

### Mass Times

**Vigil Saturday: 6pm**  
**Sundays: 9 am & 11 am**  
**Working Holy Days: 10 am & 7.30 pm**  
**Monday to Saturday: 10 am**



### Baptism

**Fiadh Mary Tivnan**  
**Luke Alexander Ryan**



*We welcome them into the Christian Family*

**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

**Introduction to Centering Prayer** at Blackpool Community Centre on Saturday 28th September 10am -1pm, presenters: Sr Aine Ashe and Sr Mary O Sullivan details and booking 021 4391407.

**Mahon CDP** is starting its Autumn Programme in the coming week. Classes include photography, learning to use smart phone, men's cookery, men's art, chair yoga & relaxation, computers, walking group and coffee mornings. The classes take place at various times Monday to Friday. If you are interested call us on 021-4359070 or call into the office on Avenue de Rennes, Mahon.

### Information Morning for Older People

Ardfoyle Convent, Blackrock on **27th September @ 11am**. An Information Morning for older people is taking place in Ardfoyle Convent, Blackrock. Speakers from key organisations will provide information about the services that can be accessed by older people. Tea/coffee will be provided.

**Age Action Services:** John O'Mahony. Crime Prevention: Sargent Tony Davis. Community Garda Services: Conor Eoghan. First Aid in the Home: Danny O'Regan. Fire Prevention: Bertie McCurtain. Public Health Nurse Services & Occupational Therapist Services. Stress Free Airport Travel: Ger Harvey. Pairc Uí Chaoimh Services: Michelle McAleer. Social Welfare Entitlements. The event will be preceded by Mass in the Convent Church, Ardfoyle Convent, Blackrock at 10am for anybody who wishes to attend. For further information phone: 021-2067399.

**Cork Scripture Group:** 4 Monday nights on *Matthew's Gospel; The Prophecy Fulfilled*. Starting 7th October and a 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).

Next meeting of the **Blackrock St Pio Prayer Group** will take place on Wednesday, 25th September at Ardfoyle Convent, Blackrock. Rosary 19:45hrs & Mass @ 20:00hrs. All welcome. Anne O'Sullivan, Prayer Group Leader

### Some Inspiration

Today's parable is a shock at two levels. Firstly, we hear the words "The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness." Hardly a model transparency and scrutiny...

If that were not enough, the message Jesus evidently draws down is also unexpected: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. It can be heard in two ways. Humorously: Jesus is being ironic — what kind of friends can money "win"? Earnestly: use this world's riches wisely, that is for the benefit of the poor. The readings are not mutually exclusive, of course, but the second approach is closer to Amos 8:4-7. St Paul gets it right:

I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little." (2 Cor 8:13-15)

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



- Catholic Herald. Irish Catholic.** The Vatican vs the German Church Marriage doesn't solve the priest shortage, says head of Ukrainian Rite
- Tablet of 14/9.** Taylor Swift. -- New album gleefully celebrating commitment
- Tablet of 21/9.** Priestly training. -- Reforming formation
- St. Martin Magazine. Messenger.** The World's Longest-Running Play St. John Henry Newman: Founding the Catholic University

THE Society of Vincent de Paul [SVP] is currently recruiting new volunteer members to support the various work it does to support individuals, groups and families in local communities. There are many and varied roles that members can engage in within the Society. SVP provides practical support in a variety of ways to enable individuals and families to deal with issues in their lives so they can continue to lead independent fulfilling lives. The Society has a particular focus in providing practical support for education and training in all its guises as it sees this as an effective and long-term way to enable both individuals and families to become independent and self-sufficient. SVP now urgently needs new members to continue the essential work the Society does in communities throughout Cork. There is a role for you and the commitment is about three hours per week. Full training and ongoing support is provided throughout ones time in the SVP. You will find a warm welcome awaits when you become a member.

### 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.

### Reflections

- As often with the parables of Jesus, this one is intended to shock in order to make us think. Jesus is not praising the injustice of the servant, but his purposefulness in preparing for the future. In your experience what difference does it make when you are purposeful and energetic instead of lethargic?
- It was his master's call to account that galvanised the servant into action. What have been the experiences, or people, that have galvanised you into action when you had been somewhat halfhearted in your efforts?
- Who have been the people whose energy, drive and astuteness have been an inspiration to you in how to handle difficult situations?
- "No servant can be the slave of two masters." When have you experienced the truth of this statement?

**Monthly Holy Hour to pray for vocations** - will be hosted by the Redemptorist Community at SCALA, Castle Road, Blackrock (opposite the Castle) on Monday 30th September at 7:30pm all are welcome to join in prayer followed by tea and chat.

**In the aftermath of suicide** - a one day workshop on Saturday 28th September from 10:30am to 5:00pm at the Nano Nagle Birthplace, Killavullen - cost €60. Facilitated by Kay O'Mahony MIAHIP and Norma O'Brien MIAHIP. Contact 087 6653600 for details and booking.

A sincere thank you to all who contributed to the **McVerry Charity Cycle** for the homeless, which took place the 14th of September. The day itself was just perfect and everything was well organised. The distance, at 145km, was slightly longer than usual. The current tally is an amazing **€11,856**, from over one hundred donors. Well done, everybody and thanks.



*Kieran*

**Anam Cara Cork** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on 22nd October at 7:20pm in The Clayton Hotel, Cork City. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. We'd be very grateful if you could help us raise awareness of this free event for bereaved parents in your community. For more information, see [anamcara.ie](http://anamcara.ie) or call our Information Line on 085-2888 888.

### 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.

### 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.



### Thought for the day

The banking crisis is only one example of a wider "honesty deficit" in public life. Even people working for charities are sometimes found, unfortunately, to be lacking in integrity. As a result, the story of dishonest management will not lack contemporary echoes. It also means that the shock of story—the manager continues to fix the books for his own benefit—is just as much a shock today as it would have been in first-century Palestine. If that were not enough, the ironic teaching drawn in v. 9 borders on the sarcastic, not to say caustic. No missing the meaning, in any case! But what is the meaning? It can't be simply copy that distressing example of the manager. To act, not to delay, seems to be at the centre.

Prayer

*I truly believe and I know, God of our hearts, that you love and desire all that I am. May your great love penetrate even the darkest parts of my life that I may know true conversion of heart and love you with my whole self.*

K. O'Mahony OSA

### 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, 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.