



Mass Times

Vigil Saturday: 6pm

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am

Working Holy Days: 10 am & 7.30 pm

Monday to Saturday: 10 am



Baptisms

Charlie Roy Downey.
Luke Denis O'Sullivan.
Grace Christina Lyn Willis.
Oscar Thomas Shane Willis.



We welcome them into the Christian Family

Unfolding the Word

4 Thursdays of March from 7:30pm to 9pm, beginning on March 7th in the church meeting room, Holy Cross Church, Mahon. A chance to read, discuss and share on St Luke's Gospel in an informal friendly atmosphere. All welcome to join us for the discussion and the cup of tea afterwards.

Coláiste Íde, Dingle,

(The only All Irish Boarding School for Girls in the country).
Open day, March 9th 2019. 13:00 - 16:00.

PYXES STILL NEEDED

Our Parish is 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.

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

HANDING ON THE FAITH – TALK AND WORKSHOP – SATURDAY 9th MARCH

from 10:00am to 1:00pm at **St Michael's Blackrock Parish Centre, Cork.** Keynote address will be given by Dr Dan O'Connell from Mary Immaculate College, Limerick who is a parent, parishioner and professional educator. He will address us on the theme and this will be followed by a workshop on *HOW TO USE THE YOUCAT SERIES* in your parish, home, school as tools for handing on the faith. Open to all – parents, parishioners, teachers, clergy, religious. Contribution €5 per person to include workshop handbook. To reserve a place contact 021-4537474 or email pdo@corkandross.org

Exciting Courses for Mature Adults at Coláiste Stiofáin Naofa

Open to everyone at CSN College of further education, Tramore Road. Open Day on Tuesday, 5th March 2019, 2 to 5pm. Art, Drama, Horticulture and much more.... CSN recently received an award for Best Further Education Provider 2019 www.educationawards.ie/

If you would like a detailed commentary on the Scripture Readings (audio and pdf) for each week of the year, please e mail komahony1@me.com or visit www.tarsus.ie

Some Inspiration

The resounding message of the victory of Christ over death needs to be proclaimed again and again. The reduction the Gospel to ethics is widespread but false. Our proclamation is not "good advice" but precisely good news! Alleluia!

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Get-together

All Volunteers are invited to attend a social gathering to be held on **Monday, 4th March at 14:30** in the Parish Centre. Refreshments will be provided. Hope as many as possible can attend. Thank you all.

Healing Weekend

A Weekend of Praise Worship and Healing in the Rochestown Park Hotel, Douglas, Cork on Saturday & Sunday March 9th & 10th 2019. Holy Mass and Confessions on both days. Speakers include Maria Vadia Florida, Fr John Keane Macroom, Fr Tony Emeka Nigeria, Canon Michael Fitzgerald Mitchelstown, Mir Music Ministry. Commencing 9am both days. Admission is free. Enquiries to 087 2405568, 086 1602201.

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

LOURDES 2019: YOUNG ADULT HELPERS

The Diocese of Cork & Ross invites young adults 18-25 to join the pilgrimage to Lourdes as helpers from 10th to 15th June. As helpers you will assist with the sick and be involved in the full pilgrimage programme – time for prayer, sharing in the story of Lourdes and making new friends. Limited number of places – for further details contact Fr Charlie Kiely on 021 4537474.

Cork Simon's Coffee Morning is back and we need your help. Organise a coffee morning during March in your workplace, school or home and help fight homelessness in Cork. Don't like coffee – no worries organise an Afternoon Tea instead. We have everything you need to help you organise your gathering. Please contact Margaret O'Sullivan, Community Partnerships Officer at 021 4929415 to receive your pack.



Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Wednesday 6th March 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.



Reflections

1. Can you remember an occasion when you were giving out about the behaviour of another person, and later realised you had some of the same fault yourself? Was that a wake-up call for you? Jesus tells us it is more constructive to correct our own faults, than complain about the faults of others.

2. If we want to help other people we need to have our feet on the ground, with a realistic awareness of our gifts and our limitations. Otherwise we will be impractical, like the blind leading the blind. What has helped you to be realistic about what you can and cannot do?

3. "No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit." This parable invites us to examine the motivation behind what we do. If our basic motivation is love, then our lives will bear good fruit. If love is absent from our lives then the fruits will be conflict, disharmony and abuse of people for our own selfish ends.



CATHOLIC PAPERS SUMMARY

- Messenger** Women of Faith: Nano Nagle
- Catholic Times:** (1) Fr. Timothy Ratcliffe -- After crisis Church will grow anew (2) It's time for us all to re-engage with the Lenten season
- Irish Catholic** As a decisive step towards a unified approach to the cancer of abuse, Rome's unprecedented summit is a step forward, but the proof will be in the detail, writes Michael Kelly
- Universe** The Church: a reality that is flawed but divinely made
- Catholic Voice** (1) Advice to Catholic Parents on the Sex Education Bill (2) Saints and their attributes: St. Thomas Aquinas
- Catholic Herald** (1) The secular world: a survival guide (2) Fr. Raymond de Souza -- Will the Vatican abuse finally lead to concrete actions and enduring reforms?

Alzheimer Society of Ireland Cork Branch, Saturday Club will take place on Saturday 9th March 2019 at Bessboro Day Care Centre, from 2pm until 4pm. We are delighted invite you to join us in the company of the Gerry Tuohy for live music. Light refreshments provided. Free Admission. All Welcome. For further information contact 021 4972504.

Thought for the day

For many, it is seemingly possible to sleep-walk through life, to live on an entirely sentient level. Perhaps our current culture of distraction supports such superficial so-called living. Many, however, are dissatisfied and long for an awakening, a conversion, a transformation, for something more. Such a hunger of the heart is acknowledged in many religions and philosophies — Jesus' teaching here could just as easily be on the lips of the Gautama Buddha. The difference for Christians is the grace of God in Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Ultimately, it is all grace, grace upon grace as the Prologue of John puts it.

Prayer

God of all our awakenings, we know that the journey inward is the journey home. Keep our hearts restless until we come to rest in you. 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.

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