St Michael's Parish Blackrock Cork

23/02/2020 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Some Reflection

1. Jesus tells us to act out of love and says that acting out of love is better than acting out of revenge. What does your experience tell you?

2. Perhaps you have at times hit back in revenge when you have been hurt or offended. What effect did this have you, on others, and on your relationship with them? Contrast this with the times when you resisted the urge to retaliate. What effect did this have on you, on others, and on your relationship with them...at the time, and in the long-term? 3. From other passages in the gospels, it is clear that Jesus did not mean that we should ignore injustices and never make a stand against others. What lessons have you learned in life on when and how to make a stand? What wisdom would you share with others from your experience?

LENT ONLINE RETREAT Do a free three day online retreat focusing on Prayer, Fasting 🛌 and Almsgiving FREE! Available throughout Lent Register Now orioryinstitute.co 353 1 404 8124

If you would like to receive a weekly commentary on the Weekly Scripture Readings, both in AUDIO and in PDF, please log on to www.tarsus.ie and register to receive the emails.

Prayer/ Rituals at the Tomb of Nano Nagle

- Last Thursday of each month beginning 30th January, 11:00 (weather permitting). Intentions: Jan - our deceased, Feb – sick, Mar - people who are grieving, April – families, May - students. February 27th - prayers for the sick.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

(1) Sunday Worship - Go to the Lord with Universe. your hands full of love

(2)Pope says no to married priests -- but Vatican insists the door may still be open

Catholic Times. (1). First new Cathlic school in England for ten years. (2) Focus on Lent -- The right Lenten fast for you (2) Lenten reflection - How to find your 'predominant fault' The Amazon Synod - A moment of 'sheer Messenger. joy'

Irish Catholic. (1) Pope's Amazon message is to empower lay people and avoid clericalism

(2)Nuala O'Loan: The support for our religious lies very close to home

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. It should also be available soon at Veritas (Dublin, Cork and online). K O'Mahonv OSA

MATT TALBOT NOVENA

On Monday 2nd March, the Annual Novena in honour of Matt Talbot, will begin in The Way of the Cross Church, Togher, with Mass and Novena prayers at 7:30pm. The celebrant and preacher will be an tAth Liam Ó hIcí PP Ovens/ Farran. The novena is organised by Cork Regional Pioneer Council and we ask for Matt's help and intercession for all the needs of our lives. Sorcha Uí Laoghaire Chairperson, Cork Regional Pioneer Council.

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 Margaret (Peg) Hegarty, Mahon Terrace May the light of heaven surround her always.

ASH WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2020 Blessing and distribution of Ashes during 10am Mass

BLACKROCK VINCENT DE PAUL SATURDAY 29TH FEBRUARY & SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2020

Cork Alzheimers Café A safe place for people with Alzheimers and other dementias, their carers, family and friends



along with social and health professionals to meet. Last Friday of each month 1:30 – 3:30pm in St Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Road. Light refreshments provided free of charge. All welcome. 28th February is the next meeting. bettycogan@hotmail.com https://www.facebook.com/Cork-

Meals on Wheels need a volunteer driver every second Wednesday. Full training will be given. Please ring Eleanor 4291603, or

WORKSHOP FOR PARISH CHOIRS/MUSICIANS

On Saturday 14th March we welcome Dom Richard Purcell (Abbot of Mount Melleray) to lead a workshop for choirs, cantors, musicians which will offer a selection of styles to suit different parish choirs/cantors for the season of Eastertide and into Ordinary Time. Venue: Blackrock Parish Centre Time: 10:00am to 12:45pm Cost: €10 per person to include music book. To reserve a place please contact us on 021 4537474 or by email pdo@corkandross.org

TROCAIRE LENTEN RESOURCE

On Wednesday 11th March we welcome Colm Hogan, the Parish Officer with Trócaire, who will facilitate a workshop on the Lenten resource on climate justice to enable participants to return to their parishes to lead this Lenten reflection session. Venue: Pastoral Development Office, Ballyphehane. Time: 7:30pm to 9:00pm. To reserve a place please contact us on 021 4537474 or by email pdo@corkandross.org

