

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

Ann Butler, Clontarf

Peter Hyde, McGrath Park

May the light of heaven surround them always.



Baptism

Caoimhe Mary Hogan

Fionn Anthony Coleman

Nico Luis Hitchcock Martins

We welcome them into the Christian Family



FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

On Friday 7th February following morning Mass. Rosary & Benediction at 5.00pm. There are sheets on the tables in the church where parishioners can indicate the times most suitable for them to be present. We would like that there would be 2 people present for each period. If there are vacant periods, we would appreciate volunteers to fill these times by putting their names on the list. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTIONS NEXT WEEKEND

8th & 9th FEBRUARY

This Special Collection will be for the Lourdes Invalid Fund.

Alzheimer Society of Ireland Cork Branch, Saturday Club

On Saturday 8 February 2020 at Bessboro Day Care Centre. From 2pm until 4pm. We are delighted to invite you to join us in the musical company of Gerry Tuohy. Light refreshments provided. Free Admission. All Welcome. For further information contact 021-4972504.



Ageing Well- HSE Occupational Therapy Programme

(Feb 2020 in local area)

The ageing well programme is a health promotion programme for older adults and looks at how best to address some of the effects of ageing. Facilitated by Occupational Therapists in your local area. The course can help with topics such as: How our activities can roles change as we age. Link between activity our physical and mental well-being. Sleep, memory, overcoming loneliness, falls education. This is a free course for over 60's and to be run in the Spring time in a community venue TBC. Please call 021 4923194 to book your free place. www.hse.ie/ageingwellcork

BLACKROCK COMMUNITY CENTRE AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Blackrock Community Association will take place at the Community Centre, Convent Road on MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2020 @11:30AM. We invite all members to attend.

AUSome 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

Candlemas

by Malcolm Guite

They came, as called, according to the Law.
Though they were poor and had to keep things simple,
They moved in grace, in quietness, in awe,
For God was coming with them to His temple.
Amidst the outer court's commercial bustle
They'd waited hours, enduring shouts and shoves,
Buyers and sellers, sensing one more hustle,
Had made a killing on the two young doves.

They come at last with us to Candlemas
And keep the day the prophecies came true
We glimpse with them, amidst our busyness,
The peace that Simeon and Anna knew.

For Candlemas still keeps His kindled light,
Against the dark our Saviour's face is bright.

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

Our free of charge courses provide one-to-one tuition, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Venue: Quest Software, Mahon 11-12:30 Wed AM for 7 weeks end Feb. Text or call 087 1956026, 086 0081484 or email gettingstartedcork@ageaction.ie or sign up here: <https://www.ageaction.ie/how-we-can-help/getting-started-computer-training/sign-up>

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



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



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.

Diocese of Cork and Ross

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 12th - 15th June 2020

5 nights Full Board from €759. Direct flights from Cork.

Young adult helpers, 18-25, required to assist.

Contact Joe Walsh Tours 021 727 7959

More details on the poster in the porch.

Some Reflection

1. It was a day that started without any expectation of something unusual. It turned out to be a day with a meeting they would remember for a long time. Perhaps you have had significant meetings on what you expected to be just an ordinary day?
2. Simeon gave thanks because his eyes saw the salvation God had prepared. In what ways have you experienced God's salvation in your life: an experience of being loved, or discovering a sense of purpose in life, or being touched by the wonders of creation? Give thanks for those memories.
3. Simeon also acknowledged that not all would accept the light that would shine through Jesus, and this rejection would be a cause of pain to Mary. It can be a source of pain to parents, teachers, church ministers, and all who work for others when some reject values, projects, advice which would be for their good. Even within ourselves we can be aware of division, at times being open to the light of God and at other times resisting it. Have you known the pain of that struggle? What has helped you to keep seeking the light of God in your life?
4. The final sentence speaks of Jesus as one who grew and became strong and was filled with wisdom. Recall times when you had a sense of growing up in some way. What brought that about? Think also of how you have seen growth in another person.

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) Kobe Bryant at 7 a.m. Sunday Mass hours before his death.

(2) Catholics must carefully reflect and vote for the common good, writes Bishop Kevin Doran.

(3) Archbishop Eamonn Martin: Seamus Mallon was a statesman and a faithful worker for the Kingdom of God
Catholic Voice (1) Faith Matters -- Seeing Jesus in the Sick and Elderly.

(2) Cardinal Burke at March for Life Mass: Remain faithful soldiers of Christ. Never give way to discouragement.

Messenger RE-LINK (Resource for Religious Studies) -- Lent: Origins and Current Practice

Catholic Herald (1) Matthew Ward: Beethoven's challenge to secularism -- try listening to his Missa Solemnis

(2) Mary Kenny: The doctors who helped produce Auschwitz

South Parish Historical Society

Monthly Meeting takes place on Wednesday, 5th February 2020 at 7:30pm in St John's College, Sawmill Street, Cork. John Mulcahy will talk on Jailbreak: The Rescue of Donncadh MacNelis from Cork Prison 1918. All Welcome. €5 fee to non-members.

Thought for the day

Our Gospel today describes two very old people—Simeon and Anna—who are very attractive in their old age. They have lived prayerful lives of faith and, in particular, of hope and expectation. Being wise, they are people of discernment and they recognise the moment of grace, the coming of the Messiah. Wouldn't it be wonderful to be like them in old age? The secret is to be now what we hope to be then. If we wish to be serene, wise, discerning, full of faith—then now is the time: As St Paul says: "See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!" (2 Cor 6:2)

Prayer

Abba, Father, God of all time, you call us to become your children. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may live our faith serenely in the present moment and give us grace to recognise the time of your appearing.

K O'Mahony OSA

Today's Hymns

Entrance:

A New Hymn of Praise

A new hymn of praise let us sing to the Lord, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. This is the day the Lord has made:

Ransom for sin his life he gave.

2. Bringing him gifts of bread and wine,

We receive back, his life divine.

Recessional:

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!"



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