. The **Christmas Tree** will replace our Tree of Life, and on it will be **gift tags**, with gifts required by the **St. Vincent de Paul group in Kinsale**, which they will give to people in need. As the children learn in school, **caring and sharing is very much part of the Christian ethos** and this is a very practical way of doing this. Please take a tag, buy the gift, and deliver it to the parish office, or give the price of the gift. Gifting is a very important part of Christmas.

The **Signs of Christmas** will be soon appearing around us. Look out for the **Three Kings who travel around the town** stopping off at the various schools, the hospital, the churches, business places, and finally arrive in the Town Crib on the 6th January.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016

My name is Harry FitzGerald. I am a 23-year-old, soon to be graduate of UCD. My grandfather was the late Dr. William FitzGerald who, for many years, practiced as one of the main physicians for the town of Kinsale and its neighbouring villages. As the son of Michael Fitzgerald, also from Kinsale, I frequently spend time in the town, especially during the summer months during which time I'm a regular attendee at the parish church and have been known to sing in the Kinsale parish choir on occasion. During July of this year, I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Catholic World Youth Day in Krakow Poland. It was not my first time in attendance as I had also been at the one in Madrid a few years prior. It was however an unforgettable and profound experience and I now know it to be true what others say about each World Youth Day being a truly unique experience. First of all, I think it is important to say that I don't think I have ever felt such a strong sense of community and camaraderie in my faith as I have at the two World Youth Days I attended. For a young person it is difficult to find such a strong affirmation of faith in the modern world and I cannot imagine one more powerful than seeing more than one million, six hundred thousand other young people gathered in the same place with the aim of growing together in faith. These are normal regular young people from every corner of the world, every race, culture and nationality. An opportunity to meet such a vast and diverse mix of youth is in itself probably a once in a lifetime opportunity.

From a faith stand point, World Youth Day is an experience like no other: High profile, highly educated and captivating catholic theologians from all over the world, giving catechesis in every language, Mass, adoration and reconciliation in abundance, very down to earth and orthodox talks and workshops attended by hundreds of thousands of youth aimed at addressing the most important questions of faith that young people ask today. The Pope also attends each World Youth Day and leads the main events such as the closing vigil which is the climax of the festival where the full attendance of pilgrims is present, in the case of Krakow, 1,600,000 people between the ages of 16 and 30.

During both World Youth Days that I have attended, I have seen incredible things happen in the lives of my friends who went. Other people have told me that they have had their lives changed by their experiences there. This is certainly true in my own life. There is no doubt at all in my mind that God is alive and moving at this event. The atmosphere at the festival is indescribable. It's like a sensory overload of joy and purpose. The only way to know is to go. I would recommend this event to any young person Catholic or otherwise. My friend who is an ardent atheist went to the world youth day in Madrid and described it as "absolutely class!" and I agree.

The music at World Youth Day is incredible. Bands, choirs and orchestras from all over the world play at different events throughout the week and many have their own concerts in stadiums and arenas around the city and in surrounding cities and diocese. If you or anyone else is interested in going to the next World Youth Day, there are many parish groups that each arrange for a certain number of people to go. Groups such as Youth 2000, Net ministries and Jesus Youth also bring people. The cost of going to World Youth Day shouldn't be an inhibiting factor. Some parishes sponsor pilgrims to go and help cover some of the cost of the trip. The next World Youth Day will be in Panama in 2019. I will certainly hope to be there.

NEW PARISH ASSEMBLY INFORMATION MEETING

There was a very good attendance on **Tues Nov 8th** of parishioners who had accepted the invitation to attend the information night for the New Parish Assembly which is due to commence in January next. It was facilitated by Sr. Karen Kent from the Diocesan Pastoral Development Office. Also, a number of the outgoing assembly attended the meeting and have offered to continue to serve another term with the new Assembly. Two of those who had served already shared their experiences and sense of personal benefit from their time on the Assembly. Fr. Robert Young expressed thanks to those who had come, and looked forward to working with them over the next three years.

TIMETABLE FOR THE FORMATION SESSIONS

Session One: **Monday, 14th November** - 8pm to 9.30pm at the Friary Centre

Session Two : (Planning Day) **Saturday 26th November**- 10am to 4pm, with break for refreshments, at the Friary Centre

Session Three: **Monday 5th December**, 8pm to 9.30pm at the Friary Centre

Anyone having difficulty with the schedule should contact Sr. Karen on 021-4537601/087-9161792 karen.kent@corkandross.org