Anam Cara Cork

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Support Evening on Tuesday, 25th February at 7pm in the Rochestown Park Hotel, Rochestown Rd, Douglas, Cork. This event will be run in conjunction with Pieta House and Feilacain. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As we will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc., please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Monday, 24th February or call the Information number on 085 2888 888.

some way, in as much as <it is an> expression of hatred and **BLACKROCK ST PIO PRAYER GROUP**

Next meeting of the Blackrock St Pio Prayer Group will take place on Wednesday 26th February 2020, Ardfoyle Convent, Blackrock. Rosary 19:45hrs Mass 20:00hrs. All welcome. Anne O'Sullivan, Prayer Group Leader.

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



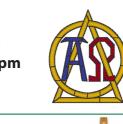
More details on the poster in the porch.

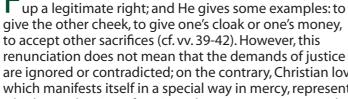
Young Adults 18-15 are invited to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes as helpers to the sick and disabled. The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Fintan Gavin and will travel from Cork from 12th to 17th June 2020. As a young adult helper you will be assisting with the sick in the hospital in the wards, 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.

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.







of violence.

Some Inspiration

Pope Francis on today's Gospel reading

n this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 5:38-48) – one of those

Jesus shows the way of true justice through the law of love,

pages that expresses best the Christian "revolution" -

which surmounts that of retaliation, namely, "an eye for

an eye and a tooth for a tooth." This ancient rule imposed

inflicting on transgressors punishments equivalent to the

damages caused: death to one who killed, amputation to

one who wounded someone, and so on. Jesus does not ask

His disciples to suffer evil, rather, He asks them to react, but

not with another evil, but with goodness. Only thus is the

chain of evil broken: one evil leads to another evil, another

goodness, and it cannot be filled with another void, but only

with "fullness," namely, with goodness. Reprisals never lead

to the resolution of conflicts."You did it to me, I'll do it to

or Jesus the rejection of violence can also imply giving

retaliation - to distinguish between justice and retaliation.

Retaliation is never just; we are permitted to ask for justice;

it is our duty to practice justice. Instead, we are prohibited

from vindicating ourselves and from fomenting retaliation in

you": this never resolves a conflict, nor is it Christian.

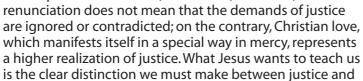
evil leads to another evil ... This chain of evil is broken,

and things truly change. Evil, in fact, is a "void," a void of

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BAPTISMS: Saturdays 3 pm - 2 weeks notice required. **MARRIAGES:** Minimum 3 months notice required by Church and State. Pre-marriage course required.

Thought for the day

Today's gospel continues the challenge from last week to go deeper into the heart, the seat of hidden thoughts and desires. The call to conversion is a call to give just as we have received: we are loved and so should love; we are forgiven and so should forgive; we are consoled and so should console and so forth. Why is that? Because the loveetc. that we have received becomes truly "me" only when I pass it on. Only then have I experienced the message of the prophet: *I will remove from your body the* heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. (Ezek 36:26)

Prayer

O God, open our ears to hear the word of Jesus, your Son. Open our hearts, that we may know true conversion from within. Open our hands that we may give just as we have received.

K O'Mahony OSA

Anam Cara Cork

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on AnamCara Wednesday, 4th March at 7:20pm in The Clayton Hotel, Cork City . This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents.



Today's Hymns

Entrance:

A New Hymn of Praise A new hymn of praise let us sing to the Lord, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. 1. This is the day the Lord has made: Ransom for sin his life he gave. 2. Bringing him gifts of bread and wine, We receive back, his life divine.

Recessional:

How Great Thou Art O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made; I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed. Chorus Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,

How great Thou art, how great Thou art. Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shouts of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

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

