

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

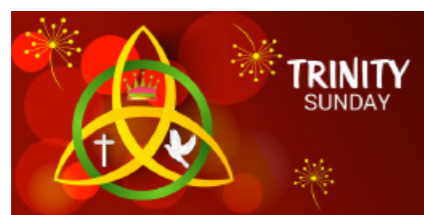


Recently Deceased

Mary O'Herlihy, Rosegreen Avenue
May the light of heaven surround her always.



Trinity Sunday 2021



We are living through extraordinary times. Now is the time for a strong word of faith and hope. It is a time for courage and encouragement.

This Sunday, the first reading speaks of a word that is majestic. Was ever a word more majestic? It goes on, 'understand this today and take it to heart'. Our faith in God is crucial because it reaches our heart and guides our lives.

There is much uncertainty in our world. There is great change. We depend on our faith, not in a cerebral or rational way but as a place to turn and as a person to whom we turn. Hopefully there is consolation this Sunday when we hear the direct words; 'understand this today and take it to heart. The Lord is God indeed'.

This reading is demanding and goes further. The word of God endures in good times and in difficulty. It is not arrogant more of an inner assurance that God is with us. Listen to the concluding words of the gospel, 'know that I am with you always, yes to the end of time'.

On this Trinity Sunday, give us this spirit. Give this spirit to the broken hearted. Let the majestic word of God touch our hearts.

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

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

On Friday 4th. June following morning Mass. Rosary & Benediction at 5p.m. There are sheets on the tables in the Church where Parishioners can indicate the times most suitable for them to be present. We would like that there would be at least 2 people present for each period. If there are vacant periods we would appreciate volunteers to fill these times by putting their names on the list.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.

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. Everything has gone very smoothly since the church reopened for public worship and we look forward to the coming months with hope.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

These celebrations will not take place in May and June. Further advice is awaited to know when the celebrations can go ahead in a safe way.

Baptisms

Families are asked to contact the church to make arrangements for baptisms.

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) TVRadio with Brendan O'Regan: Media obsession with the 'far right' provides ample cover for left-wing conspirators. (2) Michael Kelly: Post-pandemic we need grow in confidence to invite people back. (3) St. Patrick honoured in Belarus with first Orthodox Church. (4) Niambh Uí Bhriain: the abortion review must not be a whitewash (5) Fr. Brendan Cotter: Inviting youth back to Mass.

Universe. (1) Eleven TDs make the case to save unborn babies from pain. (2) Neon. -- the \$500 mega-city dream that is tearing apart the Middle East. (3) The interface between global bioethics and Christian ethics. (4) Cup finals, rejection, resilience and redemption.

Tablet of 22/5: (1) The ministry of the catechism -- Partners in mission. (2) Sickness -- What to say or do.

Tablet of 29/5. (1) Sarah MacDonald: Public Worship -- Mass no longer a priority for many people in Ireland. (2) Church Reform: Synodality takes flight -- Pope Francis has announced a two-year long, Church-wide process of consultation and discernment. (3) Letters -- Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA : Literalism will wreck lectionary.

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 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**

Welcome to the celebration of Mass

We have placed **yellow spots** to highlight where people should sit. We will continue to stand for the "Gospel" and "Our Father". We ask that you **do not kneel-down** at anytime 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. Follow the Stewards guidance during Communion.

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

CHURCH CLOSSES AT 7.00 pm



BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL
June collection will take place inside the church on **June Bank Holiday weekend.**
Thanks to all who have continued to support SVP Blackrock during the pandemic. Your generous support ensures the work of the conference continues during this most difficult time.

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



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

Thought for the day

When people struggle to believe in God at all, our Christian faith in God as Trinity may seem somehow a needless complication. Yet, we do know that relationships and relationality stand at the heart of our human wellbeing. Words do fail us, of course, and yet we know that God in God's own very being is Love. This inner love (the "immanent Trinity") has been spoken and told, disclosed and revealed in Jesus and the Spirit (the "economic Trinity"). And yet, we affirm one God. This evident paradox must first of all be lived in prayer and only then haltingly alluded to in stumbling words.

Prayer
Father, ground of our being, we know and believe that you are Love itself. Help us let ourselves be embraced by your Love, as we follow Jesus and live by the gift of his Spirit to us all.
K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections for Prayer

1. Jesus meets the disciples for the last time. His final words give them direction for their future. Perhaps you can recall such parting moments in your own life – leaving home, school, college, or the death of a loved one. Was there an occasion when the words spoken to you gave you direction for the future?
 2. Perhaps you can identify with Jesus in the story, when as a parent, teacher, or in some other way you sent someone on his/her way in life, knowing that you would not be with him or her as in the past. When did the way you parted help the other to make his or her way in life?
 3. Despite this extraordinary encounter with Jesus some of the disciples doubted. Dealing with questions and doubt is part of an adult faith journey. How have your questions and doubts helped to shape the faith you have today?
 4. Jesus commissioned this collection of believing and doubting disciples to carry on his work. We inherit that mission today. How do you see yourself as commissioned to continue the mission of Jesus?
 5. Jesus told his disciples that although he would not be physically with them he would be with them in a new way right through life. Have there been times when you were reassured by the love and support of another even though s/he was not physically present with you? What are the things that help you to be aware of the presence of Jesus with you on life's journey?
- PRAYER
God our Father you have given us a share in the life that is yours with your Son and the Holy Spirit. Strengthen that life within your Church, that we may know your presence, observe your commands, and proclaim the gospel to every nation. We ask 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.

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.