

Mass Times

Vigil Saturday: 6pm

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am

Working Holy Days: 10 am & 7.30 pm

Monday to Saturday: 10 am



Baptisms

Aoibheann Nora Mary Holland.

Robin Mary O'Brien.

Polly Clementine Power.

We welcome them into the Christian Family



Recently Deceased

Mary Hayes, Skehard Road

Eileen Lyons, Ballinure

David Cummins. Avonlea Court.

May the light of heaven surround them always.



The death has occurred of **David Cummins** who was a most dedicated volunteer and stalwart worker for our parish. A man of great faith, a daily Mass goer and a true family man.



When the repairs for the Church were required he proposed various necessary repairs and improvements plus the extension of the car park. He was one of the Supervisory Committee who oversaw the repair program of the Church of St. Michael, and gave over 40 years collecting and counting Church collections and was awarded with the **Bene Merenti** medal by the Pope in recognition of his many years of dedication to the Church.

He was also a staunch supporter of Blackrock Hurling Club.

Our sincere sympathy to his wife Joan and family and his sister Teresa on the loss of a very special person in their lives.

May his gentle soul rest in peace.

Easter Blessings from Fr. Kieran

Thank you all for your continued Prayers and Masses for my recovery.

I feel the power of your prayers and good wishes and remain very positive for the outcome of my treatment. I have a bit to go yet but am confident, with your continued support, that it will work.

May the power of the Risen Jesus be in all our lives, our families and in our homes.

God Bless - Fr. Kieran.

BLACKROCK VINCENT DE PAUL
The May collection for SVP
will be on the 4th & 5th 2019.

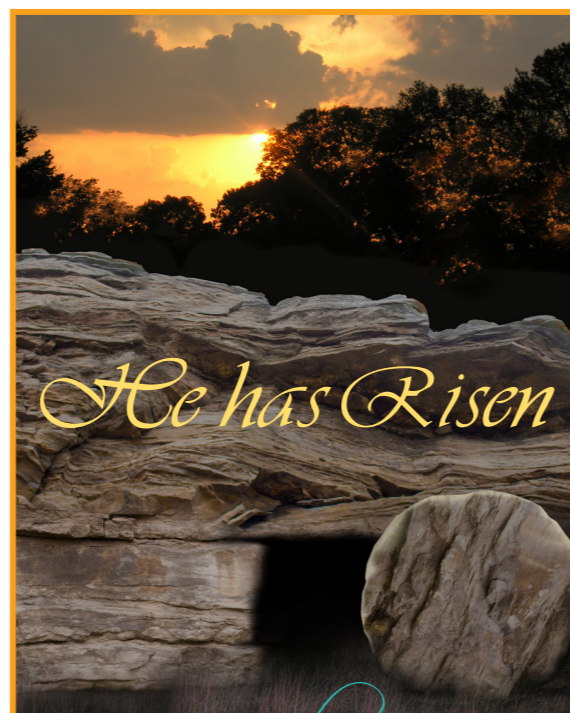
Cork Institute of Technology will be holding a CIT CAO Information Evening on **Thursday 2nd May from 6pm - 8pm** in the Nexus Hall, Student Centre, Bishopstown Campus. This event is targeted at Leaving Certificate students who have applied for courses at CIT, and also students who may be contemplating "Change of Mind" options.

The **Annual Mass** for deceased and current members of the Scout Organisation in Cork will be held on Thursday next April 25th, at the SMA Church Blackrock Road, at 8pm. All present and past members, as well as their relatives and friends are welcome to attend. Maurice Laphorne (087 8527970).

APRIL MEETING OF THE BLACKROCK ST PIO PRAYER GROUP

Next meeting of the Blackrock St Pio Prayer Group will take place on Wednesday 24 April, Ardfoyle Convent, Blackrock. Rosary 19:45 hrs. Mass 20:00hrs. All welcome.

Anne O'Sullivan, Prayer Group Leader



The *angel* said to the women,
"Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for **Jesus,** who was **CRUCIFIED.** He is not here; He has **Risen** just as He said.

Matthew 28:5-6

Reflections

1. You might identify with the women through the events of that morning. They came search and found an empty tomb. Then they were told they were looking in the wrong place: "why look for the living among the dead". Finally they had to cope with the staggering good news that Jesus was alive when they thought he was dead. Let their story remind you of your journey when you found life again where you thought there was none - you discovered that you had been looking in the wrong place.

2. The women were the first witnesses to the resurrection. Remember the women in your life who have brought you good news, and the women who have been witnesses for you bringing you to faith in yourself, in others, or in God.

3. The women did not keep their discovery to themselves but hastened to share the good news with the apostles. Have there been times when your heart has been full of good news that you were eager to share with others.



CATHOLIC PAPERS SUMMARY

Catholic Times (1) Venerable Carlo Acutis who died in 2006 aged 15 is a 'role model for the young' says Pope Francis (2) Fr. Michael Collins: The resurrection of Jesus is at the heart of the Christian faith
St. Martin Magazine The Miraculous Escape of St. John Paul II

Irish Catholic (1) Retiring to a life of service brings a renewed sense of fulfillment.

(2) Vatican II is only just beginning to bear fruit

Universe (1) Rich traditions of Stations of the Cross let us reflect on Christ's suffering.

(2) Pope Benedict points finger of blame at '60s sexual revolution for Church abuse

Catholic Herald (1) Free DVD - Lead Kindly Light: The Life and Message of John Henry Newman
(2) It's time to stop turning a blind eye towards persecution of Christians

Tablet of 13/4 Belief and Conflict - Does religion do more harm than good?

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.



SECOND COLLECTION W/E 27 & 28 APRIL FOR DIOCESAN NEEDS.

Is God calling you to be a priest in our diocese? Come to our information session on Sunday 12th May from 3:00pm to 6:00pm at the Pastoral Development Office, Parochial House, Ballyphehane. Contact Fr Charlie Kiely 021 4537474

Thought for the day

Traditionally, we have found it easy to think of the cross as the measure of God's love for us. Because of the focus on the cross, we in the west find it more difficult to think of the resurrection as also the expression love of God, even "all the more so"! The Fourth Gospel teaches precisely that, in an oblique yet significant way. There are two hints in the short version gospel. Of the two male protagonists, it is the Beloved Disciple who comes to faith, precisely because he loves Jesus. The insistence on the cloth around the head may seem strange to us but it will remind the careful reading of two other passages: *Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"* (John 11:35-36) The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." (John 11:44)

The head cloth (John 20:7), far more than an incidental detail, teaches two things. First of all, Jesus loves Lazarus and therefore raises him; likewise, God loves us and will raise us from the death. Secondly, the resurrection of Jesus is different (hence the special note about the cloth) because his resurrection is the cause of our resurrection.

K. O'Mahony OSA



Next Sunday the 28th April, our choir are singing in Dennehy's Cross, **Descent of the Holy Spirit Church.**

1st-5th MAY 2019

The choir from St **Josephs Church in**

Glanmire will sing in our church. This is organised by Cork International Choral Festival. The following Sunday we will have the wonderful **Helena Stureborg's choir from Sweden** back again.

Pope Benedict's Prayer.

Dear friends, may no adversity paralyse you.
Be not afraid neither of the world nor of the future nor of your weakness.
The Lord has allowed you to live in this moment of history so that by your faith, his name will continue to resound throughout the world.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels urgently needs a cook's helper, every second Monday morning, for about two hours. Please contact - Eleanor - 429 1603, or Anne - 429 5005.

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 26th April- the next meeting. bettycogan@hotmail.com