

Mass Times

Vigil Saturday: 6pm
Sundays: 9 am & 11 am
Working Holy Days: 10 am & 7.30 pm
Monday to Friday: 10 am
Fr Colin Doocey Adm. Pro Tem



Recently Deceased

Anne Quill, Ashleigh Drive.
Stella Hunter, Ballintemple.
Sheila Galvin, Templevale.
May the light of heaven surround them always.



Baptisms

Toby Jack Sweeney.
We welcome him into the Christian Family



BLACKROCK VINCENT DE PAUL
Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th September
Thanks to all who contributed to the collection.
Your generosity is very much appreciated.

History repeats itself.
Poem written in 1869 and reprinted during the 1919 pandemic.

This is Timeless....

And people stayed at home
And read books
And listened
And they rested
And did exercises
And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And stopped and listened
More deeply
Someone meditated, someone prayed
Someone met their shadow
And people began to think differently
And people healed.
And in the absence of people who
Lived in ignorant ways
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
The earth also began to heal
And when the danger ended and
People found themselves
They grieved for the dead
And made new choices
And dreamed of new visions
And created new ways of living
And completely healed the earth
Just as they were healed.



Charity Cycle for Homeless Young People

Each year, I undertake a charity cycle for Peter McVerry, the **Wexford Cycle**: Dublin to Wexford, 140km. This year, because of Covid, the general cycle has been suspended, but a reduced number will do the cycle in September. Charities are under tremendous pressure, on account of Covid 19, so if you'd like to make a contribution, here is the link: www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/11383931_wexford2020kieran. There's also a link on my own website: www.tarsus.ie/page/. If you prefer, you could always send a cheque made out to Peter McVerry to my home address: St John's Priory, Thomas Street, Dublin D08 F8NW or any member of the Parish Assembly. Thanks for all the support. *Kieran OSA*

Welcome to the celebration of Sunday Mass

To maximise the number of people that can join us for the celebration of Mass, we have made a number of changes to both the church, and to how we celebrate Mass, so that we comply with HSE guidelines and keep everyone safe.

We have placed **yellow spots** to highlight where people should sit.

We will continue to stand for the "Gospel" and "Our Father". We ask that you **do not kneel-down** at anytime

Ministers of the Eucharist will be positioned at the top and centre of the church. The Ministers will wear face masks and we ask that you maintain 2 metres distance in the line. Follow the Stewards guidance during Communion.

Many thanks for your help and we hope you all keep well.

When you use the newsletter, please take it home with you. DO NOT RETURN IT TO THE TABLE

We would ask parishioners to be good enough to switch off mobile phones during Mass.

Thank you



Coronavirus COVID-19



Coronavirus COVID-19 Public Health Advice

Stay safe. Protect each other.

Continue to:



Wash
your hands well and often to avoid contamination.



Cover
your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing and discard used tissue safely



Distance
yourself at least 2 metres (6 feet) away from other people, especially those who might be unwell

DATES FOR PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CEREMONIES:

Scoil Ursula.	19/09/2020.
Beaumont Boys School.	26/09/2020.
Beaumont Girls School.	03/10/2020.

Ceremonies will be held at 10.00am each day.

DATES FOR PARISH CONFIRMATION CEREMONIES:

Beaumont Girls School.	19/09/2020.
Scoil Ursula.	26/09/2020.
Beaumont Boys School.	10/10/2020.

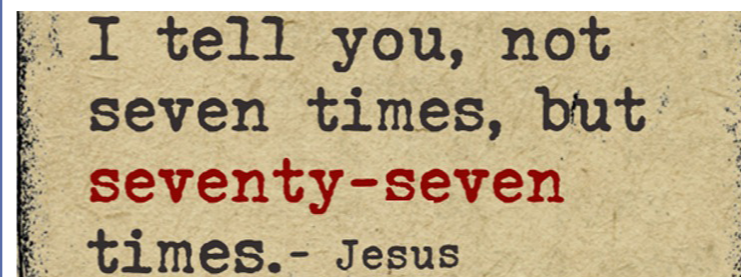
Ceremonies will be held at 12.00 Noon each day.

Some Thoughts....

1. Jesus surprised Peter by telling him he needed to forgive seventy-seven times. Perhaps you have known the truth of this when something reminds you of a past hurt and you find your need in your heart to forgive again the person who hurt you. What was this like for you? How has a capacity to have a forgiving heart helped you?
2. Sometimes we need to forgive ourselves for things we regret about past behaviour. What happens to you when you cannot do this? How has your ability to forgive yourself for past mistakes influenced your attitude towards yourself now?
3. Are there people whose ability to forgive has inspired you? Recall them and the forgiveness they showed and give thanks for their example.

PRAYER

O God most high, you are slow to anger and rich in compassion. Keep alive in us the memory of your mercy, that our angers may be calmed and our resentments dispelled. May we discover the forgiveness promised to those who forgive and become a people rich in mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



SECOND COLLECTION W/E. 12th/13th SEPTEMBER.

The annual collection for the HOLY PLACES was not taken up in Churches on Good Friday this year due to the closure of Churches at the time. Pope Francis has approved that this collection should now be taken up on Week-end 12th/13th September this year.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Tablet. (1) Parishes under threat in U.K. -- How to save your church (2) Women religious to-day -- 'Mission, not community, is at the heart of our charism'

Irish Catholic: (1) Seven new deacons ordained for Dublin (2) David Quinn: We have become prejudiced against celibacy. (3). New EU commissioner has been outspoken on anti-Christian persecution

Catholic Voice: (1). Blessed are the pure of heart. - a reflection on an often misunderstood beatitude and virtue. (2) Music in Church. -- What is appropriate and what is not

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL
Under the current Covid circumstances, Fr. Colin has generously offered the poor box near the exit as a collection point for SVP. If you wish to contribute any time, it would be appreciated. Thank you.

Thought for the day

"The world needs forgiveness; too many people are caught up in resentment and harbour hatred because they are incapable of forgiving. They ruin their own lives and the lives of those around them rather than finding the joy of serenity and peace." (Pope Francis in Assisi in 2016)
His point is that those who do not forgive, who hold on to resentment, hurt themselves almost as much, even if they are unaware of it for a while.

Prayer

God, always ready to forgive, we thank you for your forgiving love. Give us the grace to show the same love and forgiveness to all. Amen

Some Reflection....

Matthew and forgiveness

Matthew's teaching on reconciliation, forgiveness and correction is rich, many-sided and down-to-earth. Last Sunday's gospel on correction is juxtaposed with today's super-clear parable about the unforgiving servant. Rather than leave it there, Matthew's clarifies the already abundantly clear message with the alarming observation: This is how my Heavenly Father will deal with you if you do not forgive your brother and sister from your heart.

In Matthew's mind, this is no quid pro quo. Instead, all in grace. Paradoxically, our capacity to receive and retain this grace is inseparably linked to our own practice of forgiveness. It's not a deal; it's a matter of the heart. It is existential rather than transactional and the paradox is only apparent.

His teaching may be summarised as follows:

Firstly, God's forgiveness is grace, grounded in God's compassion, that is, in God's own nature. Secondly, those who receive this grace must, in response, live the gift that they themselves have received. Thirdly, it is foolhardy to put a limit on the practice forgiveness. Hence, seventy-seven! Or even seventy-seven times seven... in some manuscripts. What's at stake is consistency and our own integrity as believers. *K O'Mahony OSA*

"forgiveness is"



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**