

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

Claire Murphy, Convent Road
Thomasina (Ena) Morrison, Loreto Park, Cross Douglas Road
May the light of heaven surround them always.



Baptism

Oscar Robert O'Leary Sylvester
We welcome them into the Christian Family



MINISTERS OF THE WORD ROSTER

A limited number of printed Ministers of the Word Rosters are available in the Sacristy for those who require them.

SECOND COLLECTIONS THIS WEEKEND

8th & 9th FEBRUARY

This Special Collection will be for the Lourdes Invalid Fund.

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL February Collection

Thanks to all who contributed to the collection.
Your generosity is very much appreciated.

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



Diocese of Cork and Ross

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 12th - 17th June 2020

5 nights Full Board from €759.

Direct flights from Cork.

Contact Joe Walsh Tours 021 727 7959

More details on the poster in the porch.



Young Adults 18-15 are invited to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes as helpers to the sick and disabled. The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Fintan Gavin and will travel from Cork from 12th to 17th June 2020. As a young adult helper you will be assisting with the sick in the hospital in the wards, kitchen or dining room, pushing wheelchairs to and from liturgies and Mass, participating yourself in all the Masses and ceremonies of the pilgrimage, accompanying the sick and disabled in social time. If you are interested please contact Fr Charlie Kiely on **021 4537474** for more details and booking form.

PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

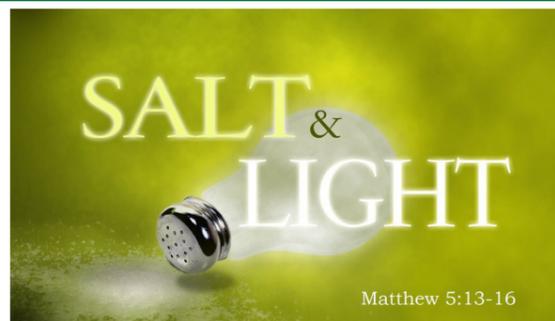
There are now 2 Defibrillators located in the Parish, one in the village & one outside Murphy's Circle K Petrol Station. The code to operate both is **2017**

Some Inspiration

Matthew chooses to place the Sermon on the Mount as the first of the five great speeches in his Gospel. All beginnings are important and the Beatitudes (which would have been heard last Sunday, were it not for the Presentation) constitute a significant beginning. No less significant is the brief description of the believer in this Sunday's short Gospel: "you are the salt of the earth"; "you are the light of the world." Both passages are really invitations — to a revolutionary way of looking at the world and to our place within it. It is no small invitation.

Anam Cara West Cork the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on 18th February at 7:20pm in the Munster Arms Hotel, Bandon.

This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents.



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>

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

Some Reflection

1. Jesus uses the image of salt as something that makes food tasty. Without it food can be tasteless. Who are the people who give zest to your life and make it enjoyable? For whom have you done this? When have you been particularly aware of your potential in this regard?
2. The second image is that of light. Who have been the people who have been a light for you, particularly in moments of darkness? For whom have you been a light? Recall these experiences and give thanks.
3. The images of salt and light can also be applied to communities to which we belong, a family, a parish, or other group. Thinking of the groups of which you are a member, how can the potential be enhanced to enrich the lives of members and offer them a guiding light?

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you have called your church to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Give us vigorous faith and a love that is genuine, so that all may see our works and give you the glory.

We make our prayer through Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Holy Hour to pray for vocations to religious life and priesthood: Wednesday 19th February from 2:30pm to 3:30pm hosted by the Daughters of Charity at their convent on Harbour View Road, Knocknaheeny (next to Church) – all are welcome to join in prayer followed by tea/coffee.

