



In the parable of the Prodigal Son, on Sunday, the father's forgiveness is not a feeble indulgence but joy that his son has "come to his senses".

He runs to meet him and does not let him finish his confession, so great is his joy. He bends over the older brother and invites him in as well. The older brother is full of resentment both towards his brother and his father. Neither brother is a model of repentance! That's why they needed a merciful father, as do we.

Jesus told this parable to answer those who criticized him for forgiving sinners. He wanted to move them from their idea of God as a book-keeper to knowing God as a father who loves us and wishes to save us.

A 20 year old - not a good age to be in prison - asked him recently, "Please pray for me so people will know I am sorry for what I have done."

**Why confess if God forgives?** Cardinal Cormac urged us to go to confession, the sacrament of mercy. He said a pebble in the shoe can bother you and the only thing to do is to shake it out. Many people have something gnawing at them and want to be free of it.

You don't need to make a list. Just turn up and say like Pope Francis, "Here I am, a sinner! I want to be free!" Repentance is not an empty formula of words. It is confessing or acknowledging the wound you want healed. In the sacrament of reconciliation you receive God's healing touch and "Your wounds will quickly heal over." Isaiah 58:8



4 Sunday in Lent (C) 7 Mar 2016

"Jesus has a special knack of forgetting our sins", said Cardinal Cormac Murphy O' Connor recently in Turner's Cross church. He had been invited to talk about how Pope Francis has made mercy a central issue. The cardinal spoke about his own experience with popes he knew over the past 50 years, since he was a student in Rome.

At the opening of the Vatican Council Pope John xxiii said, "The church must above all use the medicine of mercy." Pope Francis also emphasises the medicine of mercy. He has said he sees "the church as a field hospital after battle. You have to heal the wounds."

In an interview Pope Francis was asked, "Who are you? Who is Jorge Bergoglio?" He replied, "I am a sinner that the Lord has pardoned." He also mentioned that as a 17 year old, he himself had a life changing experience of forgiveness in confession.

Cardinal Cormac, now in his old age, regularly visits young offenders in prison.

**Lost Passport on Day of Election:** Vicinity of Scoil Mhuire Lourdes NS Ballea Rd. Please Tel 087 2722826

**Carer Available:** To care for elderly person. (trained and good refs) Tel 087 7175382.

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**Coláiste Íde All Irish Boarding School for Girls Open Day:** 12 March 2016 12.00-17.00p.m. Coláiste Íde, Dingle, Co. Kerry Phone: 066 9151211 Email: [info@colaisteide.com](mailto:info@colaisteide.com) Website: [www.colaisteide.com](http://www.colaisteide.com)

**For Sale:** King Size Bed, perfect cond. €270 Tel 087 6125322.

**Brú Columbanus Pre-Loved Dress & Handbag Sale: 10am-4pm Sat 12 Mar** All Proceeds towards accommodation for relatives of patients in Cork hospitals and Hospice. Please donate gentlyused or new dresses or handbags by Wed 9 Mar to Brú columbanus, Cardinal Way, Wilton Tel 0214345754

**Rediscover Mercy in our Lives**  
2 Lenten Talks with Maura O'Flynn  
8pm **Tues 8 & 15 Mar** in Parish Centre

**World Day of Prayer): "Receive Children, Receive Me" this Saturday 5 March 10am Parish Centre, Parish of Our Lady and St John. Carrigaline** (Prepared by Christian Women in Cuba, these prayers are said all around the world on this day). All welcome.

**Grief and Loss Support Programme(8 Week)** starting Mon 4 April Contact/Info 021 4371109  
**Age Action Befriending Service to Elderly and Housebound: Volunteers Needed:** Garda Vetting required, Training given. Reply to Carrigaline Family Support Centre 021 4919399

**Volunteers needed in Carrigaline for Cork ARC Cancer Support House: Annual Flag Day** on Fri 8 April, 2016. Funds raised will enable ARC continue vital cancer support services free of charge to cancer patients and their families. Please contact Hilary on (021) 4275050

**SECAD CV & Cover Letter Workshop in Carrigaline 15 March ,10am-1pm, in the Carrigaline Lions Club, Youth Centre:** to help you get that all important interview, this half day workshop will take you through the 'DOs and DON'Ts' of preparing your CV and cover letter. How to write a focused cover letter, the general format of CV and match your CV and Cover letter to job descriptions. One-to-one assistance provided so places limited. Please call Kieran at SECAD on **021 4613432**. or email [kbutler@secad.ie](mailto:kbutler@secad.ie)

See <https://www.facebook.com/secadcork>

**Two Day Pilgrimage/Retreat to Knock Shrine & Lough Derg, 22 & 23 May 2016**  
Coach from West Cork via Cork City & Mal-low to Knock, breakfast en route on Sun 22 May. Stop in Knock 4/5 hours before travelling to Bundoran, for overnight accommodation and an evening meal. Day 2 after breakfast travel to Pettigo, 10am ferry to Lough Derg. Tea/Coffee & lunch on the island, return 4pm. Meal en route. All-in Price €195 pps or €215 Single Booking: Cormac 087-6167835 or 023-8849196

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Carrigaline 4270444 / 087 0527121 for confidential support

Ads in box at back of church by 10am **Thursday, a week** in advance of publication.  
Only Notices/Ads signed and with name and address accepted and printed, as space allows.

