

Mass Times

Vigil Saturday: 6pm
Sundays: 9 am & 11 am
Working Holy Days: 10 am & 7.30 pm
Monday to Saturday: 10 am
Fr Colin Doocey Adm. Pro Tem



FIRST FRIDAY VISITS TO THE HOUSEBOUND

Please contact Fr Colin Doocey at 086-8136877, if you or a relative would like to receive the Blessed Sacrament in your home on First Fridays.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ROSTER

A limited number of printed Ministers of the Word Rosters are available in the Sacristy for those who require them.



Scoil Ursula

Scoil Ursula: Saturday 15th @ 6pm.

Beaumont Boys & Girls

Beaumont Schools: Sunday 16th @ 11am.

Meals on Wheels need a volunteer driver every second Wednesday. Full training will be given. Please ring Eleanor 4291603, or Anne 4295005.



Anam Cara Cork

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Support Evening on **Tuesday, 25th February at 7pm** in the Rochestown Park Hotel, Rochestown Rd, Douglas, Cork. This event will be run in conjunction with Pieta House and Feilacain. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As we will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc., please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Monday, 24th February or call the Information number on 085 2888 888.

We invite you to take the Newsletter home and give it to someone who couldn't make our celebration of Eucharist.

Diocese of Cork and Ross

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 12th - 17th June 2020

5 nights Full Board from €759.

Direct flights from Cork.

Contact Joe Walsh Tours 021 727 7959

More details on the poster in the porch.



Young Adults 18-15 are invited to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes as helpers to the sick and disabled. The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Fintan Gavin and will travel from Cork from 12th to 17th June 2020. As a young adult helper you will be assisting with the sick in the hospital in the wards, kitchen or dining room, pushing wheelchairs to and from liturgies and Mass, participating yourself in all the Masses and ceremonies of the pilgrimage, accompanying the sick and disabled in social time. If you are interested please contact Fr Charlie Kiely on **021 4537474** for more details and booking form.

Cork Scripture Group Spring Module

4 Monday nights on **Justice in the Bible** in March and Saturday workshop (March 21st) on Justice in Matthew's Gospel (Seán Goan). Cost €50 or €10 for workshop only. To book a place please email corksripturegroup@gmail.com

Some Inspiration

In our reading of the Sermon on the Mount, we come to an important moment: the continued validity of the Law of Moses. Much scholarly ink has been spilt on the first four verses because they seem to put the Law, **the Torah**, firmly back at the centre of Christian existence...something of a surprise after Paul!

A great deal depends on the interpretation of "fulfil". It looks as if the Matthean community has made significant adjustments to its observance of the Law and is open to the accusation of having abandoned key elements. Matthew stresses continuity with the first covenant while at the same time holding that fulfilling the Law might include transcending it. The Biblical prophecies have been fulfilled. Because of the Christ event, the ethical requirements have been transcended and deepened. A key interpretative verse is found later in the Gospel: Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. *Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.* (Matthew 24:34-35)



Introduction to Eco-Congregation: the Parish Assembly in Mahon invite you to an introductory talk by Rev. Elaine Murray, Church of Ireland, Carrigaline and Monkstown about her experience of being part of Eco-Congregation Ireland and to consider how we ourselves in our homes and parishes care for "the earth: our common home" in this time of many environmental challenges for God's creation – **Monday 17th February 7:30pm in the meeting room of Holy Cross Church, Mahon.**

Totus Tuus Pilgrimage to Fatima

September 5th to 12th. Flights from Cork. Day trips to Balasar, Valinhos/Aljustrel, Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem and St Anthony's birth place in Lisbon. Limited places. Spiritual Director: Fr Marius O'Reilly. Call Damien on 087 204 9048.

Anam Cara West Cork

the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on 18th February at 7:20pm in the Munster Arms Hotel, Bandon.

This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents.



Some Reflection

1. In this section of the Sermon on the Mount Jesus proposes standards that go beyond external ways of behaviour but challenge how we feel in our hearts. When have you found that living out of inner conviction is more life-giving than keeping up appearances?
2. Jesus applies his teaching to feelings of anger and sexual desire. He suggests that if we do not keep an eye on our feelings and thoughts we will not be able to control our actions. Perhaps you have experienced the truth of this. What has helped you to integrate your feelings so that you were able to live in right relationship with yourself and others?
3. For Jesus, persons with genuine authenticity do not need to swear an oath to be convincing. Their 'yes' or 'no' suffices. Recall people who had this kind of credibility for you. When have you found that your simple, direct and honest communication had a positive persuasive force?

PRAYER

All-seeing God, you alone judge rightly our inmost thoughts. Teach us to observe your law from the heart even as we keep it outwardly. Purify our desires, calm every anger, and reconcile us to one another. Then will our worship at your altar render you perfect praise.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Universe

(1) Sunday Worship -- Choose the right path - Moses and Jesus have shown you the way

(2) Spirituality -- The primacy of personal prayer

Catholic Times

(1) Fr/Tom Grufferty, Sailing the world as a chaplain on a cruise ship

(2) Catholics prepare to celebrate the centenary of Fatima seer, Jacinta's death

Irish Catholic

(1) Breda O'Brien and John Mc.Guirk on the possibility of Sinn Fein in government

(2) A US Catholic prison ministry changing lives and lifting spirits by 'doing time'

Tablet

German Cardinal denounces rise in anti-Semitism

Catholic Herald

(1) Matchmaking apps have a bad reputation, but there is growing evidence that Catholic online dating really works

(2) Ireland's two 'big parties' suffered at the polls but the Church had little impact on the vote

Catholic Voice (1) All 15 TD's who voted NO to the abortion bill keep their seats in Election 2020

(2) Consecration ourselves to St. Joseph -- Why and How

AUsome Autism Conference

Will take place in Rochestown Park Hotel on Sunday, 29th March 9am to 5pm. An educational opportunity for parents, educators, SNA's, carers, therapists and other professionals. Find out more about Autism Training on www.konfidentkidz.ie

PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

There are now 2 Defibrillators located in the Parish, one in the village & one outside Murphy's Circle K Petrol Station. The code to operate both is **2017**

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



Thought for the day

It is clear already in the Old Testament that it is not our misdeeds which accuse us before God, but our hearts, fractured and divided as they are. Consistent with Israelite teaching, Jesus insists that we go deeper than our external deeds. The important question is what is going on in our hearts, the source of inner thoughts and motivations? The teaching is presented using various examples, presented sometimes with great simplicity, other times with irony and wit.

Prayer

O God, you read our hearts and you know us even better than we know ourselves. Let us trust your knowledge of us and your call to true conversion of heart, for you desire only our good that we may be both whole and holy.

K O'Mahony OSA

Looking forward to Lent 2020

For Lent 2020, the second volume of **Hearers of the Word** is now available. The period covered is Lent 2020 and Holy Week up to the Easter Vigil. It may be purchased directly from **Messenger publications or on Amazon**. NB the cover is (so far) not correct on Amazon. It should also be available soon at Veritas (Dublin, Cork and online).

K O'Mahony OSA

Today's Hymns

Entrance:

A New Hymn of Praise

A new hymn of praise let us sing to the Lord, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. This is the day the Lord has made:

Ransom for sin his life he gave.

2. Bringing him gifts of bread and wine,

We receive back, his life divine.

Recessional:

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shouts of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,

And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

If you would like to receive a weekly commentary on the Weekly Scripture Readings, both in AUDIO and in PDF, please log on to www.tarsus.ie and register to receive the emails.