

Mass Times

Vigil Saturday: 6pm

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am

Working Holy Days: 10 am & 7.30 pm

Monday to Saturday: 10 am



PRIEST'S CHAIR

There are three items of Liturgical Furniture appropriate in the Sanctuary for the celebration of Mass. These are the Altar, the Ambo (Pulpit) and the Priest's chair. In the past there has not been a proper Priest's Chair but we have recently rectified this situation. The history behind it is as follows: an Irish Yew tree fell in Ballyhooly in 2005 and this tree was estimated to have been some 190 years old. Irish Yews are usually found in Churchyards and Graveyards. A number of planks were cut from that tree and were used to make this chair, making it over 200 years old. Barry Curtin, an accomplished woodwork teacher from Watergrasshill made the Chair from that timber and we thank him for his skill and expertise in bringing this project to fruition

Holy Hour to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life - Thursday 11th April from 7pm to 8pm at the Presentation Brothers house, Maiville, Turner's Cross. All welcome - cup of tea to follow.

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

BLACKROCK VINCENT DE PAUL
The April collection for SVP will be on the 6th & 7th 2019.

EASTER DUES.

Dues envelopes are ready for collection in the Sacristy. Thanks to those parishioners who deliver them on our behalf, it is very much appreciated.

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

The story of the woman caught committing adultery is one of Gospel scenes which has lodged in the common memory. It is easy to see why: the horror of the stoning is matched only by the radiance of Jesus' compassion.

It can happen that popular names for biblical stories mislead. For instance, the key thing about "doubting Thomas" is his extraordinary confession of faith, "My Lord and my God." Something similar happens here: the climax of the story is not the accusation of "the woman caught in adultery" but the free grace of forgiveness. Perhaps we identify more easily with the failure (doubting, sinning) than with the gift...

The severity of the early church towards sinners, especially adulterers, may have led to the neglect of this story (it is not in the earliest and best manuscripts). It is, therefore, interesting that story is first mentioned in the *Didascalia*, in the context of a bishop admonishing bishops to be merciful as our Lord was!

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Fr. Billy Greene, S.P.S. (Kiltegan) on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination on Saturday 6th. April, 2019. Fr. Billy and Fr. Jimmy Kelleher, S.P.S. offer our weekday Masses while Fr. Kieran is unwell. We very much appreciate their good work at this time along with those priests from the African Missions and Redemptorists. May God reward them all.

Cork Autism Conference 2019

Autism: No Limits, Just Possibilities, Sunday September 22nd Silversprings Hotel, Tivoli, Cork. The conference provides a unique forum for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Autistic Adults, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in Autism. All are welcome. More info here: www.bookwhen.com/autismcork or call 089-239 8900.

Guides and Scouts of Europe - Ireland, the new Catholic scouting organisation that has been organised in recent months in the diocese of Cork and Ross, welcomes applications from aspiring male and female members for its wolfcub, scouts and guides branches. It is also keen to recruit troop chiefs (again, male or female) in the age ranges 21-35. Prior scouting experience welcome but not essential as training is provided. For further details please contact aristote@gmail.com.

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. Compassion for human frailty combined with a gentle challenge to a better life marked the response of Jesus. From whom have you experienced a compassionate challenge? What was that like for you? To whom have you given such a challenge?

2. The Pharisees and scribes self-righteously condemned the woman until Jesus brought them in touch with their own sinfulness. This was a conversion moment for them and they turned away from their quest for the death of the woman. Have there been times when your awareness of your own fragility and sinfulness has helped you to be less judgemental of others?

3. "What do you say?" can be an embarrassing question. Jesus had the courage to voice an opinion, even though it was against the party line of the day. When you have seen that courage shown - by yourself, or by another? What was the result?



CATHOLIC PAPERS SUMMARY

Irish Catholic (1) Martin Mansergh says that 'in the context of long-term Irish unity, Commonwealth membership is not to be dismissed out of hand' (2) Listen to young voices or become a museum, Pope warns Church

Messenger Holy Week -- Reflections on the Easter Triduum

Tablet (1) Mary McAleese: Brexit and the Border - Ireland's opportunity. (2) Lenten Reflection -- Ashes to glory

Catholic Herald (1) The worldwide persecution of Christians is likely to intensify in the coming decades. Can anything be done to stop it?

(2) The overlooked story of the week: Pro-life film 'Unplanned' briefly suspended by twitter

Catholic Times (1) Simon of Cyrene - Model of discipleship - represents us all as we also take up our cross (2) Fr. Marsden: Sharing Saviour's sufferings to attain resurrection from dead

Universe (1) Cold Feet star, James Nesbitt, in pleaover Troubles victims (2) School First -- How St. Thomas More saw the Primacy of Education

Parish Café

Coffee/Tea morning is held at the Parish Centre each Thursday morning from 10.30am to approximately 11.15am. It is a very pleasant gathering with lots of chat. A warm welcome and friendly company is guaranteed.



THOUGHT FOR LENT.

When I am passing by a Church
I call and pay a visit,
So when I'm carried in at last
the Lord won't say
WHO IS IT?



Thought for the day

The rush to judgment—so evident in our public discourse—is matched only by the resistance to forgiveness. Endlessly, we investigate, accuse, judge. As we all know, what is needed eventually is forgiveness—but where do we find it? In the Christian vision we do not have to carry the burden of our guilt forever precisely "because God in his forbearance had passed over the sins previously committed." (Rom 3:25 NET) In the current idiom, "we do forgiveness" and so we should!

Prayer

God, whose name is mercy, we thank you for your all. We ask that, as we have received, so we may give and forgive. Amen.

K. O'Mahony OSA

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY.

Monthly meeting will be held on Monday 8th. April, 2019 in the Parish Centre following morning Mass. NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS VERY WELCOME.

Is God calling you to be a priest in our diocese? Come to our information session on Sunday 12th May from 3:00pm to 6:00pm at the Pastoral Development Office, Parochial House, Ballyphehane. Contact Fr Charlie Kiely 021 4537474

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.