CARMELITE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2016

27th September saw me head off on my maiden voyage to Lourdes. George Michael famously sang 'You gotta have Faith' but no matter what you believe in, or not, as the case may be, you have to be inspired by the sheer belief of people who visit Lourdes. They also have many friendships that are renewed each September on the pilgrimage, for some people it's like having another family in another town. You get your schedule and you participate in what you want and when you want which was an important plus on my part, there is no one standing watching or commenting on what you have or haven't done. You can head off on your own or wait for the group, but funny enough if you go alone you are never alone for long as you will always meet someone on your journey. As you wander down to the Sanctuary of the Grotto you could be mistaken for thinking that you are walking down a street in any tourist resort. There are many shops selling religious souvenirs as opposed to perfume or handbags, but it's not until you get to the tranquillity of the Sanctuary that you see the majesty of the churches, the stillness of the Grotto, and notably the large numbers of ill people you are surrounded by and the sheer belief of the visiting pilgrims. Some of the highlights of the trip were the Torch Light and Eucharistic Procession - both difficult to explain as they need to be seen to be understood and appreciated. The Mass celebrated by Fr Stan in the Poor Clares Church was another highlight. Everything on the schedule was a highlight as each ceremony represents something different.

Among the amazing helpers were the youth who are to be commended on their assistance given to people during their stay. I'm sure partaking in this week is not seen as cool to some of their peers, but these young adults are to be commended and are a credit to their families and schools. Also, the nurses who travel with the groups are also to be praised for their selfless work during the week.

With shopping, bingo, crepes and sing songs there is never a dull moment, so if you've put off a trip to Lourdes as I have done for the last 15 years, go it's definitely worth a visit, there is lots to do and see. Lourdes I will be back ...we have much more to do.....

Nicola Desmond

'DO THIS IN MEMORY' MASS

The 'Do This in Memory' Mass for the First Holy Communion children takes place next weekend (19/20th Nov.)

For Summercove & Scoil Naomh Eltin schools:

Sat. 19th Nov at the 6.30pm Mass.

For Dunderrow NS and Gaelscoil:
Sun. 20th Nov at the 10am Mass.

OBITUARY

The death took place peacefully on Wednesday November 2nd 2016 in Kinsale Community Hospital of **Richard Ahern, St. Eltin's Terrace/Kinsale Community Hospital**. Richard had been very happy in the hospital for a number of years and he was extremely well looked after there. He was a great character, had an inherent decency, all who knew him, loved him and appreciated him. He was predeceased by his two brothers William and Thomas and his late sister Lena.

The funeral Mass was celebratd by Fr. Robert accompanied by Fr. Stan. The burial was in St. Eltin's Cemetery. To his Aunt, Nephews, Nieces, sister in law, neighbours, relatives and friends we extend our deepest sympathy.

May he rest in peace



BAPTISMS

We would like to welcome the following children who were baptized into our faith community recently.

Fiadh Wilson, Admirals Walk
Róisín McGregor, Ballymacus
Elise O'Donovan, Lower Ballinacubby
Clodagh O'Leary, London
Emma McLaughlin, Stonewell
Uri Cubio, St. Multose Walk
Ruby Lynch, Abbeylands
Alyshia Canty Barry, St. Eltin's Terrace
Hazel Bacchus, Whitecastle
Ailbhe O'Sullivan, Dublin
Liam Moriarty, U.S.A.
Hannah O'Callaghan Butler, Ardrack
Sophie Russell, Dunderrow
Isaac O'Sullivan, Dunderrow
Lucy Taylor, The Orchards
Charlie Murphy, The Orchards
Harry Daly Tillotson, Browns Mills
Séamus Paget, Summercove
Lily Murphy, Ballyvryn
Jack O'Sullivan, Haven Hill

Annalise Cahill, Belgooly
Lynn O'Mahony, Ardrack
Alastar Dillon, Rampart Mews
Luke Gimblette, Ballinspittle
Darcy O'Sullivan, Kippagh
Fiachra O'Rourke, Clonleigh
Fionn Daly, Clonleigh
Juliette Phelan, Castlepark
Virag Tarczali, The Glen
Freya O'Connell, U.K.
Laura Breen, Innishannon
Maximilian Hurley, Springmount
Conor O'Sullivan, Belgooly
Annie McCarthy, Ballyreagan
Annabelle Rice, Hollyhill
Marijane O'Regan, Ardrack
Adam Santry, Eltin's Wood
Emily Corkery, St. Eltin's Terrace
Lydia Corkery, St. Eltin's Terrace
Victor Spiewok, Barrack Green
Kalaya Capewell, France

OBITUARY

The death took place peacefully in Haven Bay Care Centre, Kinsale of **Joan Crosbie, Summercove** on Monday October 31st 2016. Joan was born in Dublin in 1925 and came to live in Cork when she married George Crosbie. The family came to live in Summercove several years ago. Joan was a loyal and faithful parishioner here in Kinsale. She was involved in the Parish Church Choir, meals on wheels and several local community groups.

The funeral Mass was celebrated by Fr. Robert Young. The burial was in St Eltin's Cemetery.

To her family: Anne, Jean, Alan, Susan, Pat, Una, Paul and Philip, grand children and great grand children we extend our deepest sympathy.

