



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

William (Bill) Fitzgerald, Skehard Road

Bill Beausang, Barrington's Avenue

May the light of heaven surround them always.



BLACKROCK VINCENT DE PAUL
Thanks to all who contributed to the
March collection. Your help is much
appreciated

Anam Cara West Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday, 19th March at 7:20pm in the Munster Arms Hotel, Bandon. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.



PYXES STILL NEEDED

Our recent request for pyxes has generated a number of returns for which we are grateful. However, if anybody has a pyx lying around unused, please return it to the Sacristy at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

We begin Lent: it would be so good for every one of us to reflect on this Lent. How do I behave with people? How is my heart before people? Am I a hypocrite, who smiles and then behind their back I criticize and destroy them with my tongue? And, if at the end of Lent we were able to correct this a bit, and not always criticize others behind their back, I assure you that Jesus' Resurrection will be seen more beautiful, greater among us. "Oh, Father, it's very difficult, because I like to criticize others" – one of us can say because it's a habit that the devil puts in us. It's true; it's not easy. However, there are two medicines that help a lot. First of all, prayer. If it comes to you to "skin" another, to criticize another, pray for him, pray for her, and ask the Lord to resolve the problem; it's for you to close your mouth. First remedy: prayer. Without prayer, we can do nothing. And second, there is another medicine like prayer, it must also be practiced: when you feel like badmouthing someone, bite your tongue. Hard! Because then it will swell and you won't be able to speak - It's a practical medicine; it's very practical.

Excerpt from homily by Pope Francis in Saint Crispin of Viterbo

zenit.org/articles/popes-homily-at-saint-crispin-of-viterbo/

Some Inspiration

The Gospel according to Luke places the entire story of Jesus — his mission, teaching and destiny — under the banner of the Jubilee Year. It is not clear that the Jubilee Year — which included the cancelling of all debts — was ever put into practice. Nevertheless, it had and still has great symbolic power: we do not have to be burdened all our lives by debts incurred or mistakes made or even by sin.

In the words of Isaiah, cited in Luke 4:
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and the regaining of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." (Luke 4:18–19)

This is the spirit in which we undertake the journey and discipline of Lent.

LOURDES. Cork & Ross Pilgrimage 2019.

10 – 15 JUNE - 5 nights
Full Board Accommodation.

Booking Forms Available for the Pilgrim Section from
Joe Walsh Tours, 117 Patrick Street, Cork.
Tel (021) 4277959



Enquiries for Special Sick/Assisted Section to: The Pilgrimage Director. V. Rev. Canon James O'Donovan. Parochial House, Ballinlough, Cork. Tel. (021) 4292296

LOURDES 2019: YOUNG ADULT HELPERS

The Diocese of Cork & Ross invites young adults 18-25 to join the pilgrimage to Lourdes as helpers from 10th to 15th June. As helpers you will assist with the sick and be involved in the full pilgrimage programme – time for prayer, sharing in the story of Lourdes and making new friends. Limited number of places – for further details contact Fr Charlie Kiely on 021 4537474.

THOUGHT FOR LENT.

When I am passing by a Church
I call and pay a visit,
So when I'm carried in at last
the Lord won't say
WHO IS IT?



Anyone who would like to take the short term pledge for Lent may do so online at www.pioneerassociation.ie or contact Sorcha Uí Laoghaire 0863642619 sorchaol@gmail.com
The Matt Talbot Novena begins in The Way of the Cross Church, Togher on Monday next 11th March. Fr Ben Hodnett will be our celebrant and preacher for that night. Mass and Novena prayers will begin at 7:30pm.

Legion of Mary ACIES

The Annual Acies will be held on **Friday 22nd. March** at 7.30 p.m. in St. Joseph's S.M.A. Church, Blackrock Road. The evening will commence with the Opening Legion Prayers followed by Mass at which the individual Act of Consecration to Our Lady will take place. All are welcome especially our auxiliary members and former active members. If interested in joining the active ranks please contact Barry at 086 1929263.

Reflections

1. Jesus was led by the Spirit into what proved to be a wilderness experience. When you look back on times when you hit a low point, can you see the presence of the Spirit of God in some of them?

2. Jesus is on the verge of starting his public ministry. In the temptations we can see his struggle to say 'yes' to the mission given him by God. Perhaps some of your important decisions have been preceded by a time of anxiety and worry. What helped you to say 'yes' to risky but hope-filled invitations in your life?

3. Behind each of the devil's invitations was a basic temptation to lose trust in God. How have you been tempted in this way? What helped you to hold on to trust in God?

4. One can enter into the temptations singly and ask:
• How have I been tempted to give priority to bodily needs and satisfactions?
• How have I been tempted to a selfish use of power?
• How have I been tempted to seek to be the centre of attention?

Youth 2000 Munster Retreat:

15th to 17th March – CBS Midleton, Cork Donation only
Bring pillow and sleeping bag.
Register at www.youth2000.ie

BIBLE Workshop

Presented by: Sr Celine Mangan OP, formerly of UCD & Milltown Institute
To be held at Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road, 10am to 1pm on Saturday, 23rd March 2019. Cost: €10. For information and bookings email: corksripturegroup@gmail.com. All are welcome. No previous bible study required!
An Initiative of the Cork Scripture Group.



CATHOLIC PAPERS SUMMARY

- Catholic Herald** (1) The vitality of the Eastern Catholic Churches is simply astonishing
(2) The abuse trial of Cardinal George Pell, convicted amid a furiously anti-Catholic climate, may come to be seen as a dark chapter in legal history
Irish Catholic (1) The conviction for abuse of a top Vatican Cardinal looks highly suspicious, writes Greg Daly
(2) Starting with Alpha
Tablet of 2/3 The Heavenly Host -- Wrestling with angels
Tablet of 9/3 Praying in tongues -- A kind of noisy contemplation
Universe Pope makes Lenten appeal for Catholics to 'quit the gossip'
Catholic Times (1) Fr. Marsden: Is Cardinal Pell being made a scapegoat for failures he tried to correct?
(2) Peter Mullen rejoices in the news that Pope Francis approved Blessed John Henry Newman's canonisation.

Keep in touch with the Church -- Buy and read a Catholic paper every week.

Thought for the day

The days of spring lengthen and Lent echoes nature and invites us as well to a new springtime of faith. As in farming and gardening, there is work to be done if new growth is to flourish or even to happen at all. We have to look back and see what has done well and what has, in effect, died off. We need to make space by clearing the ground and looking at ourselves honestly. It would be good to identify what will feed and sustain us during this journey from the ashes of Ash Wednesday to the new birth of the Easter.

Prayer

In this springtime, creator God, we watch new life appear from the dark earth after the night of winter. Help us also to grow. In us, there is darkness and night; yet we know that you can bring us once more to life. Amen.

K. O'Mahony OSA

Today's Hymns

PLEASE JOIN WITH OUR CHOIR IN THE SINGING

Entrance

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.

'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

Recessional

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.

The 2019 Knockadoon Music & Liturgy Course is now open for booking! Experience a week of music, friendship and community from the 11th to the 17th of August! More info available on our Facebook, Instagram & Twitter @ KnockadoonML or our website www.knockadoonml.com.

