

Mass Times

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



Recently Deceased

Alice Murphy, Dundanion Road
Denis O'Connor, Clover Hill Estate
Philomena O'Connell, Clover Lawn
Noel Aherne, Blackrock
May the light of heaven surround them always.



Pentecost Reflection

The last two weeks have been very positive in this parish and beyond as we gathered in the church for Mass. The increased numbers to fifty people in attendance at Funeral Masses has also been a consolation and hope to bereaved families. We all share in that consolation and look to the future. Ordinarily at this time of the year we would be celebrating First Holy Communions and Confirmations but that will not be possible for some time yet but we pray with families as they continue to prepare for these special sacraments.



We have reached the Feast of Pentecost with the assurance that we will have an Advocate with us. The promise is that Jesus remains fully present to us and our families through the Holy Spirit. This year, we need that reassurance and blessing more than ever. On this Pentecost Sunday we keep strong, we put our trust in the Risen Jesus Christ who will bring us through these dark days. We pray for our families, especially those away from Ireland and we ask the Holy Spirit to keep them safe and close to us. As always, St. Michael, pray for us.

Fr. Michael

You may be using your mobile phone for Mass, if so, please ensure it is on silent. If not, please switch it off. Thank you

JIM HANOVER.

On 14th May last our Church Community lost one of its loyal servants. Jim passed to his eternal reward which he so richly deserved. He started as a collector at week-end Masses. When Covid came he acted as a Steward directing parishioners safely to their seats. He oversaw the purchase of the Christmas Trees and was responsible for their erection each year. He freshened up the paint work in various parts of the Church and Parish Centre and was most obliging and willing to help in many ways. Jim died in St. James Hospital, Dublin following a short illness. We wish to express our sincere sympathy to his wife Nora, his sons Stephen & David, his daughter Louise and his brother Joe. May he rest in Peace.

Return of Public Worship

Thanks to our volunteer stewards who ensure that all health guidelines are observed in the Church so that we can all gather safely and joyfully for Mass.

Baptisms

Families are asked to contact the church to make arrangements for baptisms. A good few have done so in recent days and we look forward to joyfully celebrating with them soon. Families were very understanding when it was not possible to gather since Christmas but baptisms can now proceed with immediate family members in attendance.

Parish Finance – Thank You

Many people now use the [Donate Button](#) on the Parish website to support the parish and priests. This is really appreciated in these challenging times for everyone.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic (1) Pope Francis: Climate change 'causing immense hardship for the most vulnerable among us' (2) The Sunday Gospel with Fr. Sylvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. -- Praying for the fruits of the Holy Spirit. (3) The unrest wracking the Holy Land is mired in history, culture, religion and emotion, but the root causes remain unaddressed, writes Jason Osborne (4) Martin Mansergh: Ecumenism helped shape the face of modern Ireland.

Tablet (1) United States -- Students must have Covid Jab before return to college. (2). Poetry and Faith -- Where do poems come from?

Catholic Voice: (1) Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (2) Mary Kearns: We are heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven. (3) Hunter Leonard: Angels and Demons.

Keep in Touch - buy a Catholic Paper

When you use the newsletter, please take it home with you.

DO NOT RETURN IT TO THE TABLE

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.

PARISH NOTICES:

Baptisms will commence again on Saturday 15th. May, 2021. Attendance at them is confined to Parents, Baby and siblings (if any) Sponsors and Grandparents.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST/ MINISTERS OF THE WORD
– ROTAS available in Sacristy.

FREE COMPETITION

To mark Laudato Si' week (16-24 May), Nano Nagle Birthplace is launching a short story/essay/poetry/song competition. For full details go to our Website: www.nanonaglebirthplace.ie. Closing date: 30th June 2021.

Thoughts

Pentecost is our great feast, the climax of the festal cycle which began on the first Sunday of Advent. The lectionary offers readings for the feast (Saturday evening and Sunday) as well as texts for an extended Pentecost Vigil. Counting alternatives, there are no fewer than twelve different readings, reflecting the richness of the celebration.

As we know from the history of the church, Pentecost is not a once-off event but happens again and again down the centuries. In the Irish church, the National Synod in two years time has the potential of being a new Pentecost for us all. It all depends... Come, Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful.

The Tarsus Scripture School is offering a free programme for Pentecost. In fact, in stead of the usual "Gospel exploration", we're inviting people to go to the Pentecost programme — register and enjoy it. The Ecumenical Bible Week programme has an excellent line-up of events and speakers.

To register visit www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie



Welcome to our new Lourdes Website

Address: saintbernadette.info Included in it are the following: The Life and Times of Saint Bernadette: The Lourdes Apparitions: The Importance of the Holy Rosary for our times: The Song of Bernadette Movie: Prayer cards available and much more. From morgansharpesenior@gmail.com

Cork Lions Club are holding a Covid compliant **Drive In Bingo at 3:00pm Sunday May 30th** at Curraheen Greyhound Stadium. Gates open at 2:00pm. You can buy bingo books on the day or on line at www.corklionsclub.ie



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**

Thought for the day

It is often forgotten that Pentecost is first of all a Jewish feast, actually a harvest festival. That sense of "ingathering" is also a theme of our Christian Pentecost, as we see the beginning of the church. By the time of Jesus, *Shavuot*—to give it its Hebrew name—also marked the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. This also fits our Christian *Shavuot* as long as we recall that Law, Torah, meant instruction and indeed a whole way of life under God's grace and guidance. It was always interior and the descent of the Holy Spirit takes this inner reality to new levels.

Prayer

Send, O Father, the Holy Spirit of your Son into our lives and communities. May the joy we know in the Spirit help us to be joyful bearers of the Good News to our contemporaries.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections for Prayer

1. Jesus recognised that his disciples were not capable of taking in everything at once. Wisdom about life comes slowly and sometimes painfully. Hearing the 'right' answer at the 'wrong' time does not help us. We need to be ready and open to receiving the truth if it is to have any impact. Perhaps you can recall some occasions when it was the 'right' time for you to learn a truth about life. Remember your experiences of growing in understanding and truth.
2. Perhaps the Spirit guided you through the words of someone close to you, or through the words and actions of people you read about or saw on TV. Understanding may have come to you when you were praying or reflecting on your life. Remember and give thanks for the people who have helped you to greater wisdom in life.
3. Jesus said the Spirit would 'glorify' him by reminding the disciples of Jesus' own teaching. To whom do you give glory by taking their wisdom and incorporating it in your life? Are there people who give you glory by using your wise advice in their lives?
4. Wisdom is handed on from person to person, and from generation to generation, within families, within communities, etc. Are there any particular gems of wisdom that you cherish from what has been handed on to you? What wisdom would you like most of all to pass on to those close to you?

PRAYER

Send down, O God, upon your people the flame of your Holy Spirit, and fill with the abundance of your sevenfold gift the Church you brought forth from your Son's pierced side. May your life-giving Spirit lend fire to our words and strength to our witness. Send us forth to the nations of the world to proclaim with boldness your wondrous work of raising Jesus from the dead. Amen.

MASS CARDS

We have received a supply of the Packet of 12 Mass Cards. Like everything else during Lockdown they have doubled in price. We will sell any parishioner a single Mass Card signed by the priests of the parish – the cost €1.00 per card plus the Stipend for the Mass.