Readings: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 34:2-7; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

# Church Notices

## Mass Times

**Saturday Vigil Mass:** 6 pm  
**Sunday Masses:**  
 8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

## Weekdays

Mon– Fri 9.30am

## Saturdays & Bank Holidays

11.30 am Mass

## Daily Mass on Radio 106.5fm

(Sun 11.15 Sat 11.30 Mon– Fri 9.30)

## Lent : Mon– Fri Masses

9.30am, 7.30pm

Stations of the Cross Tues 7.30pm Mass

Reflection with Sick/Housebound

at Wed 9.30am Mass. Tune in 106.5fm

**First Fridays** 9.30am & 7.30pm

## Holy Days of Obligation

7.30pm (Vigil Mass) , 10am, 11.30am, 7.30pm.

## Confessions:

Saturdays: 12noon

**Baptisms:** Saturdays:

12.30pm, 4pm & 5pm

(3 weeks notice required)

How to book

## Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Sundays 2pm - 6pm

Mondays & 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: Holy Hour of Adoration after 9.30am Mass.

## Tuesday to Friday:

Rosary after 9.30am Mass.

## Legion of Mary:

Parish Centre Tuesdays 7pm

## Lectio Divina

Thursdays, 10.15am, Parish Centre. Reading & Meditation on next Sunday's Gospel. All welcome

## † Stations of the Cross



at 7.30pm Mass  
 each Tuesday  
 during Lent

## If you need a Priest in an

**Emergency**, please phone the Priest on duty at **087 2302108**

## Priests

Fr. Pat Fogarty **Tel 4371684**

Fr. Charles Nyhan **Tel 4371860**

Fr. Aidan Cremen **Tel 4372229**

**Parish Centre: Tel 4371109**

Email: [carrigparishcentre@eircom.net](mailto:carrigparishcentre@eircom.net)

Office Hours: Mon-Fri. **10am -1pm.**

Presentation Sisters **Tel 4372718**

## Booking Baptisms, Masses and Marriages

A priest is available in the Church Sacristy, **7pm - 8pm,**

on **Mondays**, (not Bank Hols), to accommodate booking Marriages, Masses and Baptisms.

The child's birth certificate is needed when booking a Baptism. 3 weeks notice is required in advance of the date of Baptism. Any further queries about your baby's baptismal ceremony to **4372718**

## † Rediscover Mercy Reconnect Faith & Mercy

*How Mercy is experienced and expressed in our lives*

**Talks by Maura O'Flynn,**  
 catechist

i **Tues 8 Mar 8pm** Parish Centre

ii **Tues 15 Mar 8pm** Parish Centre

## † Penance Service & Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Monday 22 March @7.30pm**  
**Church of Our Lady & St John**

[www.carrigalineparish.ie](http://www.carrigalineparish.ie)



## Baptism

We welcome to our Christian family



Sam Lema

Shane Noel O'Carroll

Sophie Molendowska

Jaden Stephen Onakuse

Alannah Gloria Doyle O'Mahony

Matthew Thomas Broderick

Hazel Cecelia Crowley

## Please pray for

Vickie Sheehan RIP

Owenabue Drive

Leila Healy RIP

Elmside



*Leaba i measc na naomh  
 go raibh acu.*

## PILGRIMAGE IN THE CITY

### FOR THE JUBILEE OF MERCY

Bishop Buckley launched the Pilgrimage in the City for the Year of Mercy last Sunday.

Parishioners, families, groups and individuals are invited to make this pilgrimage during the Year. The pilgrimage links the corporal and spiritual works of mercy to life in our city

The 5 stations on the pilgrimage are:

**Saint Francis Church:** The Holy Door

**Penny Dinners:** take a gift to them  
**Ss Peter and Paul's Church:** Shrine of the Holy Souls

**Trócaire:** sign up to their campaign for justice

**South Parish Church:** Shrines of Ven Mother Mary Aikenhead and Ven Nano Nagle and Nano Nagles' grave in South Presentation Convent



## Holy Year of Mercy on Lough Derg

*Come and celebrate this Jubilee Year of Mercy on Lough Derg.*

*Enter through the Holy Doors of Mercy in St Patrick's Basilica and experience a renewed relationship of love and mercy with God.*

## 2016 JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE SEASON

### MAY

**Jubilee One Day Retreats**

May 1, 2, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30

### JUNE & JULY

**Jubilee Three Day Pilgrimage**

Begins on Wed 1st June and continues until 15th August

### AUG & SEPT

**Jubilee Three Day Pilgrimage**

The last day to begin the Three Day Pilgrimage is Saturday 13th August.

**Jubilee One Day Retreats**

One Day Retreats recommence on Sunday 21st August.

Contact Nuala For Rates & Booking at **071 9861518** see [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

[www.carrigalineparish.ie](http://www.carrigalineparish.ie)

## Children's Mass

**Practice this Sun**

**6 March 12noon**

**in Parish Centre**

**All Welcome**

**Children's Mass**

**11.15 am**

**next Sun 13 Mar**

**@ 11.15 am.**

