

### Mass Times

**Vigil Saturday: 6pm**

**Sundays: 9 am & 11 am**

**Working Holy Days: 10 am & 7.30 pm**

**Monday to Saturday: 10 am**



### Recently Deceased

**Shaun Aherne.** Dundanion Terrace, Blackrock.

**Kieran Lyons.** Ballinure Cottages.

**Arthur O'Callaghan.** Kilbrack Lawn.

**Declan Ryan.** Avonlea Gardens.

*May the light of heaven surround them always.*



**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

### Catholic Young Adults Conference 2019 (18 plus) 'Be not afraid' --- Mary Woman of Courage

The Conference will take place on Saturday 30th. March from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Dominican Retreat Centre, Ennismore and will include Testimonies, Workshops, Lunch, Mass and Adoration. Speakers will include Fr. Marius O'Reilly Cost including lunch is €15 on the day. If you wish to book in advance please contact Susan at 087 2414635 or Fergal at 087 7914975.

A Legion of Mary project.

### MATT TALBOT NOVENA

On Monday 25th March we begin Week 3 of the Matt Talbot Novena in The Way of the Cross Church, Togher & Sr Jennifer McAleer, Good Shepherd Sisters, Montenotte will be our preacher and Rev Fr Colin Doocey PP, Holy Cross, Mahon will be our celebrant that night. Mass & Novena prayers begin at 7:30pm. Sorcha Uí Laoghaire.

### LOURDES. Cork & Ross Pilgrimage 2019.

10 - 15 JUNE - 5 nights

Full Board Accommodation.

Booking Forms Available for the Pilgrim Section from

Joe Walsh Tours. 117 Patrick Street, Cork. Tel (021) 4277959



**Enquiries for Special Sick/Assisted Section** to: The Pilgrimage Director. V. Rev. Canon James O'Donovan. Parochial House, Ballinlough, Cork. Tel. (021) 4292296

**YOUNG ADULT HELPERS TO LOURDES:** the diocesan pilgrimage is seeking young adults (18-25) to join the pilgrimage to Lourdes from 10th to 15th June to assist with the care of the sick who travel to Lourdes. Please contact Fr Charlie Kiely on 021 4537474 or at [pdo@corkandross.org](mailto:pdo@corkandross.org) for information and to request an application form.

### Some Inspiration

"Whatever God does, the first outburst is always compassion."  
Meister Eckhart

"If you have understood, then it is not God."  
Saint Augustine

"God's essence is Being and Being, in turn, is letting-be. So it is of the essence of God to let be. He does not, as it were, hoard Being within himself and, if he did, could we speak at all of God? We can only call him "God" and recognize him as holy Being, calling forth our worship, because he pours out Being, moving out from primordial through expressive Being."  
John Macquarrie

### Rockies O/60s Talent Competition

The Blackrock heat of the O/60s Talent Competition will take place at the Rockies Pavilion, Church Road, Blackrock, on Wednesday, April 3rd @ 8pm and entries are still being accepted for this great annual event. So, if you can sing, dance, play an instrument or tell a story, why not sign up and compete on the night.

Just ring 021-4358043 and Terry will take your details.

Next meeting of the **Blackrock St Pio Prayer Group** will take place on Wednesday, 27th March, Ardfoyle Convent, Blackrock. Rosary 19:45hrs. Mass 20:00hrs. All welcome. Anne O'Sullivan, Prayer Group Leader



**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. Friday 29th March - the next meeting.



### Nano Nagle Birthplace

Sat 30th March: 'Day of Meditation/Relaxation' with Eileen Nash pbvm: Give yourself the Gift of a day away from the busyness of everyday life! Get in touch with yourself, with creation and with God. 10.30am - 3.30pm; bring a packed lunch. Cost €25 incl. tea/coffee. Booking required. Nano Nagle Birthplace 022 26411 [www.nanonaglebirthplace.ie](http://www.nanonaglebirthplace.ie)

### PYXES STILL NEEDED

Our recent request for pyxes has generated a number of returns for which we are grateful. However, if anybody has a pyx lying around unused, please return it to the Sacristy at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

**A FUN QUIZ** will be held in the Crawford & Co. (formerly known as the Market Tavern), Copley Street / Anglesea Street on Friday 5th April 2019 at 8pm. This quiz is being organised by a group called **Cork Circle of Friends**. €20 per table of 4. Raffle on the night - fantastic prizes. Food served on the night. This year the nominated Charity is Enable Ireland Adult Services, who need to purchase a whole new fleet of buses as their fleet is getting on in years.

