

Mass Times

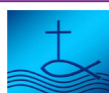
Vigil Saturday: 6pm
Sundays: 9 am & 11 am
Working Holy Days: 10 am & 7.30 pm
Monday to Saturday: 10 am
Fr Colin Doocey Adm. Pro Tem



Baptism

Conor Gerald Bourke

We welcome him into the Christian Family

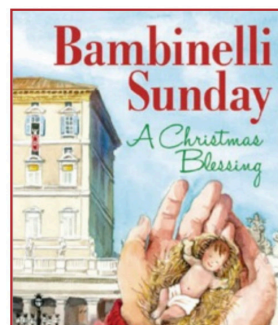


FIRST FRIDAY VISITS TO THE HOUSEBOUND

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.

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.

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



Alzheimer Society of Ireland Cork Branch, Saturday Club On Saturday 14th December 2019 at Bessboro Day Care Centre, from 2 to 4pm. We are delighted to welcome you to join us to enjoy an afternoon of festive fun. Come and celebrate Christmas with us, live Music with Vincie Lynch. Light refreshments and mince pies provided. Free Admission. All Welcome. For further information contact: 021 4972504.

Nano Nagle Birthplace, Ballygriffin, Co Cork: Sat 14th December: 'Day of Meditation and Relaxation' with Eileen Nash pbvm. Give yourself the Gift of a day away from the busyness and stress of your everyday life! 10.30am - 3.30pm (registration 10am); bring a packed lunch; Cost €25 incl. tea/coffee. Booking essential: 022 26411 email : secretary@nanonaglebirthplace.ie

Reminder SVDP box for Christmas Donations is in the centre of the Church.

Your support is very much appreciated. Please see list of suggested items.

Christmas Donation Wish List

Nappies and Nappy wipes, Razors and shaving sets, Male and Female Hygiene Sets, Clothes washing products, Cleaning products, Washing up liquid, brushes, sponges, gloves, Christmas biscuits, sweets, cakes. Selection Boxes Honey, jam, marmalade, Tomato ketchup and other sauces Soups and packet sauces - and any non-perishable foods...

THANK YOU!

Some Inspiration

The first reading blends a longing for universal, even cosmic peace and a hope for a blessed future, brought about by a descendant of David. The combination captures the tensions of contemporary Christian faith: we want to speak to our time and its planetary concerns, while at the same time proclaiming Jesus as Lord and saviour. We encounter, in the time-honoured phrase, 'the scandalous particularity of the incarnation.' The very particularity comes to the fore in the Gospel, with the preaching of John the Baptist. Suddenly, we are in a small, rural province of the Roman Empire, about the year 26 or 27, listening to a quite alternative prophetic voice. Into that 'scandalous particularity', Jesus was born.

St Paul captures the same double vision, when he writes: 'For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2Corinthians 4:6 NRSV)

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

Anam Cara West Cork the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on 17th December at 7:20pm in the Munster Arms Hotel, Bandon. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents.



Christmas 2019

Ceremony of Reconciliation at 7.30pm. Wednesday 18th. December.



Mass on Christmas Eve: 6.00pm. and 9.00pm. Christmas morning: 9.00am. & 11.00am.

CHRISTMAS DUES ENVELOPES Are available for collection in the Sacristy.

BLACKROCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Coffee Morning & Christmas Raffle will take place at the Community Centre on Monday, 16th December from 10-12. Everybody welcome.

BLACKROCK VINCENT DE PAUL

SATURDAY 7th December 2019 & SUNDAY 8th December 2019

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS will be hosted by the Ursuline Sisters, Blackrock on Tuesday 10th December from 2:30pm to 3:30pm followed by tea/coffee and chat. All are welcome.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF IRELAND, CORK CITY

Next Carers Support Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 11th December from 3 to 4:30pm at Bessboro Day Care Centre. ALL ARE WELCOME. For Further information please contact Tel: 021-4972504. Email address: southernregion@alzheimer.



Reflections

1. In your experience, has Scripture brought you endurance, encouragement and hope? 2. We are to welcome one another just as Christ has welcomed us. This is not always easy. Where does the challenge lie for you? 3. We regularly call down the mercy (eleos) of God: 'Kyrie eleison'. In words beloved of St Teresa of Avila: the mercies of the Lord I will sing for ever.

PRAYER

By your grace we have the gift of the Scriptures. With the help of your grace, may I listen deeply to what you want to say to each one. May we know your gifts of endurance, encouragement and hope, so that not only our lips but also our lives may be a song in praise of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Ageing Well- HSE Occupational Therapy Programme

The ageing well programme is a health promotion programme for older adults and looks at how best to address some of the effects of ageing. Facilitated by Occupational Therapists in your local area. The course can help with topics such as: How our activities can roles change as we age; Link between activity our physical and mental well-being; Sleep, memory, overcoming loneliness, falls education. This is a free course for over 60's and to be run in the Spring time in a community venue TBC. Please call 021 4923194 to book your free place. www.hse.ie/ageingwellcork

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic (1) A chaplain on a mission in Queen's University. (2) The only appropriate to refugees and asylum seekers is one of charity, writes David Quinn Tablet Beijing plans own 'translations' of major religious texts Catholic Herald Will Gore: The film 'The Two Popes' is well acted has little subtlety or depth



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

It is possible to live a merely sentient existence, paying attention only to the immediate and being satisfied once the urgent appetites are met. It is hard to say how many manage to sustain this form of sleepwalking! In our better moments, we all know that this is wholly inadequate, even on a merely human level. We are all of us called to rise above mere existence and to live life abundantly (cf. John 10:10). In the faith, the Advent call is to wake up from our slumbers. Metanoia (conversion or repentance) means a whole change of mindset, going right down to the roots of our being. It's the only project. Of course it takes time, but the time is now.

Prayer

God of life abundant, may your advent call to life and love, hope and conversion touch us again and draw us closer to you. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

Advent Hymns

Entrance

O come, O come, Emmanuel, To free your captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice, rejoice, O Israel, To you shall come Emmanuel.

O royal branch of Jesse's tree Redeem us all from tyranny; From pain of hell your people free, And over death win victory. Rejoice, rejoice etc.

Recessional

The Lord made known to Israel, His great redeeming plan. He speaks to us his people now Through Christ his Son made man. We have been called like Israel, To witness to God's grace, A people he has made his own, A royal priestly race.

God brought his people to the mount, As we are gathered now, To hear His holy word proclaimed And their allegiance vow. We have been called like Israel, To witness to God's grace, A people he has made his own, A royal priestly race.