



Mass Times

Vigil Saturday: 6pm

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am

Working Holy Days: 10 am & 7.30 pm

Monday to Saturday: 10 am



Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Remembrance Evening on **Wednesday, 5th June at 7:20pm** at the Lough, Cork, followed by Tea and Coffee in the Hawthorn. 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. Please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie or 085-2888888 to help us organise. Please note there are no Events in July or August.



BLACKROCK VINCENT DE PAUL
The June collection for SVP
will be on weekend 1st & 2nd June.

Our **Church Folk Group** are taking their Summer break from this weekend. We wish you all a sunny Summer, happy holidays and in particular, be safe. We'll be returning in September DV, when new members will be very welcome

Cork Simon Community

Himalaya Yoga Valley Centre are delighted to announce the return of one of Cork's most popular outdoor weekly events. Yoga in The Park kicks off again on Saturday 1st June 2019 in Fitzgerald's Park. Himalaya Yoga Valley Centre Cork will host this weekly donation yoga class every Saturday morning in aid of Cork Simon Community, to help fight homelessness through yoga from 10:00am-11:15am in front of the bandstand.



Monthly Holy Hour to pray for vocations: will be hosted by the Ursuline Sisters on Monday 27th May from 7pm to 8pm in the Ursuline Convent, Blackrock T12 X982 (access from Convent Road). Cup of tea to follow – all are welcome.

Cork Ecumenical Bible Week

Extends a warm welcome to everyone to join them on **Tuesday, 21st May** at Sacred Hearts Church, Monkstown with Rev Elaine Murray, **Wednesday, 22nd** St Joseph's Glanmire with Fr Ben Hegarty OP, **Thursday, 23rd** Old Schoolhouse, St Michael's, Blackrock with Dr Richard Scriven and **Sunday, 26th** Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road with Dr Jessie Rogers at 7:30 each evening. Donations welcome.

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY

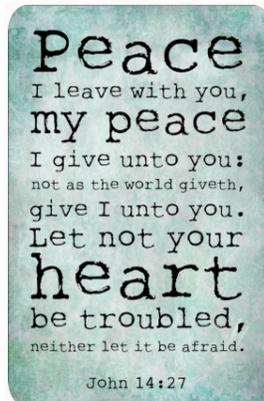
Annual Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday, 22nd June 2019. To book contact Greta Lynch at 021-4291409 or 086-3524336.



Reflections

Christ is risen! He is truly risen!

In the over-used cliché, we do live in a time of unprecedented upheaval: something big is going on as Christianity evolves to its next stage and it is really hard to know what is happening when you're right in the middle of it. What can we do? Apart from "be expectant," I would say two things: Continue to pray, to listen, to discern — what is being asked of me? How can I support and sustain the Gospel project? Continue to listen to what "the Spirit is saying to the churches." In the words of Teilhard de Chardin, "there is something wonderful afoot in the universe." It is not true that only the past is good — new contexts call for wholly new ways of being. In the words of Jesus, new wine, new wineskins!



None of this should leave us despondent. On the contrary! Earthquakes unleash energy and the Holy Spirit is in the aftershocks. Let's see what she's up to next!

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.

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. Friday-31st May- the next meeting.

Living with Loss Cork 2019: an information evening with keynote address by Dessie Fitzgerald (former Cork Hurler) on living with grief and loss – **Thursday 6th June from 6:30pm to 9:30pm** at the Clayton Hotel, Lapps Quay, Cork City. Organised by the Hospice Foundation in conjunction with local bereavement organisations.

BLACKROCK ST PIO PRAYER GROUP

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



All Ireland Rosary Rally, Knock Shrine, Co Mayo, Saturday 1st June 2019 from 2pm-5pm. Mass celebrated by Bishop John Fleming, homilist Fr Frank Fahey. Buses available locally; Damien (Cork - Blarney) on 087 204 9048 or Jerry (Cork City and surrounding areas) on 021 488 5443.

Reflections

1. Jesus seeks to reassure his followers in the face of his imminent death. Although he will be leaving them he promises them the gift of the Spirit. How have you been aware of the gift of the Spirit of God in your life?

2. Remember times of separation from a loved one through change of residence or other circumstances. How has the love between you been a support after the separation?

3. To his followers Jesus, promises 'we will come and make our home with them'. Our God is not a distant God but one who lives in us. What has helped you to be aware of the closeness of God to you?

4. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid'. When you have been anxious, who have been the Jesus people for you who were able to calm your anxiety. How did they do this? For whom have you been one who calmed anxiety?



CATHOLIC PAPERS SUMMARY

Irish Catholic (1) Letter from Rome - Catholic women divided over Pope's remarks on female deacons (see David Quinn also)

(2) The perils of being pro-life in college.

Messenger Fr. John Murray: Women of Faith - Venerable Edel Quinn.

Catholic Voice (1) Bad books, good books.

(2) How Perpetual Adoration is Transforming my Parish **St. Martin Magazine** How to make yourself happy when you have been hurt.

Tablet The Priestly Life (Part 1) - 'If that's what God calls you to do you can't say no'.

Catholic Herald (1) Ecumenism and Conversion

(2) The religion of football.

Catholic Universe (1) Pro-lifers consider future options after Scottish judges rule against them.

(2) Pope Francis prays for Spanish missionary murdered in Central African Republic.

Please support and read the Catholic press.

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.



SECOND COLLECTIONS this weekend 25th & 26th May, are for the World Meeting of Families.

St Michael's Church Choir

Our church choir are finishing today for the summer holidays.

We thank Jane and all the ladies for their wonderful enhancement of the Eucharist every Sunday at 11am Mass.

Enjoy the well earned break!



Thought for the day

There is a move afoot to replace church teaching on the just war with a more proactive doctrine of just peace. As Paul VI observed long ago, peace is much more than the absence of war. In a world riven by conflict, peace is a matter of discipleship and, at the personal level, a matter of deliberate choice even in the everyday conflicts of our ordinary lives. The prayer for peace goes well beyond praying for individualistic freedom from stress.

Prayer

O God, though the human race is divided by dissension and discord, yet we know that by testing us you change our hearts to prepare them for reconciliation. Even more, by your Spirit you move human hearts that enemies may speak to each other again, adversaries may join hands, and peoples seek to meet together.

Amen.

K. O'Mahony OSA

Today's Hymns

PLEASE JOIN WITH OUR CHOIR IN THE SINGING

Entrance: *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!"
Chorus

Recessional: *Queen of the May*

Bring flowers of the rarest,
Bring blossoms the fairest,
From garden and woodland and hillside and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale.

O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today.

Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.

O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,

Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.

Their lady they name thee, their mistress proclaim thee.

Oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true,

As long as the bowers are radiant with flowers

As long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.