### Reflections

1. Jesus rejects the idea that personal misfortune is God's punishment for sin. Yet a serious illness or accident can serve as a wake-up call about how we live our lives. How have such experiences given you a greater appreciation of the value of your life and relationships, and of the time and opportunities at your disposal?

2. "I'll wait till tomorrow to do that". Have you ever said that and then found the chance is gone the next day? In the story, we are called to recognise God at work in our lives and respond to Him. NOW is the opportune moment. When have you been glad you did not put off action to the following day?

3. Perhaps there have been times when you saw yourself like the tree in the parable—useless, merely a waste of space. Think of friends who came to you at such a time, people who saw your potential and were prepared to give you another chance, people who also dug the soil around you and gave you the helps you needed to grow. Perhaps in your turn you have been able to do this for others.



### CATHOLIC PAPERS SUMMARY

**Irish Catholic** (1) St. Pio represents the quiet but courageous mission of Christians across the world, writes Colm Fitzpatrick (2) The Church of the future is young -- It's time to switch on the lights for youth ministry

**Tablet of 16/3** Dioceses in England & Wales see more people preparing to become Catholics

**Tablet of 23/3** Welsh rugby coach Shaun Edwards reveals Six Nations' prayer to a Catholic audience in Cardiff

**St. Martin Magazine** Friends of God -- Peter and Andrew

**Catholic Herald** (1) Fr. Benedict Kelly: The Christian victims of ISIS have been abandoned (2) Mass attendance is up 12% a year in a parish in San Francisco AND how it was done.

**Catholic Universe** Fr. Shay Cullen: The culture of fear and silence

**Catholic Times** Fr. Francis Marsden: Honouring Mary at the genesis of the Incarnation

### THOUGHT FOR LENT.

When I am passing by a Church  
I call and pay a visit,  
So when I'm carried in at last  
the Lord won't say  
**WHO IS IT?**



**LENT RETREAT DAY** - with Dom Richard Purcell OCSO Sat 30th March 10am to 5pm. Sisters of Bon Secours Convent, College Road. Donation Only. Booking essential. Email [eavopost@gmail.com](mailto:eavopost@gmail.com) Phone 0872209994.

Learn about Justice from a biblical perspective with the Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles: video presentations and group discussion at Ardfoyle Convent, Ballintemple, Cork at 11am on Tuesday 19th, 26th March, 2nd, 9th, 16th April. Info: [justice@olairland.ie](mailto:justice@olairland.ie) or 021-4294076.

### Thought for the day

We are all aware of the fleeting nature of time and we all have experience of the missed opportunity, the moment of grace—however secular—overlooked. At the same time, we know that our God is the God of second chances and that it is never truly over. Like Augustine, we hear the insistent murmur, "if not now, when?" That future moment of grace will be just like this one, ordinary, nothing special, fleeting and yet it is the only moment that exists, the "now" of our everyday.

*Prayer*

Patient and insistent God, knock again on the door our hearts. We are never really ready—a sign perhaps of our everyday need of you. Help us undertake again to dig around and manure, so that under your grace, we may bear fruit, fruit that will last.

Amen.

K. O'Mahony OSA



The image above is of a 13th century icon in St Catherine's Monastery, Mount Sinai, showing Moses approaching the Burning Bush.

**Anam Cara Cork**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Wednesday 3rd April at 7:20pm in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.



**Blackrock Community Association** have a trip to Griffins Garden Centre on Thursday 16th May. Bus leaves Blackrock Hurling Club at 11:30am. Cost €20 inc. lunch. Names & payment please, being taken - up to 10th April.

