

### Mass Times

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



### Baptism

All baptisms have been cancelled for the moment.

### Recently Deceased

**Katherine Tyrrell.** McGrath Park.  
*May the light of heaven surround her always.*



### Dedication of the Month of November as a Time of Prayer and Remembrance

A service to dedicate the month of November as a time of Prayer and Remembrance for those who have died and for the comfort of the bereaved will take place in the **Cathedral of Saint Mary and Anne on next Sunday 1st November at 3pm.** Bishop Fintan will preside at this ceremony. A similar service of dedication will take place in each Cathedral throughout the country at the same time. This Service of Dedication is intended to prepare for the many ways in which people and parishes will remember and pray for those who have died during the coming month.

### MASS OF REMEMBRANCE:

Our Annual Bereavement Mass for those who have died in the past 12 months will take place this year during the Novena for the Holy Souls each day from Monday 2nd to Friday 6th November at the 10.00am Mass. With the current restrictions in place, unfortunately, we are unable to have members of the public in attendance. The Mass can be viewed via our Web Cam (to log in on your phone/iPad) enter [www.stmichaelsblackrock.ie](http://www.stmichaelsblackrock.ie) and click on the webcam button.

There will be NO Novena Evening Masses this year.

### Welcome to St Michaels for Personal Prayer

To maximise the number of people that can join us for Personal Prayer, we have made a number of changes to the church so that we comply with HSE guidelines and keep everyone safe. Please use only the bottom half of the church and exit from the left only, using the one-way system following the arrows.



We have placed **yellow spots** to highlight where people should sit.

We ask that you **do not kneel-down** at anytime

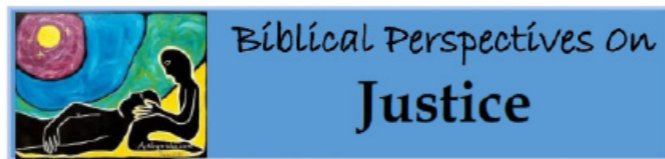
*Many thanks for your help and we hope you all keep well.*

### WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

**Irish Catholic.** (1) On the right wavelength -- the vocation story of Fr. Eamonn Mc.Carthy of Radio Maria and Ballinlough. (2) Austin Ivereigh: The Pope has previous form in trying to steer a middle ground on civil unions while defending marriage (3) Fr. Sean Mulligan: The Irish people are being denied their constitutional right to practice their Faith in public (4) It beggars belief that the same people who insist they want to protect vulnerable people from Covid 19 are now pushing assisted suicide, writes Niamh Uí Bhriain.

**Catholic Voice.** (1). Pro Life campaigner lambasts likely plan to roll out compulsory Covid 19 vaccine. (2) St. Francis and the Leper (3) Theocracy through Democracy **Messenger.** Fr. Peter Mc.Verry reflects on the definition of Saint and sinner. He uses the idea of social sin to help us understand what sainthood can look like in the modern world.

**Universe/Catholic Times.** (1) New film Francesco offers moving portrait of pope's personal impacts. (2) Blessed Carlo Acutis offers a witness of Christ for all. (3) Society is ignoring key role of Church, warns Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. (4) Pope happy to bring China into his evangelising circle.



2<sup>nd</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020 *Justice and Inclusion-A daughter of Abraham*  
Lorna Downey

9<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020 *Mark's Syrophoenician Woman: An Icon for Inclusion*  
Scán O' Sullivan

No Charge

If you are not on our email list and would be interested in receiving the module please email: [corkscripturegroup@gmail.com](mailto:corkscripturegroup@gmail.com).

All are welcome to participate. No previous bible study required!