Introduction to Eco-Congregation: the Parish Assembly in Mahon invite you to an introductory talk by Rev. Elaine Murray, Church of Ireland, Carrigaline and Monkstown about her experience of being part of Eco-Congregation Ireland and to consider how we ourselves in our homes and parishes care for "the earth: our common home" in this time of many environmental challenges for God's creation – **Monday 17th February 7:30pm in the meeting room of Holy Cross Church, Mahon.**

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Catholic Times (1) Californian 'Walk for Life', marks pro-life progress.

(2) Do not be afraid: Understanding 'fear of the Lord' **Universe** (1) Church's softly, softly approach offers hope of nuclear détente. (2) Churches tell Trump to think again on plan for Palestine

Irish Catholic (1) Church officials have adopted a warmer attitude towards the reported Medjugorje apparitions (2) Allowing the ordination of married priests isn't a silver bullet, says Michael Kelly

Tablet of 1/2 God and the universe -- a new theory of everything

Tablet of 8/2 In his most important book to date Cardinal Sarah finds the Church on the edge of an abyss

Catholic Herald Running an organisation with 5,000 bishops is no easy task

Parish Cafe

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



Thought for the day

We can easily see how Jesus should be the light of the world. Even though the words are familiar, we are perhaps unaccustomed to reflecting on ourselves as the light of the world and salt of the earth. This is an act of profound trust in us by God. Jesus has faith in us to be bearers of his Good News in our time. How are we to be that? Not first by our words or even by our deeds. We are the light and salt on account of who we are as disciples. As the Gospel text puts it, a city built on a hilltop cannot be hidden. We cannot help being seen as his disciples, for that is who we are.

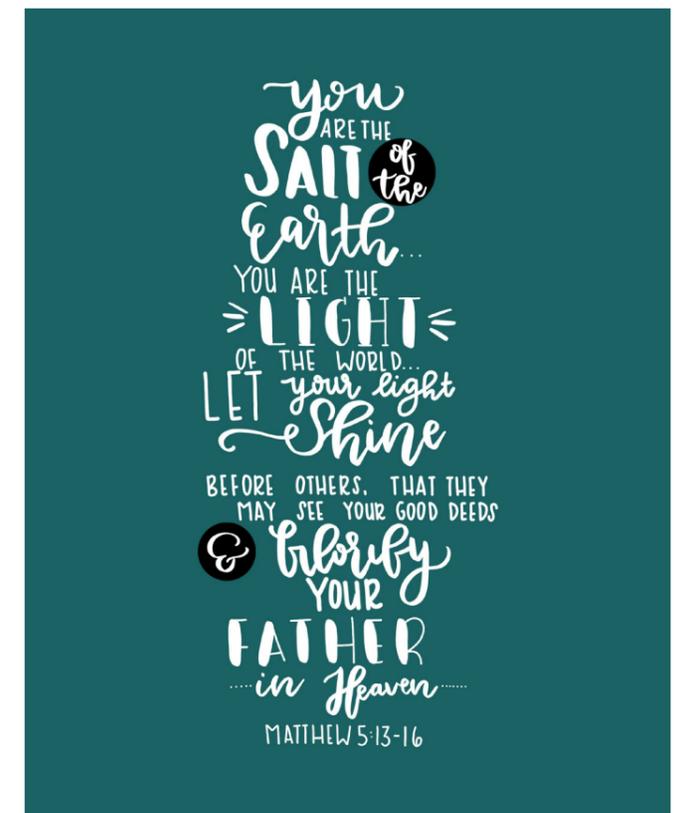
Prayer

Jesus, we believe that you are the light of the world and that you call us to bear your light to the world. Help us to be authentic disciples of yours, not drawing attention to ourselves, but to you, the source of our light and life.

K O'Mahony OSA

Looking forward to Lent 2020

For Lent 2020, the second volume of **Hearers of the Word** is now available. The period covered is Lent 2020 and Holy Week up to the Easter Vigil. It may be purchased directly from **Messenger publications or on Amazon**. NB the cover is (so far) not correct on Amazon. It should also be available soon at Veritas (Dublin, Cork and online). K O'Mahony OSA



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