



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

John O'Brien, Rockcliffe Village

May the light of heaven surround him always.



PYXES NEEDED

Our Parish is running short of Pyxes, which are used to carry the Blessed Eucharist to parishioners who may be unwell and housebound. If anybody has a pyx lying around unused, please return it to the Sacristy at your earliest convenience. Thank you.



SCOIL URSULA
BLACKROCK

OPEN DAY
31/01/2019 from 6 pm

Creche, Pre-school and Junior Infants
NOW ENROLLING!!!

T: 021 435 8476 W: scoilursula.scoilnet.ie E: sublackrock.ias@eircom.net

Anam Cara Cork the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on **Wednesday 6th February** at **7:20pm** in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc., please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tuesday 5th February or call the Information number on 085 2888 888.



SAMUEL PROGRAMME

Are you 18-35ish? Do you know what God is calling you to do with your life? Do you wish you could trust more when making life decisions? We will be starting a Samuel Programme for young adults on Sunday, 17th February in Clonakilty Parish Centre and a group in Cork city - due to demand! There will be a gathering once a month for 6 months. For more details or to book a place contact eavopost@gmail.com or call 0872209994.

Next meeting of the **Blackrock St Pio Prayer Group** will take place on Wednesday, 30th January, @ Ardfoyle Convent, Blackrock. Rosary 19:45hrs. Mass 20:00hrs. All welcome.

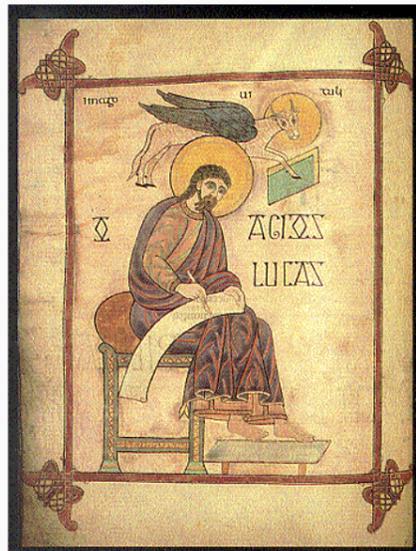


Luke

By *Malcolm Guite*

(This is partly a meditation on the traditional symbol of Luke, the ox)

His Gospel is itself a living creature,
A ground and glory round the throne of God,
Where earth and heaven breathe through human nature
And One upon the throne sees it is good.
Luke is the living pillar of our healing,
A lowly ox, the servant of the four,
We turn his page to find his face revealing
The wonder and the welcome of the poor.
He breathes good news to all who bear a burden,
Good news to all who turn and try again,
The meek rejoice and prodigals find pardon,
A lost thief reaches paradise through pain,
The voiceless find their voice in every word
And, with Our Lady, magnify our Lord.



The image left represents St Luke, with his symbol the ox. Lindisfarne Gospels (British Library) from the 7th century AD.



WEEKEND OF HEALING & INTERCESSION

You are most welcome to St Mary's Pope's Quay for a weekend of healing and intercession with Fr Pat Collins CM, author of the book Freedom from Evil Spirits. There will be a talk Friday 7:30 1st February, Vigil Mass & healing service 6pm 2nd February & Prayer & Preaching 4pm 3rd February. For enquiries give Courtney Holbrook a ring at 085 746 4802.

Ballinlough Men's Retirement Club

Meets every Wednesday afternoon, from 2:30 to 4:30pm in Ballinlough Community Centre. Enjoy a game of Short Mat Bowls (Bowls supplied by the club), in an atmosphere of fun and camaraderie or just drop in for a chat and a 'cuppa'. New members welcome. Contact Number: 085 1615360.

Croí na Gaeilge (Tel 085 1426903 after 6pm only)

Is holding a Leaving Certificate 2019 Honours Irish Oral/ Written 2-Day Exam Preparation Course on Sunday, February 17th & Sunday, March 10th, given by an experienced Oral Examiner/Teacher/exam corrector, covering sraithpictiúir, Gaeltacht phrases, poetry, prose, essays, comprehension & grammar. Peadar Ó Murchú.

Reflections

1. Jesus was filled with the Spirit and sent. He came bursting with a message to communicate. When have you had the experience of being enthused by something in that way? Who have been the people you met who had that kind of enthusiasm?

2. The message Jesus had was one of liberation and he told his listeners that it was being fulfilled even as they listened. When have you had a NOW moment of liberation? When has bible reading been an experience of liberation for you?

3. His message was addressed to those who were poor, oppressed, blind, or captives. Who are these today? In what ways have I been, or am I, among these? How has the message of Jesus been good news for you, freed you, given you new sight, or revealed God's favour to you?

PRAYER

Lord, God, whose compassion embraces all peoples, whose law is wisdom, freedom, and joy for the poor, fulfil in our midst your promise of favour, that we may receive the gospel of salvation with faith and, anointed by the Spirit, freely proclaim it.



CATHOLIC PAPERS SUMMARY

- Irish Catholic** (1) Bishop Fintan Monahan suggests that diversity can give us truly Catholic schools (2) Maria Steen: It is time for the Church to end its relationship with the State over schools (3) Muslim doctors may upset Government abortion plans
- St. Martin Magazine** The Blood of Martyrs
- Messenger** St. Bridid: Fact & Fiction
- Catholic Herald of 18/1** Not all women's religious orders are shrinking. Some are growing at an astounding rate/ What is the secret?
- Catholic Times of 18/1** (1) Challenge facing Nicaraguans heading to World Youth Day. (2) Catholics rail against Trump on border 'crisis' speech
- Tablet of 19/1** Eastern schism -- For whom does the great bell of Kiev toll?
- Tablet of 26/1** (1) Retreats & pilgrimages -- Befriending silence (2) The Tablet Interview: Cardinal Kevin Farrell; the Pope's Family Man

If you would like a detailed commentary on the Scripture Readings (audio and pdf) for each week of the year, please e mail kamahony1@me.com or visit www.tarsus.ie

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

DO THIS IN MEMORY PROGRAMME

Scoil Ursula 6pm. Mass on 26th. January.
Beaumont Schools 11.00am. Mass on 27th. January.

Thought for the day

One of the encouraging signs in today's church is the growing popularity of lectio divina, praying the Scriptures. This is best done with other people because it is so enriching as we benefit from the observations and questions of fellow pilgrims. It comes alive when I can say "today, this scripture has been fulfilled in my hearing."

Prayer

Lord, inspire me to read your Scriptures and to meditate upon them day and night. I beg you to give me real understanding of what I need, that I in turn may put its precepts into practice. Yet, I know that understanding and good intentions are worthless, unless rooted in your graceful love. So I ask that the words of Scripture may also be not just signs on a page, but channels of grace into my heart.

K. O'Mahony OSA

'When all the others were away at Mass'

When all the others were away at Mass
I was all hers as we peeled potatoes.
They broke the silence, let fall one by one
Like solder weeping off the soldering iron:
Cold comforts set between us, things to share
Gleaming in a bucket of clean water.
And again let fall. Little pleasant splashes
From each other's work would bring us to our senses.
So while the parish priest at her bedside
Went hammer and tongs at the prayers for the dying
And some were responding and some crying
I remembered her head bent towards my head,
Her breath in mine, our fluent dipping knives--
Never closer the whole rest of our lives.
Seamus Heaney

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.



Cork Alzheimers Café

Is 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 1.30-3.30 pm in St Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Road. Light refreshments provided free of charge. All welcome. Friday 25th January 2019. bettycogan@hotmail.com www.facebook.com/Cork-Alzheimer-Cafe-136469209819937/

