

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

Caoimhe Sheila Dooley
Cathal Daniel Dollery
Emily Grace Twomey

We welcome them into the Christian Family



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.

Unfolding the Word @ Holy Cross Mahon

Looking forward to Easter in St Matthew's Gospel. An opportunity to come together and spend some time reading and discussing the Bible, followed by prayer. Why not join us for any or all of the 4 Thursdays: March 5th, 19th, 26th & April 2nd. We will meet here in the church rooms in Holy Cross from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm. Everyone is most welcome and we even have a cuppa and chat afterwards as well!

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

On Friday 6th March 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.

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



WORKSHOP FOR PARISH CHOIRS/MUSICIANS

On Saturday 14th March we welcome Dom Richard Purcell (Abbot of Mount Melleray) to lead a workshop for choirs, cantors, musicians which will offer a selection of styles to suit different parish choirs/cantors for the season of Eastertide and into Ordinary Time. **Venue: Blackrock Parish Centre**
Time: 10:00am to 12:45pm Cost: €10 per person to include music book. To reserve a place please contact us on 021 4537474 or by email pdo@corkandross.org

TROCAIRE LENTEN RESOURCE

On Wednesday 11th March we welcome Colm Hogan, the Parish Officer with Trócaire, who will facilitate a workshop on the Lenten resource on climate justice to enable participants to return to their parishes to lead this Lenten reflection session. Venue: Pastoral Development Office, Ballyphehane. Time: 7:30pm to 9:00pm. To reserve a place please contact us on 021 4537474 or by email pdo@corkandross.org

BLACKROCK VINCENT DE PAUL
SATURDAY 29TH FEBRUARY &
SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2020

Some Inspiration

Ash Wednesday *Malcolm Guire*
Receive this cross of ash upon your brow,
Brought from the burning of Palm Sunday's cross.
The forests of the world are burning now
And you make late repentance for the loss.
But all the trees of God would clap their hands
The very stones themselves would shout and sing
If you could covenant to love these lands
And recognise in Christ their Lord and king.

He sees the slow destruction of those trees,
He weeps to see the ancient places burn,
And still you make what purchases you please,
And still to dust and ashes you return.
But Hope could rise from ashes even now
Beginning with this sign upon your brow.

St. Michael's Wall of Prayer will give people the opportunity to express their faith and to be inspired by the faith of others. You can place your prayer on the **Wall of Prayer** using the cards provided. Each card has adhesive on the back which will easily stick to the board. Everyone is invited to view and read the Wall of Prayer. **PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR FULL NAME OR GIVE SPECIFIC DETAILED CIRCUMSTANCES**



A very useful resource leaflet for Lent is available on the tables.

How to get the best of the **Springtime of Faith**, it has excellent apps and guides to make Lent more fruitful.

Anam Cara West Cork

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday, 10th March at 7:20pm in the Munster Arms Hotel, Bandon. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents.

Gig for Edith

Carrigaline based charity **Edith Wilkins Street Children Foundation India** will be the beneficiary of a fund raising gig in Crane Lane Theatre from 8 to 11pm on Thursday March 5th starring Fiona Kennedy and her Band and Billy Kennedy. Tickets at the door are only €10 and there will be a raffle with great prizes. A great night is assured. Find out more at edithwilkinsstreetchildren.org on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

South Parish Historical Society

Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, 4th March 2020 at 7:30pm in St John's College, Sawmill Street, Cork. Cónal Creedon will talk on 'The Immortal Deed of Michael O'Leary VC.' All Welcome. €5 fee to non-members.

UCC Cancer Society will be holding a fundraiser open to people of all ages in aid of the Irish Cancer Society in the Mardyke Arena, Western Road, Cork on **Friday 6th March at 6pm until Saturday 7th at 12 pm**. A team of up to 10 people, raise a minimum of €100 (i.e. €10 pp in a team of 10). Lots of live music and entertainment-midnight soccer tournament, zumba, wellness morning etc! It brings the community together to celebrate the lives of cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer and fight back by raising money for research and services. Contact Shauna on 087-6172921 or email relayforlife@uccsocieties.ie to register a team!

Some Reflection

1. In today's gospel Jesus is enticed to gratify his own needs, or to perform some spectacular act in public. He rejects the temptation because he chooses commitment to his mission and dependence on his Father over any immediate gratification. We can all be tempted to go for some immediate satisfaction...but is that where true happiness lies? Have you found that sometimes it can be more life-giving to say "no" to your immediate desires for the sake of some long-term goal? What are the goals, aims, values, which inspire you in this way?
2. One way of looking at this gospel is to say that Jesus went into the desert to face his demons. We all have demons we need to face—compulsions, fears, prejudices, anger, and urges that lurk within. It is in facing our demons that we find a way to live a fuller life. Can you recall a time when you grew through facing a "demon" in this way?

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WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Universe. (1) The old language of the Bible can lead the most devout Christians astray
(2) Dana's Stations of the Cross to lead Lenten Music show
Catholic Times. (1) Fr. Francis Marsden: Lent, a season of spiritual training and self-discipline (2) One year after abuse summit, Church reviews progress, additional needs
Messenger. RE-LINK (resource for Religion studies):: Mock exam revision
Tablet. The Gospels and anti-Semitism -- The search for the right word of God
Catholic Voice. (1) Ten reasons why Catholics should reject socialism. (2) Patron Saint of their Internet? Carlo Acutis to be beatified
Irish Catholic. (1) Fr. Jeremiah Doanovan of West Cork, mixing mortar with philosophy in Brazil. (2) Martin Mansergh: It would be piquant, if the two heirs of the Sinn Féin that won independence were to come together again at national level
Catholic Herald. (1). Was Ned Kelly really fighting for the Irish-Catholic cause. A new biopic doubts it. (2) The fall and rise of fasting

COLÁISTE ÍDE DINGLE OPEN DAY

Coláiste Íde in Dingle is holding an open day on the 7th March from 12-4. More information from 066 9151211 or info@colaisteide.com.



Thought for the day

The temptations of Jesus are not at all temptations to this or that sin but rather fundamental options which matter for the direction of his life. Jesus was tempted in the course of his ministry to choose other ways of being God's prophet, the Messiah or anointed one. In a less obvious way, we too can be attracted by choices which can shape the way our life unfolds. We ask ourselves, what do I live on? What's my true goal? Where is my nourishment? The human, no less than the Kingdom, is more than food and drink. Only the Word of God truly nourishes and illuminates.

Prayer

Lord, in you we live and move and have our being and we thank you. Help us to place you and your Word at the heart of all we do and, even more, at the core of who we are.

K O'Mahony OSA

Today's Hymns

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear.
And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far
and Grace will lead me home.

The Lourdes Ave

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.

AUsome Autism Conference is Ireland's ONLY conference where the presenters on Autism are Autistic themselves. It's taking place in Rochestown Park Hotel Sunday, March 29th 9am to 5pm. For more info look up autism training on www.konfidentkidz.ie or call 087 2945977.

ANNUAL MATT TALBOT NOVENA

On Monday, 2nd March, the Annual Novena in honour of Matt Talbot, will begin in The Way of the Cross Church, Togher, with Mass & Novena prayers at 7:30pm. The celebrant and preacher will be an tAth Liam Ó hIcí, PP Ovens/Farran.