

### Mass Times

**Vigil Saturday: 6pm**

**Sundays: 9 am & 11 am**

**Working Holy Days: 10 am & 7.30 pm**

**Monday to Saturday: 10 am**



### Baptism

**Lily Rose O'Sullivan.**

**Ruby Jade O'Sullivan.**

**Elliot Donal O'Sullivan.**

**Joshua Daniel Corkery**

*We welcome them into the Christian Family*



### Recently Deceased

**Eileen Keary,** Castleknock

*May the light of heaven surround her always.*



**The SMA National Novena** in honour of **St Thérèse** will begin on **Monday 23rd September 2019** at the African Missions Church, Blackrock, Cork and will end on **Tuesday 1st October 2019**. The Novena will celebrate each evening at **7.30pm** except Saturday 28th September when it will be at 7.00pm.

For further information please contact SMA Blackrock Road at 021 429 2871

**Mahon Family Resource Centre** are holding a baby massage course starting on Friday, September 20th at 11:30am. The course is for 4 weeks and costs €30 in total. If you are interested in joining or for more information please contact Christine on 021- 4358866.

### Ballinlough Men's Retirement Club

Meets every Wednesday afternoon, from 2:30pm to 4:30pm in Ballinlough Community Centre. Enjoy a game of Short Mat Bowls (Bowls supplied by the club) in an atmosphere of fun and camaraderie or just drop in for a chat and a 'cuppa'. New members welcome.

Contact Number: 085 1615360.

### Marymount Coffee Morning

in Parish Centre on Thursday 19th September at 10.30am. Your support will be greatly appreciated.



**Cork Scripture Group:** 4 nights on Matthew's Gospel; The Prophecy Fulfilled in October and Saturday workshop on Working Together to renew the Church; A Biblical View (Fr Gerry O'Hanlon S.J.) Cost €50. To book a place please email [corksripturegroup@gmail.com](mailto:corksripturegroup@gmail.com).

### Monthly Day of Recollection

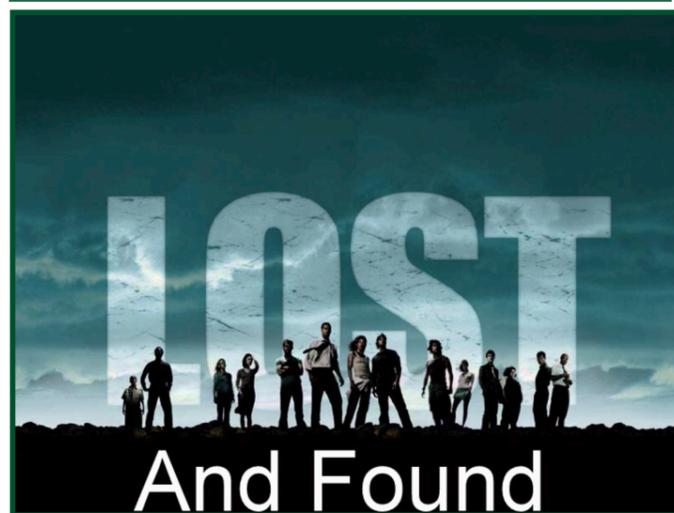
In the spirituality of the Servant of God Mother Marie Adele Garnier at St Benedict's Priory, Cobh, Co. Cork. Saturday 28th September. The theme is 'Heart speaks to heart.' First talk 11am. Mass at 9am at the Priory or 10am at the Cathedral. Lunch provided. Cost: Donation. Ends with tea at 3:30pm. Mother M Catherine OSB, Prioress.

### Some Inspiration

The parable acknowledges the reality that good and faithful people can feel resentful when the wayward are received back without complication. After that, many avenues open up for reflection and preaching: compassion and forgiveness, alienation and lostness, "he came to himself"; joy and celebration.

Notice that the parable ends open-ended — Luke is not interested in giving us a satisfying closure because the next stage of the story is not to be found in the pages of a book but in our lives.

In public life, we are familiar with accusation and blame but much less familiar (putting it gently) with absolution and forgiveness. At the heart of the Christian proclamation stands the conviction that we do not have to be burdened all our lives by past sins and errors. On the contrary, "for freedom, Christ has set us free." We are oddly uncomfortable with so necessary a gift.



