

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

Noah Tindley
We welcome him into the Christian Family



Recently Deceased

Mary C (May) Kelly, Rockcliffe Village.
Patrick Murphy, formerly of Woodvale Road.
Eileen M Kelly, Upper Beaumont Drive
May the light of heaven surround them always.



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

Blackrock Meals on Wheels

Needs a Cook's Helper every second Friday for about 2 hours duration. Full training will be given. If you can help, please ring Eleanor Crowley 021-4291603, or Anne Walsh 021-4295005.



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.

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.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF IRELAND, CORK CITY

The Carers Support Meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th November from 3pm to 4:30pm in our Day Centre in Bessboro, Blackrock. Tel: 021-4972504.



Alzheimer Society of Ireland Cork Branch, Saturday Club

Will be held on Saturday 9th November 2019 at Bessboro Day Care Centre, from 2pm until 4pm. Live Music Session with NO CAPPO. Light refreshments provided. Free Admission. All Welcome. For further information contact 021-4972504.

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*

Some Inspiration

Luke's stories
In these weeks, we are hearing some of the very best narratives from Luke's Gospel — frequently stories unique to Luke and showing all the marks of both Lukan composition and theology. Zacchaeus is a brilliant and perennially appealing example. Many threads of the Gospel are stitched into the tapestry: the outreach to the marginalised; the "good" example of rogues and wretches; hospitality; joy; salvation; the lost. Plenty of material for personal reflection and for proclamation.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork

June 30th - July 7th 2020.
EARLY BIRD price €625.00 pps (Half board in Hotel Leone, 2 mins from Church) if fully paid by December 13th. Full price of €725.00 applies after this date. Spiritual Director Fr Sean Corkery. Group Leader: Sean O'Shaughnessy. €200.00 deposit secures place. Limited places. Contact 086 2959380 or Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800.

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**

Ardfallen Annual Fair

Will be held on Saturday 9th November 2019 from 10am-3pm, at the **Ardfallen Centre, Douglas, Cork**. Stalls include: Cakes, Collectables, Books, Toys, Clothes, Crafts and many more. Also Teas, Coffees and lunches. Free parking at Douglas Swimming Pool or pedestrian entrance on Douglas Road. All are welcome. If you would like to make a donation to any of the stalls, the Church will be open for donations on: Thursday 7th & Friday 8th November from 10am – 9pm.

'When all the others were away at Mass'

When all the others were away at Mass
I was all hers as we peeled potatoes.
They broke the silence, let fall one by one
Like solder weeping off the soldering iron:
Cold comforts set between us, things to share
Gleaming in a bucket of clean water.
And again let fall. Little pleasant splashes
From each other's work would bring us to our senses.
So while the parish priest at her bedside
Went hammer and tongs at the prayers for the dying
And some were responding and some crying
I remembered her head bent towards my head,
Her breath in mine, our fluent dipping knives—
Never closer the whole rest of our lives.
Seamus Heaney

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.



Thought for the day

1. Zacchaeus showed himself open to the call of Jesus, to the surprise of his contemporaries who thought there was no good in tax collectors. Sometimes the people who give us lessons in goodness may be people we previously disregarded. Recall when this happened for you.
2. It was the eagerness of Zacchaeus to see what kind of a man Jesus was that opened him up to conversion. When you consider moments of change in your life what were the interests or desires that prepared you for change?
3. The decision of Jesus to eat in the house of Zacchaeus broke the social norms of his day and scandalised those who saw him. When have you found table fellowship a useful way of breaking down artificial boundaries between people?
PRAYER

Just and merciful God, true Lord of every house, sure delight of every heart, come into our midst today to speak your word and satisfy our hunger. Enable us to see you clearly, to welcome you with joy and to give justice and mercy a place in our lives. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.



CATHOLIC PAPERS SUMMARY

Catholic Voice (1) Saints and their attributes -- St. Raphael. (2) The truth will set you free.
Messenger Pope's Intention -- Conflict in the Middle East.
Irish Catholic (1) David Quinn: RSE school plan must be willing to criticise the sexual revolution. (2) Bishop Fintan Gavin & Prof. Ray Kinsella support home-grown business. We should not rely on multinational companies only.
St. Martin Magazine The Bible, Lectio Divina -- The Burning Bush.
Universe (1) Christine Farrow: If we're looking at married priests, don't forget the wives. (2) The way to salvation is to trust in Jesus.
Catholic Times (1) Fr. Marsden: Our prayers for the deceased have their roots in ancient faith. (2) A forced abortion infringes on a woman's human rights
Tablet Pope Francis likens self-righteous Catholics to boastful Pharisee.
Catholic Herald Ben Conroy: Divided we stand -- Why the pro-life movement needs both secular reasoning and a religious revival.

Thought for the day

Change is not an option because nothing remains the same. What is optional is how we respond to change. The Christian project—so apparently static and settled—is actually about the most revolutionary change which we call conversion. Conversion does not mean improving this or that in my life but resetting my whole compass. Jesus' foundational teaching is the invitation to convert and believe the Good News. For each of us, this is possible only because of our encounter with Jesus himself. Only in the light of that personal encounter does discipleship make sense; only in the light of personal relationship is true conversion of heart possible at all.

Prayer

Father, you call us to live and to change. May we hear the call to conversion, so as to live life abundantly.

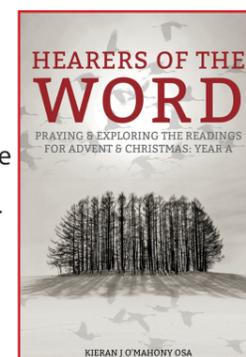
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Hearers of the Word

Hearers of the Word. Praying & Exploring the Readings for Advent & Christmas: Year A.

The period covered runs from the first Sunday of Advent (01.12.2019) until the Sunday after the Baptism (19.01.2020), including full commentaries on all four sets of readings for Christmas Day.

The book is available from **Messenger Publications**. It is also available from **Book Depository** and from **Amazon.co.uk**.



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

Thank you



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!

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. 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.**

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