

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



Baptisms since reopening

04/07/2020 Callum James Archibald.
11/07/2020 Daire Liam Casey.
18/07/2020 Teidí Liam O'Regan.
18/07/2020 Katie Margaret Gibson.
25/07/2020 Laura Catherine McCarthy.
25/07/2020 Jamie Reid.

We welcome them into the Christian Family



Recently Deceased

Kevin Guerin. Blackrock Road.
Jeremiah Fitzgerald. Skehard Road.
May the light of heaven surround them always.



Recently Deceased during the Covid Lockdown

11/04/2020 Nora O'Regan. Meadowgrove Estate.
15/04/2020 Miriam O'Drisceoil. Beaumont Drive.
18/04/2020 Derry Hurlley. Clover Lawn.
20/04/2020 Patrick (Paddy) O'Donnell.
26/04/2020 Kathleen Lenihan. Dunlocha Cottages.
12/05/2020 Mary Foley. Meadowgrove Estate.
23/05/2020 Rita Champion. Ashleigh Drive.
09/06/2020 Mary McLaughlin. Barringtons Avenue.
13/06/2020 Jerome (Jerry) Walsh. Barringtons Avenue.
13/06/2020 Ursula McCarthy (nee O'Leary). Military Hill.
20/06/2020 Pat Hannigan. Marian Park.
23/06/2020 Breda Cronin. Dunlocha Cottages.
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FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

Friday 7th. August following morning Mass until 4pm when there will be Rosary and Benediction.
There are sheets on the tables in the Church where parishioners can indicate the times most suitable for them to be present. If there could be 2 people in the Church at each period it would be great. If there are vacant times then volunteers could fill these times on the list.
Please observe social distance guidelines.
THANK YOU.

When you use the newsletter, please take it home with you. DO NOT RETURN IT TO THE TABLE

CHURCH SANITISING

Our Church is completely and thoroughly sanitised on a regular basis using a fogger.
We are looking for volunteers to assist with this. It takes 30 mins to sanitise the church and all training instructions will be given. Please contact any one of the stewards if you are willing to help. *Thank you.*

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



Welcome to the celebration of Sunday Mass

To maximise the number of people that can join us for the celebration of Mass, we have made a number of changes to both the church, and to how we celebrate Mass, so that we comply with HSE guidelines and keep everyone safe.

- We have designated the back and front as two separate sections which has allowed us increase the numbers in the church to 100. It is **critical** that people do not move between these 2 sections.
- As you enter and exit the church, can you please use the hand sanitiser and wear a mask if possible.
- We have reduced the number of pews in the church so that there is now a metre between each row with every second row being utilised. We have placed **yellow spots** to highlight where people should sit.
- These are spaced a minimum of 2 metres apart and it is required you sit on these spots.
- Unfortunately, if there are no yellow spots available, it indicates that the church has reached the maximum allowed capacity.
- We will continue to stand for the "Gospel" and "Our Father". We ask that you **do not kneel-down** at anytime as it compromises the distance between people.
- We also ask that the congregation not to join in the singing, as it facilitates the spreading of droplets.
- There will be no sign of peace.
- The collection will be taken at the doors as you enter/exit the church and your support is very much appreciated.

Distribution of communion:

- Ministers of the Eucharist will be positioned at the top and centre of the church. The Ministers will wear face masks and we ask that you maintain 2 metres distance in the line.
- We ask that you come up the centre aisle and down the side aisles.
- Those seated in the centre seats should come for communion first (via the centre aisle) starting from the back row and then in sequence with the top row last.
- Once the centre seats are finished, those in the side seats should come up (via the centre aisle), starting with the front rows and then in sequence, with the bottom row last.

Exiting the church:

- **Back Section:**
 - o Side seats to Exit first – followed by centre seats.
 - o 2 doors will be open.
- **Front section – use side door - Exit as follows:**
 - o Left Row (nearest exit)
 - o Left Centre
 - o Right Centre
 - o Right Row.

Many thanks for your help and we hope you all keep well.

Some inspiration

from Malcolm Guite

Where to get bread? An ever-pressing question
That trembles on the lips of anxious mothers,
Bread for their families, bread for all these others;
A whole world on the margin of exhaustion.
And where that hunger has been satisfied
Where to get bread? The question still returns
In our abundance something starves and yearns
We crave fulfillment, crave and are denied.
And then comes One who speaks into our needs
Who opens out the secret hopes we cherish
Whose presence calls our hidden hearts to flourish
Whose words unfold in us like living seeds

*"Come to me, broken, hungry, incomplete,
I Am the Bread of Life, break Me and eat."*

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Support and read the religious press.

