

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

Betty Brohan, Gate Lodge

May the light of heaven surround her always.



St. Michael's Wall of Prayer will give people the opportunity to express their faith and to be inspired by the faith of others. You can place your prayer on the Wall of Prayer using the cards provided. Each card has adhesive on the back which will easily stick to the board. Everyone is invited to view and read the Wall of Prayer.

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR FULL NAME OR GIVE SPECIFIC DETAILED CIRCUMSTANCES

Mindfulness Meditation

Commencing on Thursday 2nd May @ Northridge House, St Luke's Home. This course will provide you with the basics needed to begin living your life more in the here and now. It will help you to train in maintaining a steadiness in life even while there is turbulence around you. The stability of mind results in an inner peace. CD's and Hand-outs are provided. Places are limited – for further information or to book a place chat to Claire in Northridge House or call 021-4536551 email claire.coakley@stlukeshome.ie

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

On Friday 5th. April (in the Church) following morning Mass. Rosary and Benediction at 7.00pm.

There are time sheets in the Church if you would like a specific time which makes it easier for other parishioners to cover other available times.

LOURDES. Cork & Ross Pilgrimage 2019.

10 – 15 JUNE - 5 nights

Full Board Accommodation.

Booking Forms Available for the Pilgrim Section from

Joe Walsh Tours. 117 Patrick Street, Cork. Tel (021) 4277959



Enquiries for Special Sick/Assisted Section to: The Pilgrimage Director. V. Rev. Canon James O'Donovan. Parochial House, Ballinlough, Cork. Tel. (021) 4292296

YOUNG ADULT HELPERS TO LOURDES: the diocesan pilgrimage is seeking young adults (18-25) to join the pilgrimage to Lourdes from 10th to 15th June to assist with the care of the sick who travel to Lourdes. Please contact Fr Charlie Kiely on 021 4537474 or at pdo@corkandross.org for information and to request an application form.

Some Inspiration

Lost Son

(by Malcolm Guite)

We miss the light, we lose ourselves in lies,
We never reach the heart of anything,
Unless we turn to meet His searching eyes,
Who meets us in the midst of everything.

Rockies O/60s Talent Competition

The Blackrock heat of the O/60s Talent Competition will take place at the Rockies Pavilion, Church Road, Blackrock, on Wednesday, April 3rd @ 8pm and entries are still being accepted for this great annual event. So, if you can sing, dance, play an instrument or tell a story, why not sign up and compete on the night.

Just ring 021-4358043 and Terry will take your details.



PARISH CONFIRMATIONS:

Will take place on Tuesday 2nd. April at 10.30am. Morning Mass on that day will be at 9.30am

East Cork Choral Society are 40 years old this year. They have chosen to perform *Bach's St Matthew Passion* as part of their celebrations. The powerful music uses three choirs and double orchestra and is one of the most moving ways of hearing the Passion story. The performance is on Saturday April 13th in St Patrick's Church, Lower Glanmire Road at 8pm. The Choral Society will be joined by the Seafeld Singers from Dublin, St Patrick's Church Choir, East Cork Orchestra, soloists, Elizabeth Hilliard, Dominica Williams, Adrian Thompson and Cork's own Eoghan Desmond and with Colin Nicholls completing 36 years as conductor. Tickets, €20, are available from Pro Musica, the Sacristy at St. Patrick's and Society members.

Reflections

1. Like many a parable, this story makes its point in what seems to be unfair: the spendthrift son is rewarded and the elder son is hurt and angry. Jesus is telling us that love is a free gift, not something we earn by our goodness. This is true of human love, and is also true of God's love. When have you experienced this truth in the love you have received from others? When has the experience of human love prompted you to reflect on God's love for you?

2. After some time the younger son "came to himself" and returned home. Where and when have you experienced a homecoming after a time of exile and alienation? What helped you to come to yourself and make that journey home?

3. The older son resented the welcome given to the younger son after his wandering and dissolute life. This contrasts with the welcome the father gave the younger son. Perhaps you have experienced these differing attitudes in yourself. What were they like for you? Where was there life for you or for others?



CATHOLIC PAPERS SUMMARY

Catholic Times (1) The fragile world of soul in silent grace of dementia (2) The trust of many of Germany's Catholics in the Church is deeply shaken (3) Fr. Marsden: Wandering sheep risk being deceived by false teachings

Irish Catholic (2) Two million turn out for Argentine pro-life march. (2) Nuala O'Loan: Brexit calls for cool heads and prayer to offer hope for future generations

Messenger Looking Ahead -- Our Church, Part 1

Catholic Herald (1) Mary Kenny writes about the European flag and its connection with the Miraculous Medal. (2) Cardinal Pell's conviction has unleashed a hail of anti-Catholic abuse across Australia

Catholic Voice (1) Devotion for the month of April -- The Blessed Sacrament. (2) Scottish pro-life students win free speech victory against hostile university

Universe (1) The meaning of contemplation -- and why it is the lifeblood of the Church. (2) Irish Church plans to strength seminarian links to communities

Tablet (1) Pope Francis in Morocco -- A pathway to freedom (2) John Milbank roots the global crisis in Europe's retreat from Christianity

A FUN QUIZ will be held in the Crawford & Co. (formerly known as the Market Tavern), Copley Street / Anglesea Street on Friday 5th April 2019 at 8pm. This quiz is being organised by a group called **Cork Circle of Friends**. €20 per table of 4. Raffle on the night - fantastic prizes. Food served on the night. This year the nominated Charity is Enable Ireland Adult Services, who need to purchase a whole new fleet of buses as their fleet is getting on in years.

Thought for the day

Both sons have misconstrued the relationship with their father. The older son wants to relate on a basis of servile loyalty (allegorically, the Law). The younger son, on his return, wishes to relate on the basis of confession of sin and desires to be treated as a slave. The father rejects both projections. Servile loyalty and guilt are not unknown in the Christian tradition!

Prayer

Abba, Father, show us your compassion and let us know your love. Amen.

K. O'Mahony OSA

Today's Hymns

PLEASE JOIN WITH OUR CHOIR IN THE SINGING

Entrance

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed
Thro' many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

Recessional

The Lourdes Ave/

The Bells of the Angelus
The bells of the an-ge-lus call us to pray
In sweet tones announcing the sacred Ave.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria;
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.
An angel of mercy led Bernadette's feet
Where flows the deep torrent, our Lady to greet.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that

supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Wednesday 3rd April at 7:20pm in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork. 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.



Blackrock Community Association have a trip to Griffins Garden Centre on Thursday 16th May. Bus leaves Blackrock Hurling Club at 11:30am. Cost €20 inc. lunch. Names & payment please, being taken - up to 10th April.