



Mass Times

Vigil Saturday: 6pm

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am

Working Holy Days: 10 am & 7.30 pm

Monday to Saturday: 10 am



Recently Deceased

John McCarthy, Clover Lawn

May the light of heaven surround him always.



Baptisms

Michael-John Patrick Hayes.

Finn Daniel John Spillane.

We welcome them into the Christian Family



Weddings

Congratulations to Deirdre O'Brien and Noel Finnegan who married in our Church On 9th. June, 2018.

Fr. Kieran Twomey officiated.



Medjugorje Anniversary Afternoon of Prayer

Saturday 23rd June @ St Joseph's Church Parish Hall; 2:30pm to 5:30pm. Rosary, Testimony, Speaker & Music followed by parish vigil mass in church at 6pm. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380.

World Meeting of Families 2018

A formal announcement that Pope Francis will attend the World Meeting of Families in Ireland has been made. Pope Francis personally chose Ireland to host this event. If you would like to attend all or part of it, you can register now for the three-day Pastoral Congress through the web site at www.worldmeeting2018.ie. Places for the Congress are limited and guarantee a ticket for the Festival of Families Final Mass which will be led by Pope Francis. Although there will be no charge for any event led by the Pope, tickets for the Festival of Families are limited along with tickets for the final Mass.

St. Michael's Parish has booked a bus for the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park on Sunday 26th August. Those intending to travel by this bus are advised to give their details in the sacristy quickly. Places are limited. The bus cost €20 with a stop on the way up and on the way back for meals. These are at your own expense

PLEASE NOTE:

Tickets to the Papal Mass are free of charge. Coaches will be allocated special parking which will be approx. 5kms from the Phoenix Park. Shuttle buses will be available for those with special needs (as far as possible) Seating is NOT provided and pilgrims to the Mass are advised to bring their own seat. While tickets to the Mass are free of charge, transport costs etc are at your own expense.

Papal Mass - Sunday 26th August 3pm

An invitation is extended by The Lough Parish Assembly to all who are unable to travel to the Phoenix Park for the Papal Mass to join with them to watch the Mass together on large screen live in their parish church (bring a cushion!) refreshments served after the Mass.



IT SAYS IN THE CATHOLIC PAPERS

Editor on holidays.

The Cork Association for Autism (CAA)

Golf Classic will take place on Thursday, 21st June at Mahon Golf Course. The charity who provide a range of support services to over 350 adults with autism are looking for golf lovers of all levels to enter a team. A team of three is €150. If you would like to enter a team or sponsor a tee box call Carol in the Fundraising Office on 021 453 3642.

BLACKROCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOTICE

Céilí na Carraige Duibhe will open for Summer 2018 at Blackrock Community Centre on TUESDAY 19TH JUNE. Official opening will take place with the Lord Mayor at 7:15pm and there will be a performance from Niamh Hatchell School of Irish Dancing. There will be live music from Douglas Comhaltas on the night. Dancing will take place on the open air platform (weather permitting, if not it will be in the hall). Fáilte roimh gach éinne. BCA Summer Outing will take place on 14th August to Kenmare with a great day of activities guaranteed. Names and deposits of members now being taken, members names only until 24th June.

Mental Health & Addiction Workshop @ UCC

With Dr Gabor Maté called: Health and Healing with Mind-Body Unity, Saturday, 30th June to Sunday, 1st July 2018, UCC, Cork. Dr Maté is a World Leading Expert on Mental Health, Addiction, Health, Parenting ADHD, Trauma & Childhood Development. More info: www.bookwhen.com/gabormate or 0861719311

SECOND COLLECTION W/E 23rd & 24th JUNE PETERS PENCE.

The 2018 Annual Commemoration in honour of Fr Mathew.

This will take place on Wednesday 27th June at 7:30pm at Fr Mathew's grave in St Joseph's Cemetery, Tory Top Road, Ballyphehane. Everyone is welcome to this event which is organised by Cork Pioneers to commemorate a man who left an extraordinary legacy to Cork City both spiritually and culturally. Sorcha Uí Laoghaire, Chairperson, Cork Regional Pioneer Council



Who was Thomas Riordan?

Thomas Riordan was the 16 year old son of Patrick and Annie Riordan of Ashtonville, Blackrock. On the 31st May 1916, he was 16 years old and was a "Boy 1st Class" on HMS Hampshire. From the remove of 100 years its almost inconceivable that anyone would allow a 16 year old boy participate in a sea battle - if Thomas was alive today, he would probably have finished his Junior Cert this week!

It is likely that Thomas would have joined the navy in Haulbowline at about the age of 14 and would have initially worked as a Boy 3rd Class assigned to shore duties. As the navy expanded during the war he would have gained seniority and by the time he was 16 was assigned to HMS Hampshire in Scapa Flow on the north of Scotland. After the Battle of Jutland HMS Hampshire was assigned a crucial role - she was to bring Lord Kitchinor, who was the Secretary of State for War, on a diplomatic mission to Russia. The ship was scheduled to leave for Russia on the evening of the 5th June; the weather was awful and due to gale-force conditions, it was decided that Hampshire would take a longer but more sheltered course sailing via the western coast of Scotland rather than the direct route into the North Sea.

Hampshire departed Scapa Flow in the afternoon and about an hour later rendezvoused with two destroyers who were to escort the cruiser on its journey and provide an anti submarine screen. As the storm worsened, the destroyers could not keep up with the Hampshire, however, the Captain considered it unlikely that enemy submarines would be active in such conditions, and he ordered them to returned to Scapa Flow.

Sailing alone in heavy seas, Hampshire was approximately 1.5 miles off Orkney when she struck one of several mines laid by a German submarine the week earlier. The cruiser was holed between the bow and the bridge, and although lifeboats were lowered, they were smashed against the side of the ship by the heavy seas and could not be used. At 8.00 pm, on the 5th June 1916, HMS Hampshire sank - of the 749 crew and passengers aboard, 737 were lost including Kitchener and Thomas Riordan from Blackrock. On the day that Thomas died in 1916, a further 1257 soldiers, sailors and airmen died.

Thomas was one of 53 people from Blackrock who lost their lives in the Great War - only 2 of the 53 returned to our parish for burial - the others, like Thomas never came home; it is for this reason that we are commemorating their memory in this, the centenary year of the armistice.

Today we remember Thomas and all those from our parish who died in all wars and conflicts. May they Rest in Peace

LOST PROPERTY.

We have a great selection of Glasses, Gloves, Hats and Caps, Rosary Beads, Scarfs and even Children's cardigans. If you misplaced any of these items it might be worthwhile calling into the Sacristy to check.

Thought for the day

Sleep that knits up the ravell'd sleeve of care is a daily therapeutic miracle, healing the heart. There is a gentle reflection of this in John 11, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Sometimes, it is better to leave things alone and they will come along of their own accord. Parents know this very well...you just have to trust the process / the growth. The typical heresy of our time is not quietism but rather meticulous activism, often declining into pernicky interference. Some things just take time and the courage of non-interference!

Prayer

You are the mystery at the heart all and in you we put our trust. When we are asleep, when we are awake, you are silently at work. In you, we place our trust.

Amen,

K. O'Mahony OSA



DUBLIN, IRELAND WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 21-26 AUGUST 2018

THE GOSPEL OF THE FAMILY Joy for the World