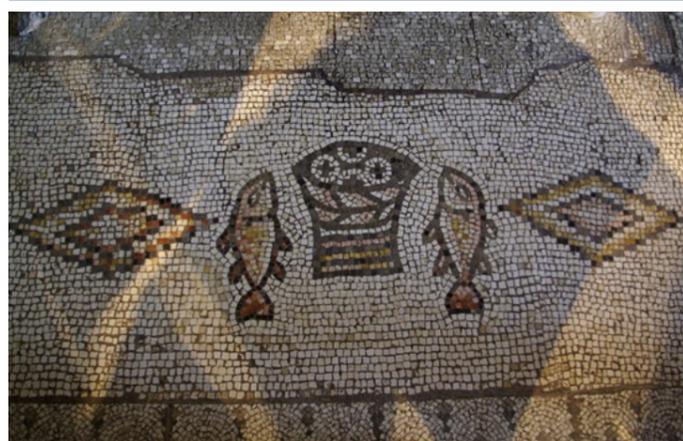
Many thanks to those of you who have supported the Catholic press regularly over the years. It is difficult for the print media to survive but especially the religious press. We appeal to those who don't normally buy a paper/magazine to sample our selection over a few weeks. You will surely find one to suit you.

Catholic Herald: (1). What we can learn from Edel Quinn. (2) Ian Paisley Jr., M.P.-- I am not a Catholic but (3) Without the Church Croatia would not have survived communist rule with its national identity intact.

Catholic Voice. (1) Islamic event in Croke Park. (2) The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady.

Irish Catholic: (1). Priority One for Helen McEntee: Abolishing oaths on the Bible. (2) Mary Kenny: The euthanasia lobby is weakened by events.

Universe/Catholic Times: Journey in Faith -- Where to now? The post-contagion Church. (2) Papal Nuncio backs plans to rebury babies found in Tuam mass grave. (3) Vatican Letter -- Sainly caution: Church's reputation on the line when judging sanctity.



Tabgha: Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves

Thought for the day

In the Gospels, "compassion" is used in a way which is restricted and instructive. Compassion is used only of Jesus himself or of God in some of the parables. The word itself means something like mercy, arising from deep within, a kind of spontaneous empathy and understanding, the kind of reaction a woman has for the child of her womb. When people are compassionate to us, it is because we need it and usually we are deeply touched and grateful. Such is our God! If we receive such compassion, we are obliged to give it in return, of course. This is the charter of Christian living.

Prayer

God, all merciful and all compassionate, help us to be like you that we may console others with the same consolation with which we ourselves has been consoled.

Some Reflection....

If you have been to the Holy Land, you will almost certainly have been in the church of the Multiplication of the Loaves in Tabgha. The church itself is new but the mosaics are old, going back to the Byzantine period. When there, I like to tease pilgrims by asking them why there are only four loaves in the basket, while the number of fish is accurate. The fifth loaf is not in the mosaic but on the altar — to symbolise that all taking part in the Eucharist share in anticipation in the end-time banquet symbolised by the miracle. The gospel is not really about the past but about the present moment. For a fuller exploration of this and its potential for today you might think of looking at the Gospel exploration on YouTube. The awkward question of what "really happened" is, as always, a good one!

Some Thoughts....

1. The news of the death of John the Baptist prompted Jesus to go off to be alone, but the crowds followed him. Despite his personal sorrow he was able to reach out in compassion to the crowd. Perhaps there have been times when you have put personal preferences and desires to one side in order to reach out to another. What was it like for you when you were able to do this?
2. When Jesus saw the crowd, he recognised their need and reached out to them. Who has been a Jesus person for you, someone who recognised your need and reached out to you? For whom have you been a Jesus person?
3. The scene is a Eucharistic symbol reminding us of the sacred meal to which all believers are invited to receive nourishment from the Lord. How has the Eucharist been a source of nourishment for you?
4. When the disciples became aware of the problem they wanted to send the crowd away but Jesus told them "You give them something to eat". They thought what they had was insufficient but Jesus used the little they had to feed the crowd. When we give the little we have to a situation the results are often beyond our expectations. Have you had this experience?
5. "Lord, it is an extraordinary thing: if we complain about the little we have, we never have enough; but if we take what we have, raise our eyes to heaven, and say the blessing over it, we have as much as we want, and even twelve baskets of scraps of leftovers." *Michel de Verteuil*

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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**