

### 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

**Timothy Carey**, Willow Bank  
**Patricia (Patsy) Costelloe**, Skehard Road  
May the light of heaven surround them always.



### Baptism

**Tiana Sonowo baptised on 29/05/2021.**  
We welcome her into the Christian Family



### Corpus Christi

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus. It is the third beautiful celebration in recent weeks following the Feast of Pentecost, two weeks ago, and the Feast of the Holy Trinity last Sunday. Over the last fifteen months we have really missed the privilege to participate in the Eucharist over several periods of months. It has been a suffering for people to go through this Eucharistic Fast. Therefore, it is with joy that we gather together this Sunday for the Feast of Corpus Christi.



In a sense it is the Body and Blood of Jesus that brings us together. The Eucharist unifies us as we meet the Risen Jesus at the centre of the Eucharistic celebration. It is also a consolation and an inspiration. We need these things all the time but never more so than at the present time.

May you and your family be blessed by the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, be drawn into the nature of God on the Feast of the Trinity and be nourished in the Eucharist on this Feast of Corpus Christi.

Fr. Michael.

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

**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.

### 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 Communions and Confirmation

Arrangements for these celebrations can now be made to take place after 5th July next taking holiday time and other factors into account.

### Baptisms

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

### State Examinations

We will pray for all the young people who are to start the state examinations during the coming week at all Masses. This has been such a difficult year for the young people, their families and school communities. Please God, our prayerful support will encourage and sustain them in the coming weeks.

### 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) David Quinn: The bottom line is our world is better for having had Mother Teresa. (2) Baptism is the key that unlocked the door to a valid marriage for Boris Johnson, writes Jason Osborne. (3) Breda O'Brien: We must commit to have better conversations about abortion.

**Catholic Voice:** (1) Consideration for the new lectionary in Ireland (2) Christy Bracken: The Servant of God Matt Talbot. (3) Anthony Hoffer: Miracles in return for faith.

**Universe:** (1) Rome -- It's a 'yes' to the Holy Spirit and 'no' to divisive ideologies. (2) Fr. Marsden: How the truth of the Most Holy Trinity is preserved? (3) Q and A with Fr. Francis Doyle: Can daily prayers guarantee salvation?

**Messenger.** (1) Ciara Murphy: Green Bill is not Black and White. (2) Archbishop Eamonn Martin: The Disappeared - Call for Care and Compassion. (3). Peace and Hope in Iraq.

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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 CLOSES AT 7.00 pm**



**Believing and belonging**  
*Biblical perspectives on the community of faith*

**JESSIE ROGERS**  
Biblical models of the people of God

**SEAN GOAN**  
Experience of church in Mark's Gospel, the book of Revelation and the first letter of Peter.

**KIERAN O'MAHONY**  
The Pauline assemblies: rows, reconciliation, renewal

- 15 pre-recorded presentations and 2 online webinars
- June 1: programmes available and webinar @ 7.30 pm
- June 22: second webinar @ 7.30 pm
- €40

For registration, details and resources:  
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### Thought for the day

Hospitality is deeply embedded in human nature and to say someone is hospitable is a welcome compliment. It is no accident that Jesus made use of table fellowship to give people a concrete experience of the indiscriminate love and universal compassion of God. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we experience again that proclamation of the Kingdom. We join our prayer with the prayer of Jesus and the great events of salvation are made present in our time and place. Welcomed as we have been, it is our calling then to show the same love and compassion in our daily lives.

### Prayer

God of welcome and compassion: we thank you the Holy Eucharist, in which we know again your love and compassion. Help us to become what we have received. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

### Reflections for Prayer

1. The symbolic gesture of Jesus at the Last Supper symbolised the offering of himself that he would make on Calvary, giving his life for others. Sometimes we also are called to give our lives for others. We can do this grudgingly or with a generous heart. What difference has it made for you when you were able to give yourself freely?

2. In his encyclical letter Deus Caritas Est, Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is essentially fragmented." What has helped you to be aware of the importance of the link between the Eucharist and your lifestyle?

3. Jesus involved his disciples both in the preparation for the Last Supper and in its celebration. Recall times when you had a heightened awareness of participation and involvement in the Mass. What helped to give you this awareness? Are there lessons from these experiences that you can bring with you to the Sunday Mass?

### PRAYER

God ever faithful, you have made a covenant with your people in the gift of your Son, who offered his body for us and poured out his blood for all. As we celebrate this Eucharistic sacrifice, build up your Church by deepening within us the life of your covenant and by opening our hearts to those in need.

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

### 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.