



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

Agnes O'Connor. Beaumont.

Dan O'Connor. Blackrock

Anthony Foley, Ballinspittle,
formerly Libertas Villas

Arthur McLaughlin, Blackrock

May the light of heaven surround them always.



Encountering Family in the Gospel

An exploration of family as portrayed in the Gospels and how Pope Francis links this into Amoris Laetitia. Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st February at 10:30am to 11:45am in the Cathedral meeting room (after 10am Mass) – this is in preparation for the Icon pilgrimage which will come to Cork on 22nd February. These sessions will be facilitated by Fr Charlie and Sr Karen. All are welcome. Please contact Sr Karen 087 9161792.

Dan O'Connor, late Sacristan, St Michael's Church, Blackrock

The recent death of Dan, as a result of a tragic accident, caused great shock and sorrow in our Parish. Dan acted as Assistant Sacristan for some years before becoming full time Sacristan on a voluntary basis. He was greatly loved in the Parish and faith, family and friends were most important to him. He was always a very welcoming presence when people came to the Church. He was always willing to get 'stuck in' when there was work to be done and was always most accommodating when people were preparing for special events.



He had three very special annual projects in our Church, namely the Walk-In Christmas Crib, the Easter Garden and the Garden of Remembrance in November. He was a leader and an inspiration to a great group of voluntary helpers in the Parish.

He helped to prepare for many events in our Parish Centre. He loved parties, would sing a few songs, play his mouth organ and would dance merrily and he cheered us with his wit and humour. A man of deep Christian Faith and commendable integrity, he will be sadly missed. On the 29th September 2016, Dan was the proud recipient of **The Benemerenti Medal**, which is an honour awarded by the Pope to members of the clergy and laity for service to the Catholic Church.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his children, Charles, Donal, Siobhan and Pdraig, to his sister Eileen and to the extended family. May his noble soul rest in peace in God's Heavenly Home.

Cork Scripture Group Saturday Workshop:

Gospel Perspectives on Family facilitated by Dr Jessie Rogers (Maynooth). Sat Feb 24th from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road. Cost: €0. To book a place or find out more please email corksripturegroup@gmail.com or phone 021-4295144.

Croí na Gaeilge (Tel. 085 1426903 after 6 p.m. only)

Is holding a Leaving Certificate 2018 Honours Irish 2-Day Exam Preparation Course: Oral Day Thursday February 15th, Written Day Sunday March 11th. Given by an experienced Oral Examiner/Teacher/exam corrector and open to all 6th Year Honours students.

All topics will be covered. Peadar Ó Murchú.

TABLE QUIZ IN AID OF CORK ASSOCIATION FOR AUTISM

A Table Quiz in aid of the Cork Association for Autism will take place in J.J. Coppingers in Midleton on **Friday the 23rd February at 7pm.** Entry fee of €10 per person with teams of 4 invited to play. Plenty of great prizes up for grabs on the night. Contact Barry on 021-453 3642 or email fundraising@corkautism.ie for further information. All monies raised from this event will go directly to the Cork Association for Autism. www.corkautism.ie www.facebook.com/CorkAssociationforAutism

Cork Alzheimers Café

A safe place for people with Alzheimers and other dementias, their carers, family and friends, along with social and health professionals to meet. Last Friday of each month 1.30-3.30 pm in St Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Road. Light refreshments provided free of charge. All welcome. **Friday 23rd** February our next meeting.



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES ICON PILGRIMAGE

We welcome the World Meeting of Families Pilgrimage of the Icon to our diocese from 22nd February to 5th March. The icon will visit three venues during this time and we are inviting everyone to come, pray, venerate the icon and place their prayer petitions in the box which will be taken to the closing Mass of the World Meeting of Families celebrated by Pope Francis. The following liturgies are planned during the pilgrimage: 1. Welcome celebration with Bishop Buckley: Thursday 22nd February @ 7:30pm in the Cathedral, Cork. 2. Holy Hour to pray for vocations on Saturday 24th February @ 3:00pm in the Cathedral, Cork. 3. Ecumenical Service on Sunday 25th February @ 3:00pm in the Cathedral, Cork. 4. Welcome celebration on Monday 26th February @ 7:30pm in the Cathedral, Skibbereen. 5. Welcome celebration with Mass on Friday 2nd March @ 7:30pm in Bandon Parish Church

The Mass & Novena Prayers in honour of **Matt Talbot** will begin next Monday night 19th February at 7:30pm in the Way of the Cross Church, Togher and will continue for the 6 Mondays of Lent. The Celebrant and preacher this week will be Fr Peter McVerry S.J. Sorcha Ui Laoghaire, Chairperson, Cork Regional Pioneer Council.



