

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

Mathew O'Halloran, Beaumont Lawn
Finbarr Hayes, Post Office Avenue
Agnes O'Leary, Mahon Terrace.
Yvonne Whitley, Dundanion.
May the light of heaven surround them always.



Baptism

Javier Torres Sánchez

We welcome him into the Christian Family



Totus Tuus Pilgrimage to Fatima

September 5th to 12th. Flights from Cork. Day trips to Balasar, Valinhos/Aljustrel, Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem and St Anthony's birth place in Lisbon. Limited places. Spiritual Director: Fr Marius O'Reilly. Price €699 if booked before Feb 10th. Call Damien on 087 204 9048.

INVITATION TO OLA CONVENT TO MAKE ST BRIDGET'S CROSS

Traditionally in Ireland, on the night of the 31st January, people gathered to make the St Bridget's cross. This is traditionally the last day of Winter and the night before St Bridget's Day which is celebrated on the 1st February, the first day of Spring.



The Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles (OLA Sisters) invite you to join them to make together some St Bridget's crosses.

Date: Friday 31st January 2020
Time: 4 PM - 5.30 PM
Address: OLA Convent, Ardfoyle, Ballintemple



AUesome Autism Conference

Will take place in Rochestown Park Hotel on Sunday, 29th March 9am to 5pm. An educational opportunity for parents, educators, SNA's, carers, therapists and other professionals. Find out more about Autism Training on www.konfidentkidz.ie

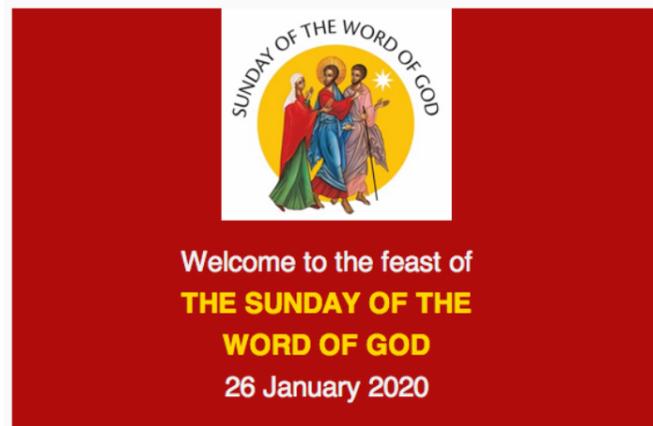
Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork

June 30th - July 7th 2020.
€725.00 pps (Half board in Hotel Leone, 2 mins from Church)
Spiritual Director Fr Sean Corkery.
Group Leader: Sean O'Shaughnessy.
€200.00 deposit secures place. Limited places.
Contact 086 2959380 or Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800.

2020 Parish Calendars are available on the tables in the church. Please take one.

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**



BLACKROCK ST PIO PRAYER GROUP

Next meeting of the Blackrock St Pio Prayer Group will take place on Wednesday 29th January 2020, Ardfoyle Convent, Blackrock. Rosary 19:45hrs, Mass 20:00hrs. All welcome. Anne O'Sullivan, Prayer Group Leader.

BLACKROCK VINCENT DE PAUL SATURDAY 1st FEBRUARY & SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2020

Free of charge Age Action Getting Started COMPUTER CLASSES FOR OVER 55s

Learning how to use a computer, phone or tablet could put you more in touch with your world, your friends and family, AND save you money! Our free of charge courses provide one-to-one tuition, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Classes coming up in South City Centre/South Parish/The Lough, Douglas/Mahon/Carrigaline. To enrol text or call 087 1956026, or email gettingstartedcork@ageaction.ie

Cork Alzheimer's Café

A safe place for people with Alzheimer's 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. January 31st - the next meeting.



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.

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



Parish Cafe

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.



Scoil Ursula
6pm. Vigil Mass on Sat 25th.
Beaumont Boys & Girls
Sunday 11.00am. Mass on 26th.

Some Reflection

1. Jesus moved to Capernaum to establish a home there, a home that would be secure and give him a base for his future ministry. Where have you found a secure base for your life and work?
2. "The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light" ... Jesus applies this to himself and his message. Who have been the Jesus people who have been a source of light to you? Have you been such a light for others?
3. "From that time Jesus began to proclaim..." This marks a turning point in the life of Jesus. From now on his mission was clear to him and he spoke out. Can you recall turning points in your life after which the future became more clear?
4. His message was a call to repentance, to a change of attitude toward God, from seeing God as one to be feared to seeing God as a God of love. When have you heard that call in your life? What was it like for you?
5. Jesus invited disciples to join him in his mission. What have been the occasions in your life when you have had an invitation to join someone in a great project? What was that like for you? Have you given that invitation to others?
6. In responding, the disciples "left their nets" to follow Jesus. Sometimes we have to disentangle ourselves from other things to give ourselves freely and wholeheartedly to a commitment. Have you experienced being "enmeshed" and being free?
7. In v. 23 we have a summary of the ministry of Jesus - "proclaiming the good news of the kingdom" and witnessing to this by teaching and healing. Who has been such a witness to you? What have been the signs that accompanied their witness? When have you done this yourself?

Anam Cara Cork

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on 5th February at 7:20pm in The Clayton Hotel, Cork City. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents.



WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic. (1) Fr. Bernard Cotter discusses funerals and First Communion preparation ceremonies taking place during Sunday Masses (2) First appointment of a woman to key position in Vatican Secretariat of State.

Tablet. (1) The Holocaust -- When the gates of hell opened -- by a survivor of Auschwitz. (2) Two Popes -- an unseemly ruckus in Rome.

Messenger. RE:LINK (resource for Religious studies) -- Lent: Origins and Current Practice.

Catholic Herald. (1) Bishop Robert Barron: 1917 and the breaking of Christian Europe (2) Letters -- the international community ignores Iraqi Christians.

If you would like to receive a weekly commentary on the Weekly Scripture Readings, both in AUDIO and in PDF, please log on to www.tarsus.ie and register to receive the emails.

Thought for the day

The heart of Jesus' proclamation is given in today's Gospel. As is often noted, the word "repent" is not the best translation of the original Greek and it would be better to use some other expression such as "convert." It really means a new way of looking at everything, a new mind or outlook. It may of course include being sorry about the past, but the real energy is towards the future: "convert and put your trust in the Good News." We could put it like this: from what are we called to conversion is important; more important is towards what are we being called?

Prayer

Open our hearts, loving Father, that we may know both healing and hope. Touch our inmost selves and bring us the wholeness we need. Plant in our hearts the vision of your reign that we be people of hope, faith and love.

K O'Mahony OSA

Today's Hymns

Entrance:

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
In ears that hear me Christ ever be.

Recessional:

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our lives be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

We invite you to take the Newsletter home and give it to someone who couldn't make our celebration of Eucharist.