

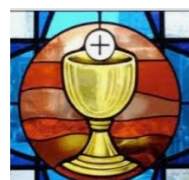
Mass Times

Vigil Saturday: 6pm

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am

Working Holy Days: 10 am & 7.30 pm

Monday to Saturday: 10 am



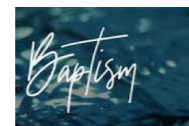
Baptism

Macy Valerie Foley

Méabh Emma Hales

Nancy Lilly O'Leary

We welcome them into the Christian Family



Recently Deceased

Frances Kelly, Beaumont

May the light of heaven surround her always.



LECTIO DIVINA IN HOLY CROSS

What do you know about the Word of God? Besides being written in the Bible, it is also written in our lives and in the events that happen. What is Lectio Divina? It means Sacred Reading. It is a way of reflecting on the Gospel in such a way that we recognise our own lives in it as well as the world in which we live. The first session of Lectio Divina will be held on **Monday, September 2nd** in the parish meeting room of Holy Cross church. Tea/coffee for those who wish at 10.00am and the session will then run from 10.:30 to 11:30, facilitated by Patricia Cahill. All are welcome.

PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

There are now 2 Defibrillators located in the Parish, one in the village & one outside Murphy's Circle K Petrol Station. The code to operate both is **2017**

Anam Cara Cork the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Support Evening on 4th September at 7:20pm in the Clayton Hotel, Cork City. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. For further information see www.anamcara.ie or call 085 2888 888.



BLACKROCK VINCENT DE PAUL SATURDAY 31st AUGUST 2019 & SUNDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2019

SMA PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019.

Organiser & Spiritual Director: Fr. Martin Kavanagh.
14th - 19th SEPTEMBER: Flights ex CORK & DUBLIN. HOTEL ROISSY **** €749.00 PER PERSON SHARING.
Deposit €200.00 per person.
Single Room Supplement €180 per person.
CONTACT FR. MARTIN KAVANAGH. 021- 4292871

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



Each year, I do a **Charity Cycle** from Dublin to Wexford for the **Peter McVerry Trust**, a charity which takes care of homeless young people in Ireland. The cycle takes place on Sat 14 Sept 2019. If you enjoy my weekly contribution to your newsletter, and would like to contribute, then simply go to this link:

www.idonate.ie/Wexford2019Kieran

Any donation, great or small, is welcome and much appreciated and thanks to those who have already donated from St Michaels.

If you prefer not to make donations online, you may like to send a cheque (payable to the Peter McVerry Trust) to my home address:

St John's Priory, 94-96 Thomas St., Dublin. D08 F8NW

Thanks for all the support, wishing you every blessing.

Kieran O'Mahony OSA

Open Information Evening on Stammering

Metropole Hotel, Cork City on **27th August** from 7-9 pm. This is a free event to help and give advice to people who stutter & their friends & family members. Colm Norris



Medjugorje Conference and Day of Prayer

with Sr. Briege McKenna. Saturday 31st August, Neptune Stadium, Cork. Tickets €20.00 available from Benedictus bookshop & St. Anthony's Stores Cork. Also available from Muintir Mhuire Charity shops Youghal and Middleton. Online at Eventbrite.ie. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380

Mahon Family Resource Centre are holding a baby massage course starting on Friday, September 20th at 11:30am. The course is for 4 weeks and costs €30 in total. If you are interested in joining or for more information please contact Christine on 021- 4358866.

Cork Autism Conference 2019 - Autism: No Limits, Just Possibilities, Sunday September 22nd at Clayton Silversprings Hotel, Cork. The conference provides a unique forum for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Autistic Adults, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in autism. More info here: www.bookwhen.com/autismcork or call 089 239 8900.

Reflections

1. The question put to Jesus is one that many still ask: "Will many be saved?" In his answer Jesus is not concerned about numbers but warns his listeners about complacency. Just as his listeners could not regard the mere fact of being Jews as sufficient for salvation, neither can we regard being Christians as enough. That entitlement will come from our acceptance of Jesus. For any relationship to be alive - either with god or with another human person - the real question is "Is my heart in this relationship?" What does your experience tell you of this?

2. "Strive to enter by the narrow door". Jesus himself is on his journey to Jerusalem, purposeful and determined. True followers of him will also be purposeful and determined. That is true in any journey, career, or relationship if there is to be growth or progress. What it is like for you when you fail to do this? What is it like for you when the effort is there?

PRAYER

To the banquet of your kingdom, O God of the nations, you have invited people of every race and tongue. May all who are called to a place at your table come, by the narrow way, to the unending feast of life.

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, 30th August - the next meeting. bettycogan@hotmail.com



Try Something New for You!

Mindfulness Taster Class, Tues 3rd Sept 2019, 7pm - 8:30pm. This taster class will introduce participants to the practice of mindfulness and give them a flavour of the seven week course.

The Art of Meditation and Mindful Living

7 week evening course. Starts on Thurs 12th Sept 2019, 7pm-9:30pm
All courses based at Northridge House Education Centre (located on the grounds of St Luke's Home, Mahon). Contact 021 4536551. www.northridgehouse.ie

Thought for the day

For a long time, Western Christianity was marked by a deep pessimism. Most were surely going to hell! In sum, we seem to have moved from clarity and pessimism to agnosticism and optimism. A necessary rebalancing, of course, but with the attendant risk of complacency, convinced as we are, and ought to be, of God's boundless mercy, love and compassion. These gifts, on the other hand, should not trigger a kind of lazy confidence but should invite even greater engagement, commitment and costly discipleship. God desires the whole person, all that I am.

Prayer

God of costly love, help us to take up the path of discipleship and respond to your Son's call by giving our whole selves to you and the Gospel. Amen.

K. O'Mahony OSA



CATHOLIC PAPERS SUMMARY

- Irish Catholic.** (1). David Quinn: The mixed legacy of the 60s Hippie Movement.
- (2). Chai Brady: Rebuilding a country's lost Faith.
- Tablet.** The Amazon Synod - Make room for the God of surprises.
- St. Martin Magazine.** The Vatican and the German Occupation.
- Messenger.** (1). Getting ready for school together
- (2) **Fr. Peter McVerry SJ: Unaffordable Housing**
- Catholic Voice.** Rooting our worry with trust in God's Providence.
- Catholic Herald.** Driving out the devil. -- Why exorcism is back with a vengeance!

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.

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.

