

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



Baptism

Alice Terri McCarthy
We welcome her into the Christian Family



Recently Deceased

Geraldine Aherne, Marian Park
May the light of heaven surround them always.

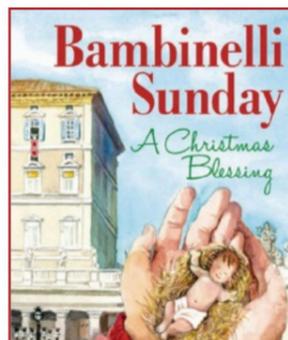


FIRST FRIDAY VISITS TO THE HOUSEBOUND

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.

Bambinelli Sunday

A Christmas Blessing



All are invited, especially the children, to bring the Baby Jesus figure (Bambinelli) from their homes to the Family Mass on 15th December to be blessed and then on Christmas Eve to be placed in the Crib. The blessing will consist of a short prayer at the end of 11am Mass followed by a blessing with Holy Water.

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

On Friday 6th December following morning Mass. Rosary & Benediction at 5.00pm. There are sheets on the tables in the church where parishioners can indicate the times most suitable for them to be present. We would like that there would be 2 people present for each period. If there are vacant periods, we would appreciate volunteers to fill these times by putting their names on the list. Thank you.

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

ADVENT RETREAT DAY

'Hope' for Advent with Fr Mike Burgess OFM Cap in the Sisters of Bon Secours Convent, College Road on Saturday, 14th December 10am-5pm. Donation Only. Booking Essential. Email eavopost@gmail.com or call 0872209994.

BLACKROCK VINCENT DE PAUL

SATURDAY 7th December 2019 & SUNDAY 8th December 2019

Some Inspiration

The 'invitatory' tone of the first reading and Psalm 122 takes us to the heart of Advent: a time of longing, when we feel again the tug of the divine. On my exploration of the Advent readings, special attention is given to the wonderful Psalm.

AUTISM TRAINING ON 4th DEC 2019

Dr Susan Crawford: PhD, Masters in Teaching and learning, BSc Sport & Exercise Science, SMT, RGN, RM. Susan is an autism spectrum disorder expert who specialises in developing skills for children and adults on the spectrum. She is also a researcher, motivation speaker, author and mother to a young man Tomas who has ASD. Susan has addressed audiences all over the world about ASD and programme planning. See further details on www.getautismactive.com. Date: 4th Dec. Time: 6-8pm. Venue: Family Resource Centre, Mahon, Cork. Cost: €25. To Register: Contact Jenny on 021-4358866 Email: info@frcentre.ie.



CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING, RAFFLE & CAKE SALE

To be held in aid of Marymount Hospice, on Sunday 1st December 2019, from 9:30am at Ballinlough Community Centre. All Welcome.

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



Anam Cara Cork the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on 4th December at 7:20pm in The Clayton Hotel, Cork City. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents.



CHILD & FAMILY CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Tribes Press is working in conjunction with St Vincent de Paul and the Simon Community to support families in need. We are offering a chance for you to donate as little as €5 and as much as you like towards new books for a child or whole family for Christmas. For every donation you make to the value of a new book, Tribes Press will donate another book. Each book will be signed by the author with a special message inside to each child.

To donate go to www.tribespress.com email: info@tribespress.com or call: 087 7749873.

Reflections

1. The 'coming of the Son of Man' can be applied to the end of the world, to the moment of death, or to any moment of grace. We are not given advance notice as to when any of these will happen, so the message is to be alert and ready. When have you found that your alertness meant that you were able to receive an unexpected grace (e.g. take an opportunity which presented itself, or respond to a hint from another person that you might easily have missed, etc.). 2. One of the enemies of alert living is constant busyness. Have you ever found that being caught up in your own agenda makes you less sensitive to what is happening around you? Recall times when you paused in your relentless busyness and were rewarded by a significant interchange with another person, a moment of grace. 3. You probably know the difference between being ready for a visitor and the unannounced caller who catches you unprepared. Let the memory of the discomfort of being caught off guard spur you on to a constant readiness for the coming of the Lord.

PRAYER

God of majesty and power, amid the clamour of our violence your Word of truth resounds; upon a world made dark by sin the Sun of Justice casts his dawning rays. Keep your household watchful and aware of the hour in which we live. Hasten the advent of that day when the sounds of war will be for ever stilled, the darkness of evil scattered, and all your children gathered into one. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork

June 30th - July 7th 2020. EARLY BIRD price €625.00 pps (Half board in Hotel Leone, 2 mins from Church) if fully paid by December 13th. Full price of €725.00 applies after this date. Spiritual Director Fr Sean Corkery. Group Leader: Sean O'Shaughnessy. €200.00 deposit secures place. Limited places. Contact 086 2959380 or Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

St. Martin Magazine Irish Catholic The Murder of St. Thomas Becket Vatican announces new body for young Catholic leaders
Tablet (1) Advent Meditation -- Joy and pain of anticipation
Catholic Herald (1) Have a good advent in the company of St. John Henry Newman
Catholic Times (1) Everything in life is subject to change, including sport
Universe (1) Everything in life is subject to change, including sport
The time of Advent reawakens hope

Parish Cafe

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.



Thought for the day

The liturgical cycle helps us not only by telling once more the story of salvation but also by underlining movements of the heart appropriate for each season. Thus, Lent invites us to conversion and Easter promotes joy in believing. What of Advent? The season encourages us and takes us back to our original longing and quest which brought us to God in the first place. Especially in the readings from the prophets, the lectionary explores again that restlessness of heart and helps us name our desire for the One who alone fills our hearts with his peace "which surpasses all understanding."

Prayer

Stir up our hearts Lord, with a great longing for you in our lives. Let us feel again that deep restlessness of heart, the royal road to you. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

Advent Hymns

Entrance

O come, O come, Emmanuel, To free your captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice, rejoice, O Israel, To you shall come Emmanuel.

O royal branch of Jesse's tree Redeem us all from tyranny; From pain of hell your people free, And over death win victory. Rejoice, rejoice etc.

Recessional

The Lord made known to Israel, His great redeeming plan. He speaks to us his people now Through Christ his Son made man. We have been called like Israel, To witness to God's grace, A people he has made his own, A royal priestly race.

God brought his people to the mount, As we are gathered now, To hear His holy word proclaimed And their allegiance vow. We have been called like Israel, To witness to God's grace, A people he has made his own, A royal priestly race.