## Coronavirus COVID-19

# Stay safe. Protect each other.

Continue to:



**Wash**  
your hands well and often to avoid contamination.



**Cover**  
your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing and discard used tissue safely



**Distance**  
yourself at least 2 metres (6 feet) away from other people, especially those who might be unwell



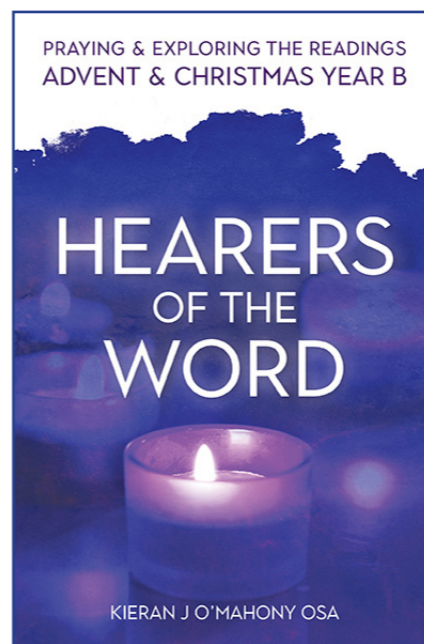
Coronavirus COVID-19 Public Health Advice

### Some Reflection....

In his recent book, *Morality. Restoring the Common Good in Divided Times*, Rabbi Jonathan Sacks discusses happiness in chapter 7. In a very helpful way, Rabbi Sacks distinguishes genuine happiness from entertainment, distraction, pleasure, possessions and consumerism. He then digs even deeper and goes back to Aristotle: *"Happiness is an activity of soul in accordance with the moral life."*

It is a little dry, of course, but true in the most real and practical way imaginable. Being my true self, being a good person, being loving and forgiving and so on, this is the royal road to deep and lasting happiness. Anything else is counterfeit, superficial and transient. This can be checked against the life experience of each one of us.

In the weekly YouTube video, the starting point for the reflection is taken from Rabbi Sacks. To go deeper, I have explored the options for translating the original Greek word for blessed/happy, which is makarios. An American writer that I've come across just recently make a good case for translating makarios as "flourishing." It can feel odd at first, but then when you use it and feel the power of reading the Beatitudes in that way, it begins to make more sense. The sense of paradox is palpable.



### Hearers of the Word

Praying and Exploring the Readings for Advent and Christmas Available from [messenger.ie](http://messenger.ie)

**When you use the newsletter, please take it home with you. DO NOT RETURN IT TO THE TABLE**

### Thought for the day

Today we celebrate the community of faith, being in communion with all the saints, a day of both thanksgiving and vision. Thanksgiving because of the example and inspiration of the saints, who have come to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. (Ephesians 4:13). Vision because our Gospel today describes the path we must take to make the same journey home to God. If we wish to join the saints both now and into eternity, we must make our own the "mission statement" of Jesus, which is the Sermon on the Mount and especially the opening invitation to true happiness. PRAYER Jesus you are our teacher within and today we ask your help. Just as you have brought our brothers and sisters to full maturity in you, so also guide us and be with us as we walk your Way. By your grace, may we too be counted among the saints in the present moment and in the life to come. Amen.

### Some Thoughts...

The Beatitudes offer a future promise but also a present reality. At first reading some Beatitudes may seem to describe circumstances that you would like to avoid at all costs. Read them slowly. Stay with each one for a while. Let yourself get a sense of the paradox involved in each one. Perhaps you have had an experience of a deeper and more authentic life, a blessing, when...

1. You were poor - you knew your need of God
2. You mourned - could feel for others
3. You were meek - not emotionally out of control
4. You hungered and thirsted for some cause
5. You were merciful rather than vengeful
6. You were pure in heart - a person of integrity, whose actions and intentions correspond
7. You were a peacemaker
8. You were persecuted because you stood for something

### PRAYER

All-holy God, you call your people to holiness. As we keep the festival of your saints, give us their meekness and poverty of spirit, a thirst for righteousness, and purity of heart. May we share with them the richness of your kingdom and be clothed in the glory you bestow. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*K O'Mahony OSA*

### 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**