

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



Baptism

Luca Tom Chauveau
We welcome him into the Christian Family



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.



Make a stand for Faith and Freedom

Wear Red on Wednesday 27th November

#RedWednesday



Christmas Fayre @ St. Benedict's Priory's, Cobh
On Saturday 7th December from 12-5pm. Lots of homemade goodies, unique handmade Christmas gifts and decorations, raffle. Santa will be in attendance. Admission €3, includes tea and cake. Children get in free!

Invitation

To a talk being hosted by the Bandon Pro-Life Group. The Talk entitled 'What we owe Christianity' will be given by David Quinn, Columnist & Director of The Iona Institute at the Munster Arms Hotel, on Monday, 25th November @ 7:30pm. David will discuss how Christianity has left a massive moral imprint on us, so much so, that even some of the Church's worst critics actually draw on Christian morality when attacking the Church, but don't realise this fact.

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



ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT

Reflect on the great 'O Antiphons' used in Evening Prayer and Mass during the second part of Advent. Watch an online talk each day from Dec. 16th
Register now!
enquiries@prioryinstitute.com www.prioryinstitute.com
Tel : +353 1 404 8124

Holy Hour to Pray for Vocations - Tues 26th November 3 - 4pm in Sisters of Bon Secours Convent Chapel, College Road with refreshments after. All welcome. Further info call 0872209994 or email eavopost@gmail.com.

Some Inspiration

On this Sunday, we complete the year of Luke. In fact, many of the themes of Luke are echoed in Sunday's gospel: Jesus the prophet martyr, compassion and hope, the today of salvation, the use of 'unlikely' characters and so on. It might be a good time to reflect on the year as a whole, with Luke's marvellous stories illustrating the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high (Luke 1:78).

AUTISM TRAINING ON 4th DEC 2019

Dr Susan Crawford: PhD, Masters in Teaching and learning, BSc Sport & Exercise Science, SMT, RGN, RM. Susan is an autism spectrum disorder expert who specialises in developing skills for children and adults on the spectrum. She is also a researcher, motivation speaker, author and mother to a young man Tomas who has ASD. Susan has addressed audiences all over the world about ASD and programme planning. See further details on www.getautismactive.com. Date: 4th Dec. Time: 6-8pm. Venue: Family Resource Centre, Mahon, Cork. Cost: €25. To Register: Contact Jenny on 021-4358866 Email: info@frcentre.ie.

BLACKROCK VINCENT DE PAUL
SATURDAY 7th December 2019 &
SUNDAY 8th December 2019

BLACKROCK ST PIO PRAYER GROUP

Next meeting of the Blackrock St Pio Prayer Group will take place on Wednesday 27th November 2019, Ardfoyle Convent, Blackrock. Rosary 19:45hrs Mass 20:00hrs. All welcome.



Jesus said: 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

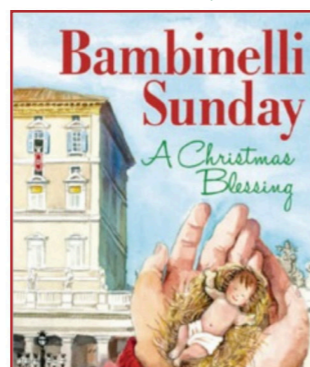
Photo: Jerry Creedon, Stained Glass Cobh Cathedral.



Scoil Ursula
6pm. Vigil Mass on Sat 23rd. Nov.
Beaumont Boys & Girls
Sunday 11.00am. Mass on 24th.

Bambinelli Sunday

A Christmas Blessing



All are invited, especially the children, to bring the Baby Jesus figure (Bambinelli) from their homes to the Family Mass on 15th December to be blessed and then on Christmas Eve to be placed in the Crib. The blessing will consist of a short prayer at the end of 11am Mass followed by a blessing with Holy Water.

Reflections

- 1. Today's feast puts before us Jesus who never used power to his own advantage. Whom have you known who used power for the benefit of others rather than for their own self-interest? When have you used power in this way?
2. The power of God is shown in an unexpected way in the Crucifixion, not in a wonderful display of spectacular dominance, but in Jesus sharing our human weakness. When has the honesty of another sharing his/her human vulnerability with you had a powerful effect? When has your honesty in that way had a positive effect on another?
3. Jesus is an example of someone in apparent helplessness. It was his trust in the love of God with him that helped him through. It was only later with the hindsight of the resurrection that the moment of helplessness could be seen as one in which the power of God was present. Have you had experiences on which you can look back now and see that the power of God was at work in your moments of helplessness?
4. The scene also puts before us the liberating power of forgiveness. The forgiveness of Jesus brought new life to the criminal hanging on the cross with him. When have you found that forgiveness given, or received, was a source of new life for yourself or for others?

Christmas Open House, Bride Park Cottage, Killumney DJ Murphy is holding his Christmas Open House over the last 2 weekends in November. The charities to benefit are Marymount University Hospice & Alzheimer's Day Care Centre, Bandon. Seasonal refreshments will be served. Opening Dates and Times: Sun 24th & 28th Nov & Sun 1st Dec. Thurs & Fri: 6pm - 10pm. Sat: 2pm - 9pm. Sun: 12pm - 8pm.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

- Messenger Holding on to Christmas.
Tablet of 23/11 Pope presses tech firms to tackle online child abuse.
Tablet of 16/11 Pope Francis reveals the lowest moment of his pontificate to Austin Ivereigh.
Irish Catholic (1) David Quinn: Why don't RTE ask young people to strike to end homelessness? (2) Breda O'Brien: Donald Trump is the least religious president ever - he has made politics uglier and more vindictive.
Catholic Voice (1) When Jesus revealed 23 secrets of 'Spiritual Warfare' in a vision to St. Faustina (2) Is Australian public opinion shifting in Cardinal Pell's favour?
Catholic Herald (1) Fr. Michael Rennie: Writing homilies often leaves me shaken (2) George Weigel: The post-Vatican II Civil War
Universe The Church reaches out to everyone who has experience pain of suicide
Catholic Times (1) 22/11/1963 -- A November day fixed in our memories (2) Caritas in Action -- Awareness project launched to help vulnerable women

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 guaranteed.



Thought for the day

In A. A. Milne, we read the following scrap of dialogue: 'What day is it?' 'It's today,' squeaked Piglet. 'My favourite day,' said Pooh.

Today has to be our favourite day because it is the only day we'll ever have. As St Augustine alarmingly noticed, the past is over, the future is not yet and the present, fleeting moment is the future becoming the past. And yet, this flying time is our 'today of salvation,' a day like no other, not to be repeated. See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! (2 Corinthians 6:2) The pulse of life is the heartbeat of God.

Prayer

In this present moment, Lord, help us to put our fingers on the pulse of life, living fully life in abundance. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

Today's Hymns

Entrance

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.

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!'

Recessional

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now I'm found, Was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear. And Grace, my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come. Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far and Grace will lead me home.

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