**We would ask parishioners to be good enough to switch off mobile phones during Mass. Thank you**



### Sign Up Day at Mahon Family Resource Centre

Will be Wednesday 18th September 2019 from 10am – 4pm. Please bring your PPS Number for all classes as this is a compulsory requirement from Cork Education Training Board. Come along to our sign up day to register for classes, such as Yoga, Aromatherapy, Pottery, Jewellery Making and lots more. Classes fill quickly so please arrive at 10am sharp to avoid disappointment. Only one name per person allowed. For any participants who miss the Sign-Up Day, pop into reception throughout the week to register for classes. Please call 021-4358866/ 087 7998644 for more information.

### A Global Strike for Climate takes place Friday 20th September

This time, the young people are asking for support from adults. Holy Cross Church Mahon will host a Prayer-ritual in support of the students' future at 7pm on Friday 20th and will last for 30 – 40 minutes. All are welcome to join in prayer.

### Reflections

1. Like many a parable, this story makes its point in what seems to be unfair: the spendthrift son is rewarded and the elder son is hurt and angry. Jesus is telling us that love is a free gift, not something we earn by our goodness. This is true of human love, and is also true of God's love. When have you experienced this truth in the love you have received from others? When has the experience of human love prompted you to reflect on God's love for you?

2. After some time the younger son 'came to himself' and returned home. Where and when have you experienced a homecoming after a time of exile and alienation? What helped you to come to yourself and make that journey home?

3. The older son resented the welcome given to the younger son after his wandering and dissolute life. This contrasts with the welcome the father gave the younger son. Perhaps you have experienced these differing attitudes in yourself. What were they like for you? Where was there life for you or for others?

### PRAYER

*Undaunted you seek the lost, O God, exultant you bring home the found. Touch our hearts with grateful wonder at the tenderness of your forbearing love. Grant us delight in the mercy that has found us and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiveness.*

### HOLY TRINITY CHURCH – FR MATHEW QUAY

Special Triduum in honour of Padre Pio takes place on Monday to Wednesday 23rd to 25th September 2019, 7:30pm each evening. Come and Pray.

### Blackrock Community Association

Marymount Social Night – 7.30 pm. Wed. 2nd October  
Christmas Lunch – Celtic Ross – Tuesday 3rd December.

Classes resume Monday 16th September as follows:

Monday – Dance and Exercise – 10 – 12, Arts and Crafts – 2.30 – 4.30, Pilates – 4.45 – 6.45, Line Dancing – 7.15 – 8, Set Dancing – 8.30 – 10 pm. Tuesday – Children's Irish Dancing – 4 – 6.15, Tai Chi – 6.15 – 9.15. Wednesday - Dance and Exercise 10 – 12, Crochet – 2.30 – 4.30, Line Dancing – 7 – 10. Thursday - Tai Chi – 7 – 9. Friday - Tai Chi – 10 am – 1 pm, Advanced Children's Irish Dancing – 4 – 6.30.

NEW MEMBERS VERY WELCOME.

### 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 27th September 1:30 - 3pm.



### The Cork Rosary Rally

Will take place on Saturday 28th September. Assembling at the City Library from 2pm and walking to St Mary's, Popes Quay for 3pm Mass to mark the beginning of the Fatima Novena. Why not step out and make your prayer footprint on the streets of Cork this year. Families especially welcome. Cherie O Sullivan (organizing committee). Contact 087 9936940.

### Thought for the day

**H**appiness in believing is possibly out of fashion and even out of sync with the times. And yet, engagement with the Good News should surely lead to a profound happiness, even exuberance. Just because we don't feel it all the time doesn't mean it isn't real! The joy of the Gospel is part of who we are.

### Prayer

*As we place our trust in you, as we are loved by you and love you in return, unlock our hearts that we may know true and lasting joy in believing.*

K. O'Mahony OSA

**Today we welcome back our Church Choir. You always know the summer is over when the singing begins! We wish them 'good voice' for the year.**

### Today's Hymns



### 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 - Be thou my Vision

Be Thou My Vision  
Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art:  
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom; be thou my true word,  
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord:  
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true child,  
Be thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

### Parish Café

Coffee/Tea morning is held at the Parish Centre each Thursday morning from 10.30am to approximately 11.15am. It is a very pleasant gathering with lots of chat. A warm welcome and friendly company is guaranteed.

