

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

Angela Casey, Woodvale Road.
Mary Morris, Beaumont Lawn.
May the light of heaven surround them always.



Baptisms since reopening

Ayla Susan Norah Beattie.
Robyn Deirdre Crowley.
We welcome them into the Christian Family



BLACKROCK VINCENT DE PAUL
Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th September
*We have had no income since March
so be as generous as you can. Thank you*

Fr. Colin, Fr. Michael and Canon Tadhg would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making our church a safe place for prayer and celebration of the Eucharist over the past few months. A special thanks to the Stewards, Collectors, Foggers and everyone who put a huge effort in making our church safe. Thank you all.

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*

Anam Cara Cork

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday, 2nd September at 7:20pm in the Clayton Hotel, Cork City. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. *Subject to change in accordance with government advise*



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.

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 designated the back and front as two separate sections which has allowed us increase the numbers in the church to 100. It is **critical** that people do not move between these 2 sections.
- As you enter and exit the church, can you please use the hand sanitiser and wear a mask if possible.
- We have reduced the number of pews in the church so that there is now a metre between each row with every second row being utilised. We have placed **yellow spots** to highlight where people should sit.
- These are spaced a minimum of 2 metres apart and it is required you sit on these spots.
- Unfortunately, if there are no yellow spots available, it indicates that the church has reached the maximum allowed capacity.
- We will continue to stand for the "Gospel" and "Our Father". We ask that you **do not kneel-down** at anytime as it compromises the distance between people.
- We also ask that the congregation not to join in the singing, as it facilitates the spreading of droplets.
- There will be no sign of peace.
- The collection will be taken at the doors as you enter/exit the church and your support is very much appreciated.

Distribution of communion:

- 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.
- We ask that you come up the centre aisle and down the side aisles.
- Those seated in the centre seats should come for communion first (via the centre aisle) starting from the back row and then in sequence with the top row last.
- Once the centre seats are finished, those in the side seats should come up (via the centre aisle), **starting with the front rows** and then in sequence, with the bottom row last.

Exiting the church:

- **Back Section:**
 - o Side seats to Exit first – followed by centre seats.
 - o 2 doors will be open.
 - **Front section** – use side door - Exit as follows:
 - o Left Row (nearest exit)
 - o Left Centre
 - o Right Centre
 - o Right Row.
- 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



FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

Friday 4th. September following morning Mass until 4pm when there will be Rosary and Benediction. There are sheets on the tables in the Church where parishioners can indicate the times most suitable for them to be present. If there could be 2 people in the Church at each period it would be great. If there are vacant times then volunteers could fill these times on the list. Please observe social distance guidelines. **THANK YOU.**

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Catholic Herald: The Herald is now a monthly with 78 pages and sells at €9. The current issue is on offer at v7.50 and articles in it include: (1) Childlike Simplicity and Sentimental? Of course.-- But those Victorian style prayer cards can be intensely reassuring. (2). Few Christian countries have endured such severe repression as Japan's Catholics. Remarkably, many kept the Faith.-- but today the Church faces new obstacles.

Irish Catholic: (1) Letter from America.-- Catholic media hostile to the Pope does a disservice to the Church. (2). Maria Steen: Covid-19 provides a fresh focus on benefit of home-schooling (3) David Quinn: Apply both mercy and standards to Golgate'.

Catholic Voice: (1). Lives of the Saints.-- St. Bonaventure. (2) True Compassion.-- Whose Life Matters?

Messenger: Fr. Gerard Condon of Cloyne diocese: What will the parish look like in the future?

Universe/Catholic Times: Sunday Worship.-- The cost of following Jesus is always a cost worth paying. (2) The lessons for healthcare that need to be learned from Covid (3) Caroline Farrow: The rosary brought a sense of calm to a feverish world.

Coronavirus COVID-19



Coronavirus COVID-19 Public Health Advice

Stay safe. Protect each other.

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.

Thought for the day

What's it like to be a disciple these days? A good deal depends on where you find yourself. Fellow disciples in the Middle East, India and Pakistan, and China face harassment and real persecution. Today's Gospel will certainly speak directly to their experience. For those of us in the West, we will hear the teaching differently. Still, the pressure is certainly on from all quarters. From without, the culture no longer supports faith and its expression in public. From within, so many things are lacking: genuine spiritual experience, perceptive leadership, effective handing on of the faith to the next generation...one could go on. All this means, we are in a totally new context calling for totally new ways of being. This certainly includes being able "to give an account of the hope that is in us." It also includes a sharp awareness that being a disciple today is going to be costly at different levels: socially, personally, spiritually, intellectually. In fact, it's a great time to be a believer: it is all to play for.

Prayer

O God, whose word burns like a fire within us, grant us a bold and faithful spirit, that in your strength we may be unafraid to speak your word and follow where you lead.

Some Reflection.....

Jesus had the gift of saying things directly and plainly, with a power to penetrate all our defences and lead us to a new awareness. Today's message puts before us the paradox of the Gospel: we gain life by letting go of it. If I put my happiness, my being loved, at the centre of my life, then I will surely fail, even though to be loved and to be happy are really important. If on the other hand I put the happiness of others first and love them unconditionally, then I too will know unselfish love and deep happiness. This is the very insight and wisdom that Jesus puts before us as the key not just to love but to life and within that, the key to authentic discipleship precisely as a way of life.

Prayer

Teach us, Lord, that nothing is more life-giving than to love and be loved in return.

Some Thoughts....

1. Short-term loss is sometimes necessary for long-term gain as a student studying or an athlete training can testify. When have you found that denying yourself proved to be worthwhile because of what you gained afterwards?
2. Jesus was teaching his followers that the path of discipleship would involve pain and suffering. Peter would have none of it. When have you found that taking up your cross brought you life, even though at the time it may have been difficult?
3. Jesus knew that because his good news message was not acceptable to the authorities he would suffer and die, but God would see that evil would not have the last say. Have you seen a good news message survive even though opponents tried to stifle it?
4. Jesus promised that those who suffer for the kingdom would be rewarded. Perhaps, even in this earthly life, you have experienced reward.

O God, whose word burns like a fire within us, grant us a bold and faithful spirit, that in your strength we may be unafraid to speak your word and follow where you lead. Amen

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