

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



Recently Deceased

Margaret (Peg) Hegarty, Mahon Terrace
May the light of heaven surround her always.



ASH WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2020

Blessing and distribution of Ashes during 10am Mass

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

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 – 3:30pm in St Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Road. Light refreshments provided free of charge. All welcome. 28th February is the next meeting. bettycogan@hotmail.com <https://www.facebook.com/Cork-Alzheimer-Cafe-136469209819937/>



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, Ballypéhane. Time: 7:30pm to 9:00pm. To reserve a place please contact us on 021 4537474 or by email pdo@corkandross.org

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.

Some Inspiration

Pope Francis on today's Gospel reading

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 5:38-48) – one of those pages that expresses best the Christian "revolution" – Jesus shows the way of true justice through the law of love, which surmounts that of retaliation, namely, "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." This ancient rule imposed inflicting on transgressors punishments equivalent to the damages caused: death to one who killed, amputation to one who wounded someone, and so on. Jesus does not ask His disciples to suffer evil, rather, He asks them to react, but not with another evil, but with goodness. Only thus is the chain of evil broken: one evil leads to another evil, another evil leads to another evil ... This chain of evil is broken, and things truly change. Evil, in fact, is a "void," a void of goodness, and it cannot be filled with another void, but only with "fullness," namely, with goodness. Reprisals never lead to the resolution of conflicts. "You did it to me, I'll do it to you": this never resolves a conflict, nor is it Christian.

For Jesus the rejection of violence can also imply giving up a legitimate right; and He gives some examples: to give the other cheek, to give one's cloak or one's money, to accept other sacrifices (cf. vv. 39-42). However, this renunciation does not mean that the demands of justice are ignored or contradicted; on the contrary, Christian love, which manifests itself in a special way in mercy, represents a higher realization of justice. What Jesus wants to teach us is the clear distinction we must make between justice and retaliation – to distinguish between justice and retaliation. Retaliation is never just; we are permitted to ask for justice; it is our duty to practice justice. Instead, we are prohibited from vindicating ourselves and from fomenting retaliation in some way, in as much as <it is an> expression of hatred and of violence.

BLACKROCK ST PIO PRAYER GROUP

Next meeting of the Blackrock St Pio Prayer Group will take place on Wednesday 26th February 2020, Ardfoyle Convent, Blackrock. Rosary 19:45hrs Mass 20:00hrs. All welcome. Anne O'Sullivan, Prayer Group Leader.

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.

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.

Some Reflection

1. Jesus tells us to act out of love and says that acting out of love is better than acting out of revenge. What does your experience tell you?
2. Perhaps you have at times hit back in revenge when you have been hurt or offended. What effect did this have on you, on others, and on your relationship with them? Contrast this with the times when you resisted the urge to retaliate. What effect did this have on you, on others, and on your relationship with them... at the time, and in the long-term?
3. From other passages in the gospels, it is clear that Jesus did not mean that we should ignore injustices and never make a stand against others. What lessons have you learned in life on when and how to make a stand? What wisdom would you share with others from your experience?

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Prayer/ Rituals at the Tomb of Nano Nagle

- Last Thursday of each month beginning 30th January, 11:00 (weather permitting). Intentions: Jan - our deceased, Feb – sick, Mar - people who are grieving, April – families, May - students. February 27th – prayers for the sick.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Universe. (1) Sunday Worship - Go to the Lord with your hands full of love
(2)Pope says no to married priests -- but Vatican insists the door may still be open
Catholic Times. (1). First new Catholic school in England for ten years. (2) Focus on Lent -- The right Lenten fast for you
(2) Lenten reflection - How to find your 'predominant fault'
Messenger. The Amazon Synod - A moment of 'sheer joy'
Irish Catholic. (1) Pope's Amazon message is to empower lay people and avoid clericalism
(2)Nuala O'Loan: The support for our religious lies very close to home

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**. It should also be available soon at Veritas (Dublin, Cork and online). *K O'Mahony OSA*

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 and Novena prayers at 7:30pm. The celebrant and preacher will be an tAth Liam Ó hCí PP Ovens/Farran. The novena is organised by Cork Regional Pioneer Council and we ask for Matt's help and intercession for all the needs of our lives. Sorcha Uí Laoghaire Chairperson, Cork Regional Pioneer Council.

Thought for the day

Today's gospel continues the challenge from last week to go deeper into the heart, the seat of hidden thoughts and desires. The call to conversion is a call to give just as we have received: we are loved and so should love; we are forgiven and so should forgive; we are consoled and so should console and so forth. Why is that? Because the love etc. that we have received becomes truly "me" only when I pass it on. Only then have I experienced the message of the prophet: *I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.* (Ezek 36:26)

Prayer

O God, open our ears to hear the word of Jesus, your Son. Open our hearts, that we may know true conversion from within. Open our hands that we may give just as we have received.

K O'Mahony OSA

Anam Cara Cork

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



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!"

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

Thank you

