



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

Margaret O'Neill, Rockcliffe

May the light of heaven surround her always.



A Message from Canon Kieran

Thanks to everyone for all the good wishes and your ongoing support as I continue my cancer journey.

Knowing that the Parish is in good hands with Canon Tadhg, the Parish Assembly, the Parishioners, Teachers and the schools, along with the neighbouring Priests co-operating together, is a great source of strength and comfort to me.

I know you will continue to pray for me, as you are all in my thoughts and prayers every day.

God Bless,
Canon Kieran

SECOND COLLECTION 9TH & 10TH FEBRUARY.
Is for LOURDES INVALID FUND.

BLACKROCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AGM

The 2019 AGM will take place on Wednesday, 6th February 2019 @ 7:30pm at the Centre. We look forward to your support on the night.

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 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.

Faith Encounters in the Gospels – three sessions – Tuesdays 12th, 19th & 26th February. Coffee from 10:30am, session from 11:00am to 12:15pm at the Pastoral Development Office, Ballyphehane – facilitated by Sr Karen. Reserve your place on 021 4537601.

MORNING REFLECTION FOR CARERS

1. The Anchorage Institute is offering a **Morning Reflection for Carers**, which involves a morning of supporting people in a Care Relationship. Dates for this even are 12th February, 12th March & 9th April 2018, from 10:30am to 12pm.
2. **Soul Enrichment Course**, learning to listen with the heart, which will take place over 5 Saturdays, 10am – 4pm from March to July 2019. Both events are offered in Northridge House Education & Research Centre, St Luke's Home, Castle road, Mahon. Contact Vincent O'Grady at 0871679586.

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 OPEN NIGHT

Due to the recent adverse weather conditions, the Open Night for Scoil Ursula will now take place on **7th February 2019 from 6.00pm**

BLACKROCK VINCENT DE PAUL
The February collection for SVP
will be on the 2nd & 3rd 2019.

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

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.

Vacancy for Receptionist/Secretary Cork and Ross Pastoral Development Office, Ballyphehane - Must be eligible for CE scheme – 19.5 hours per week. Details contact Nellie Crowley on 021 4345583 or Fr Charlie 021 4537474. Please send CV and cover letter to southsidetdl@eircom.net

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. The people of Nazareth could not accept that this local boy was one to teach them. It can be difficult for us to see those close to us as people through whom God is going to reveal some truth to us. Yet what a difference when we drop our prejudices and are open to what is being said. Perhaps you have experienced this?
2. The anger of the people arose when Jesus confronted them with God's inclusive ways. God was 'their God' and God's blessings were for them. Jesus reminded them that this is not God's way. When have you been challenged to think in new ways and not to be excluding some people from your thoughts or concerns? Was there good news for you in the challenge?
3. Jesus continued his work despite the opposition. Have there been times when despite opposition you have been able to 'walk through the people' and 'continue on your way'? Have you seen this courage in others?

PRAYER

God of salvation, in your Prophet, Jesus the Christ, you announce freedom and summon us to conversion. As we marvel at the grace and power of your word, enlighten us to see the beauty of the gospel and strengthen us to embrace its demands.
Grant this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



CATHOLIC PAPERS SUMMARY

Messenger Adult & Children's Crosswords
Catholic Herald of 25/1 St. Bernadette and the saving of a soul
Catholic Herald of 1/2 The most over-looked story of the week - Archbishop of Canterbury says 'I don't mind Anglicans becoming Catholic.'
Universe of 25/1 Final Judgement won't expose your sins. just show you the world as God sees it
Universe of 1/2 Pope urges world's youth to embrace the 'dream of Jesus'
Catholic Times of 25/1 Fr. Marsden: Handing on the deposit of faith to future generations'
Catholic Times of 1/2 Pope reflects on the use of social media as a resource for good
Irish Catholic (1) Homelessness Supplement includes 'Support from Cork Simon can transform lives'
(2) Today's young people follow the crowd as much as their predecessors did, writes David Quinn
Tablet The social teaching of Pope St. John Paul II; Capitalism's trenchant critic.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY.

Monthly meeting will be held on Monday 11th. Febuary in the Parish Centre at 10.35am.
NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME.

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

Thought for the day

Probably all of us have experience of "small town Ireland" (or wherever). The limited set of expectations limits what we can see and recognise in others. It may even be that we are both victims and perpetrators! Familiarity does not always breed esteem. This is even true in the faith: we can be so "familiar" with it all that any sense of energy or newness has long since dissipated. And yet, we should allow ourselves to be surprised by the God of surprises: "See, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:5) This newness of the Gospel is more radical than mere novelty: it is a new creation in Christ. New wine, new wineskins!

Prayer

God of the new, help us shake off the shackles of familiarity and come once more with open hearts and lives to hear again your prophet Jesus. Amen.

K. O'Mahony OSA

Today's Hymns

PLEASE JOIN WITH OUR CHOIR IN THE SINGING

Entrance

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my heart.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
In ears that hear me Christ ever be.

Recessional

Hail Queen of heav'n the ocean star,
Guide of the wand'rer here below:
Thrown on life's surge,
We claim thy care:
Save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, star of the sea,
Pray for the wand'rer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste and spotless maid,
We sinners make our prayers through thee:
Remind thy Son that he has paid
The price for our iniquity.
Virgin most pure, star of the sea,
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.