May she rest in peace

SCOIL NAOMH ELTIN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Scoil Naomh Eltin is selling raffle tickets for their Christmas Bazaar this **Thurs 10th Nov** and **Fri 11th Nov** at SuperValu. Try your luck on great prizes and support our school. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS WELLNESS & CRAFT FAIR
In Aid of Cork Penny Dinners at the Gresham Metropole Hotel, McCurtain street, Cork on **Sun 20th Nov** from 12 to 6pm. On the day you can pamper yourself with different kinds of treatments. Stalls will include jewellery, natural hand creams, nail art, hair styling and beauty products, music and much more. Admission €5. All proceeds on the day go to Cork Penny Dinners.

SACRED SPACE

The 13th edition of this popular prayer and reflection book is available at the back of the Church after weekend Masses and can also be bought from the Parish Office at a cost of €10.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Last Sunday of Ordinary Time

2 Sm 5:1-3. Ps 121:1-5, R/ cf. v 2.
Col 1:12-20. Lk 23:35-43

PRIEST ON DUTY

Fr Robert Young PP 4773700
Emergency No. 086 3339063

ANNIVERSARIES

We remember in our prayers:

Masey O'Driscoll

Ann O'Sullivan

Jerry Desmond

Michael McCarthy

Jeremiah and Mary Ellen

O'Callaghan

Catherine and Jack Spillane

Patrick and Mary O'Connell

Patrick and Mary O'Brien

May they rest in peace.

ALTRUSA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Fri. 25th Nov. at the Temperance Hall from 10.00am to 12.30pm.

This is an opportunity to do some Christmas Shopping and at the same time support local charities. There will be lots of Christmas decorations, Christmas cakes & Christmas puddings, a wide range of homemade cakes and a raffle with great prizes. Come and enjoy a good atmosphere with coffee/tea & scones. Admission €5 (includes refreshments). Children free. The proceeds from this year's fayre will be divided between Kinsale Community Hospital, Kinsale Meals On Wheels and Kinsale Youth Support Services.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There is a special collection at all Masses next weekend (19/20th Nov) for Marriage Counseling Services.

This service provides funds for a range of marriage-care courses and marriage counseling in Cork County.

CHURCH CLEANING

Church cleaning will take place on **Mon 14th Nov.** at 6.30pm. Thank you to the people who make such a great effort in cleaning our church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy continues this **Sun 13th Nov.** at the 10am Mass. This is a special Liturgy held in the Upper Sacristy. Young children (pre-First Communion) will be helped to understand the meaning of the Gospel of the day.

PARISH OFFICE

Enquiries regarding Baptisms, Marriages, items for the Beacon etc.

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Webcam for live streaming of Masses and other services: open website and click on webcam

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASS

The Enrolment Masses for the young people making their Confirmation in 2017 take place this weekend:

For Summercove N.S. & Scoil Naomh Eltin:

Sat 12th Nov at 6.30pm Mass.

For Dunderrow N.S. & Gaelscoil:

Sun 13th Nov at 10am Mass.

KINSALE GAA

▶ Coffee Morning/Cake and Bag sale,

Sat 12th Nov in aid of our Munster Champions, Temperance Hall, 9.30-1pm. Baking very welcome.

▶ Kinsale GAA, AGM, Temperance Hall, **Sat 12th Nov** at 7pm.

▶ All Ireland Semi Final V

Kilmoremy in Ballina on **Sun 20th Nov** at 1pm. Good luck to the team!

GRAVEYARD PRAYERS

There will be Rosary on **Sun 13th Nov** in the following graveyards:

▶ Belgooly church graveyard after 10.00am Mass

▶ Clontead cemetery at 2.30pm

▶ Ballyfeard cemetery at 3.00pm

▶ Kilminogue cemetery at 3.30pm

K.A.R.A.

Exercise with Maureen in the Temperance Hall on **Tues 15th Nov** at 2.30pm followed by bingo.

ADVENT GOSPELS DISCUSSION MEETINGS

With Advent approaching, our thoughts are already turning to Christmas and to the Advent Gospels. The Community Connections Group of the Parish Assembly invite you to join us for a reading and discussion of these on 4 Tuesday mornings at 9am (after the 8.30am Mass) in the upper sacristy starting on **Tues 22nd Nov.** All welcome!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CEREMONY OF HEALING AND LIGHT: Mon 28th Nov at 7.30pm in the Parish Church.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONCERT: Fri 9th Dec at 8pm in the Parish Church. More details to follow.
CAROL SERVICE (Folk Group): Friday, 16th December at 7.30pm in the Parish Church.

CAROL SERVICE (COMBINED CHOIRS): Wednesday 21st Dec. at 7.30pm in the Friary Church.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Monday, 19th Dec. at 7.30pm in the Friary Church.