

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

Marlowe Ophelia Brickley

We welcome her into the Christian Family



Recently Deceased

Philomena (Phyllis) McCarthy,

Beaumont Lawn

May the light of heaven surround her always.



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.

BLACKROCK VINCENT DE PAUL
SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2019 &
SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2019

NOVEMBER NOVENA FOR THE DEAD

Masses each day at 10am commencing on 2nd November 2019, with an EXTRA weekday Mass at 7:30pm, Monday to Friday. The Novena concludes on 10th November.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Our annual Bereavement Mass for those who have died in the past 12 months will take place on FRIDAY, 8th November 2019 at 7:30pm.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Beginning Experience is a worldwide specially designed support programme for men and women who have suffered the loss of a spouse/partner by death, separation or divorce to work through the grief process, and to discover for themselves that merely "existing" in life can be transformed into "living" a new life, though a different one. The next weekend is being held at the Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork from Friday, 1st to Sunday, 3rd November 2019. Please contact 087-9886480 | email: beginningexperiencecork@gmail.com | www.beginningexperiencecork.com

COFFEE MORNING & CAKE SALE

On Sunday, 10th November, from 9am to 2pm, in the Parish Centre behind St Michael's Church. Come along and support the HOPE Foundation. All proceeds will go directly to the foundation to help the people of Kolkata. I will be going to Kolkata (formally known as Calcutta) in April 2020 and will see first-hand where your money will go. Thank you for your support. - David Coughlan

Blessing of Graves & Cemetery Prayers

Blessing of Graves & Cemetery Prayers will take place at St Michael's Cemetery on Sunday, 3rd November at 3pm.

Some Inspiration

All religions with dressing up and elaborate liturgies run the risk of being the target of today's parable. The gap between how I appear and what I actually do is always there — an inevitable part of the human condition. Accordingly, it is vital not to leave the parable in the past with "the other" safely targeted. The words of Hosea come to mind:

Spare me the din of your chanting, let me hear none of your strumming on lyres, let justice flow like water, and uprightness like a never-failing stream! (Amos 5:23-24 NJB)

In the real world, there's something of both characters in us all, to be honest.

Such an approach may help us recognise and avoid any tendency to anti-Semitism in our reading and application of the parable. It was possible to be a perfectly sincere and authentic Pharisee, as we see in the example of St Paul himself.

In the Jewish Annotated New Testament, the following penetrating comment is offered:

Some readers dismiss the Pharisee as hypocritical, sanctimonious, and legalistic, and in turn identify with the tax collector, the repentant, humble, and justified sinner. ... However, once readers choose to identify with the tax collector and reject the Pharisee, the parable traps them: to conclude in effect (following 18.11), "God, I thank you that I am not like this Pharisee ..." places readers in the very position they condemn.

Unfolding the Word

An opportunity to come together and spend some time reading and discussing the Scriptures, followed by prayer. Why not join us for any or all of the 4 Thursdays in November beginning on 7th November. We will meet in the church rooms in Holy Cross, Mahon from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. Everyone is most welcome and we even have a cuppa and chat afterwards as well!

CORK SCRIPTURE GROUP AUTUMN WORKSHOP

Working to Renew the Church: A Biblical View with Fr Gerry O'Hanlon SJ on Saturday November 9th 2019 from 10am -1pm in the Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road, Cork. Cost: €10. corks scripturegroup@gmail.com

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

On Friday 1st November following morning Mass, Rosary & Benediction at 7.00pm. There are sheets on the tables in the church where parishioners can indicate the times most suitable for them to be present. We would like that there would be 2 people present for each period. If there are vacant periods, we would appreciate volunteers to fill these times by putting their names on the list. Thank you.

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



Our Lady of Fatima Annual Rosary will process around The Lough on Sunday, 27th October, starting with the Rosary at 2:30pm in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, The Lough. There will also be Adoration, Benediction and enrolment of the Brown Scapular. All are welcome to join us.

Reflections

1. There can be an element of defensiveness in our relationships with others. We are reluctant to let another see us as we see ourselves. Occasionally we meet someone with whom we can be totally open and know we will be accepted. With whom have you had that kind of a relationship? What was it like for you to have that freedom?
2. Likewise with God, when we come to prayer pretending to be better than we are, we are hiding from God. What difference does it make when you pray to God, acknowledging your faults and limitations? Have you ever found that when you are humble in this way in prayer, God lifts you up?

3. The parable is also a cautionary tale against judging others negatively on the basis of externals. Perhaps God, who looks into the heart, sees another picture. When have you discovered there was more to another person than the negative picture you got from first impressions?

Anam Cara Cork

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on 6th November at 7:20pm in The Clayton Hotel, Cork City. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents.



SERVE seeks volunteers for 2020 Overseas Volunteer Programme

Join SERVE during Summer 2020 and work alongside our partners in India, Mozambique, the Philippines, Vietnam or Zambia. The programme will run over 4 weeks and includes working on education and community development projects as well as youth work programmes, and health and social care projects. The SERVE volunteer programme is open to everyone over 18. There will be an information session on Monday 21st October 2019 in **Scala Retreat and Conference Centre, Castle Road, Blackrock** at 6:30pm about SERVE's 2020 Volunteer Programme. For more information about the specific projects and to apply, please visit www.serve.ie or contact fiachra@serve.ie. Closing Date 8th November 2019.



CATHOLIC PAPERS SUMMARY

St. Martin Magazine What makes a saint?
Messenger Women of Faith -- Catherine McAuley
Irish Catholic (1) Catholics must not be afraid to bear witness to their faith (2) Maynooth -- Looking to a reviewed future
Catholic Voice (1) Saints and their attributes -- St. Raphael (2) The Truth will set you free
Catholic Herald It's not just the Middle East. From India to the Philippines, Asian Christians are under threat
Tablet Leaks of financial documents hint at Vatican power struggle

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 the day

Humility, humiliation, low self-esteem: these things get all mixed up in our minds and in our feelings. In the past, humility was encouraged by humiliation—really an abuse, which must have caused much harm. Low self-esteem—the root of many problems and addictions—used to be confused with humility. A robust humility is really an exercise in truth-telling about ourselves. If we are to be grounded in the humus (earth) of our human existences, then we do need to be honest in our appraisal, affirming the good and recognising courageously our faults. Humility goes with being human.

Prayer

As we affirm your gifts and rejoice in them, help us to be honest and know the full story, warts and all, that we come before you in need of your grace.

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.