

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 2ND February 2025

World Day for Consecrated Life

Forty days ago, Jesus was born: now we see him as the light to enlighten all peoples and to guide them on the way to salvation and glory.

MASSES

Vigil Saturdays: 6pm

Sundays: 9am & 11am

Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 10am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10.30am and 5.30pm

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LOURDES PILGRIMAGE FUND

Second collection next week-end 8th/9th February. This collection subsidises the cost of travel on the Diocesan Pilgrimage for Sick, Disabled and Carers.

**Monday 3rd February Feast Day of St. Blaise.
BLESSING OF THROATS AFTER 10A.M. MASS**



Feast day of the week.

St. Ansgar, Monday 3rd a Frenchman, who became Archbishop of Hamburg in the ninth century, and preached the Gospel in Denmark and Sweden. Apostle of Scandinavia. Patron of Denmark.

St. Blaise, died 315. Bishop of Sebaste, martyred in Armenia. Tradition states that he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the eighth century he has been venerated as patron of those who suffer for disease of the throat.

St. Agatha Wednesday 5th died a martyr for the faith at Catania in Sicily in the third century. Patron of bell-founders.

Ss. Paul Miki and Companions, Thursday 6th martyred at Nagasaki, Japan, in 1597.

St. Mel, Friday 7th died in 488. He is said to have been a Briton who came to Ireland with Patrick, with whom he worked until he was ordained in Ardagh. He is one of the earliest Irish saints and gave the religious veil to Brigid.

DIOCESE OF CORK AND ROSS

Is God calling you to be a Diocesan Priest?

Discernment Group for men aged 18-40 begins.

Saturday 8th February.

Email vocations@corkandross.org for more information.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK Sunday

9th February

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, MAHON

Are holding a special Mass at 12.15p.m.

During the Mass it will be possible for attendees - those who are ill, suffering the ongoing debilitating effects of aging, to receive the Sacrament or Healing Anointing of the Sick. It is also an opportunity for those who are caring for the sick (nursing staff, carers) to come and join us.



The next **Garda Forum** meeting will be held on Monday 10th February at 8.00p.m. in the Community Centre. If you have any issues in your area, come along and let us know, the Gardaí are here to help.

Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment

Family of Parish Gatherings – Next Steps: Over the next four months all the Parishes and *Families of Parishes* of our Diocese will be involved in the next stage of our Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment.

This will involve representatives of each Parish Leadership Team participating in meetings over 3 weeks reflecting on the questions posed in Bishop Fintan's invitation in September. Since September, people individually and in Parishes, have been praying the Diocesan Prayer from the Boat. As we continue to pray this prayer together, we pray for the success of these gatherings, and we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us as together we try to pray, listen, and discern God's future for our Church.

Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage to Rome Launch.

Bishop Fintan will lead a group of fifty young people (18 to 30 years) to Rome this summer from the 28th of July to the 4th of August for Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage. It is a once in a life opportunity for our young people to not only meet the Pope, to experience the Eternal City, but also to be encouraged and inspired as they meet other young people of faith from all continents. Hundreds of thousands of young people are expected to travel and to experience this Jubilee Celebration, which only happens every twenty-five years in the Church.

The pilgrimage will cost €550 per person (plus fundraising) and will include seven nights half board at the Irish College. Travel Insurance, a 20kg bag, and a pilgrim kit.

There will be a special Launch Evening on Thursday 6th February at 7.30p.m. in Mardyke House T12W8RP

Deaths

We remember in our prayers *Mary Phair, Ballinlough*, may she rest in peace, our sympathies to her family, friends, and neighbors.

Eternal rest grant onto her O Lord and may the light of God surround her forever. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