IT SAYS IN THE CATHOLIC PAPERS

- Catholic Times** (1) A sign of the New Covenant between God and the earth
(2) The Lenten season as time of listening
- Messenger Tablet** The Bible and the Environment
Lady Bird -- Catholic coming of age movie sings with sweetness and sadness
- Irish Catholic** (1) 70th. formally-recognised miraculous cure reaffirms Lourdes' importance - Irish doctor. (2) The Divine Mercy Conference is about bringing God's mercy to the world
- Universe** (1) Fr. Shay Cullen: Democracy under threat in the Philippines
(2) Sanctify your days by remembering to make the morning offering to God
- Catholic Voice** (1) God's plan for marriage is the solution to abortion
(2) Prepare for a Prayerful Lent
- St. Martin Magazine** Oscar Schindler -- Unlikely Hero

FLOWER ARRANGING FOR EASTER 2018

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5 WEEK COURSE STARTING THURSDAY 1st MARCH UNTIL 29th March 2018. TUTOR: Pat Duggan. TIME 12pm - 2pm. €6 per class. Mahon Family Resource Centre. Contact No: 021-4358866

Mankind's Need for Nature

The first speaker in our 2018 series of Lenten talks is environmental biologist Kevin Corcoran. Kevin is an author and an ecologist who has spent many years teaching, as well as encouraging people to engage with nature as a powerful tool to aid positive mental development as much as protecting the Earth's fragile environment. Kevin's talk will focus on the close relationship humans have had with nature in the past and its present serious decline, with associated negative consequences for people's 'well-being.' He will also discuss how we can reverse that trend to improve people's quality of life. Date: Tuesday, 20th February at 8.00pm. Venue: The Crypt, Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross, Cork. All welcome!

New Publication: Homily Hints and Prayers by Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Reflections and Prayers based on the Daily Mass Readings. Ideal for anybody looking for a thought for the day. Available from Holy Trinity Friary, Fr Mathew Quay or Veritas Bookshop. Cost €20. Launch to be held in Holy Trinity on Tuesday, 20th February at 8pm. All Welcome

Thought for the day

In Italian, Lent is *quaresima* or forty (days). In German, it is *Fastenzeit* or time for bodily restraint. Our English word comes from an older Anglo-Saxon word for spring—len(c)ten—whence our Lent. Italian tells us how long it will last (with its symbolic overtones). German tells us what to do in that time. But English tells us *what is supposed to happen*, that is, we are supposed to experience a springtime of faith, a time growth and new life.

Prayer

God of new life, bless us on our pilgrim way towards the great feast of Easter. Help us to know our need of your presence, breath your Spirit into our reading of the Word, teach us to set aside whatever hinders our true discipleship so that we may come to life in abundance and know in our hearts the joy of the Gospel.

K. O'Mahony OSA

Protect the 8th Bandon talk and training workshop on Monday February 19th at the Munster Arms Hotel at 7:30pm in the Bandon room suite. All welcome!

St Michael's Church Choir welcomes new singers to join our group. Everyone sings the melody so it's easy to learn the songs. We practise on Thursday nights at 8pm in the Parish Centre. If you are interested, please drop in and find out if it's something you would enjoy or come up to me after mass any Sunday. *Jane*

On Eagle's Wings

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of His hand.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life, say to the Lord:
'My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!'

The Lourdes Ave

The Bells of the Angelus
The bells of the an-ge-lus
call us to pray
In sweet tones announcing the sacred Ave.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria;
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.



An angel of mercy led Bernadette's feet
Where flows the deep torrent, our Lady to greet.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.