

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



Wedding

Congratulations to **Patrick McCarthy and Niamh McCarthy** who were married in our Church on Tuesday 8th. June, 2021. Fr. Colin Doocey officiated.



A Little Seed and Noble Cedar



You know the phrase well, 'mol an oige agus tiochaidh siad', always praise the young and they will flourish. Children grow and change quickly. In the next two weeks, so many boys and girls will be leaving primary school. The change in eight years is beyond measure in how they have developed. Where have the little children gone who started on September 1st 2013? It only seems a few years ago.

Change happens in front of our eyes. Many children will leave the secure surroundings of primary school reluctantly. It will be equally significant for parents and families. Growth has taken place but it can be so difficult to see the speed of change.

The word of God speaks of this change as well this weekend. The gospel refers to the growth of a little seed. The first reading talks about the noble cedar that starts as a seed too. Such growth and change happens yet it is almost impossible to visualize.

God is in all these changes. God is with me and God stays with me. Our prayer is always to have the eyes of faith to see change and to understand the beauty of faith and strength of faith. May God bless the children, their families and their school communities.

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

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

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL
SVP collection was €2180 last weekend. A very generous donation by the parishioners of Blackrock. A huge thanks to everyone and to Fr Doocey for facilitating the June SVP church collection. This money will go to supporting those in most need during this most difficult time.

First Confessions

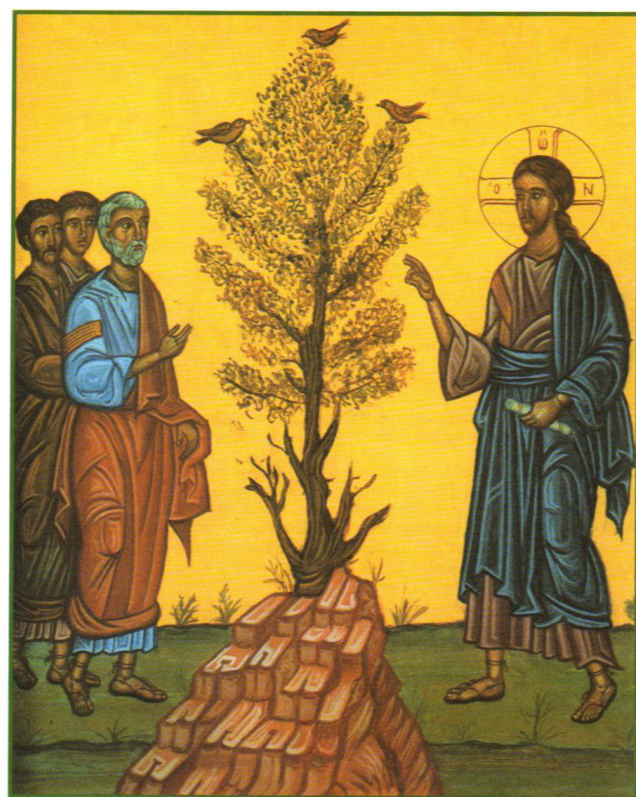
Well done and every blessing to children from the local primary schools who celebrated their First Confession in the church over the last week. Each ceremony was prayerful and joyful. We all look forward to the celebration of First Holy Communion.

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.



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.

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**

A Thought

With the great cycles of feast ended, we return to the continuous reading of Mark's Gospel, starting with the parables of the farmer asleep and the mustard seed. These seemingly "gentle" parables are very rich in potential for today. If you have ever tried the Extra Gospel Exploration, perhaps now is the time.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic. (1) What the new revisions to the Code of Canon Law mean for safeguarding (2) Pope Francis: Climate change 'causing immense hardship for the most vulnerable among us' (3) The coming demographic nightmare -- The population is boosted by young migrants, but we are still aging rapidly and declining sharply, writes David Quinn

Tablet. (1) Germany -- Pope orders apostolic visitation of Cologne Archdiocese. (2) Melanie McDonagh: The Code of Canon Law is on line which means we can all set ourselves up as experts

Universe. (1) Fr. Pat Ryall says 'we are delighted to have him back' as Blessed Carlo's relics arrive in London (2) Fr. Francis Marsden: The miracle of the Holy Eucharist at Lanciano

Looking to try something new?

Mahon Family Resource Centre along with Patrick Byrne would like to invite you to a FREE Pop Up - Pop In Art Therapy Studio
Date : Saturday 19th of June 2021
Time : 3.00pm -7.00pm
Location: Mahon FRC

Art Psychotherapist Professional : Patrick Byrne
What is Art Therapy?
Art Therapy is a form of creative expression in which people use art materials and art making process as a way of communicating their thoughts, feelings and experiences.



For more information : Please see below or contact Patrick Byrne on **087 7563939** between the hours of 10.00-11.00am Monday to Thursday

Welcome to the celebration of Mass

We have placed **yellow spots** to highlight where people should sit. **FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN IN THE CHURCH.** 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

Thought for the day

Sleep that knits up the ravell'd sleeve of care is a daily therapeutic miracle, healing the heart. There is a gentle reflection of this in John 11, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Sometimes, it is better to leave things alone and they will come along of their own accord. Parents know this very well...you just have to trust the process / the growth. The typical heresy of our time is not quietism but rather meticulous activism, often declining into pernicky interference. Some things just take time and the courage of non-interference!

Prayer

You are the mystery at the heart all and in you we put our trust. When we are asleep, when we are awake, you are silently at work. In you, we place our trust. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections for Prayer

1. If you sow seeds, or watch plants grow, you have ample opportunities to pause in wonder at the whole process of growth. It takes place imperceptibly and comes to fruition in beautiful flowers, majestic trees and abundant harvests.
2. Jesus uses this as a parable about the growth of the Kingdom of God, the kingdom of right relationships with God and with one another. There too growth is slow, development is imperceptible, and then without realising it you have a mature relationship. Recall the stages of such development in your life and relationships, and give thanks.
3. In the second parable Jesus invites us to reflect on the importance and significance of relationships in our lives as they grow and mature. This is true both of our relationship with God and with others around us. When have you found a relationship in which you could "make nests in its shade"?

PRAYER

O God, at whose bidding the seed will sprout and the shoot grow towards full stature, hear the prayer of your assembled people. Make us trust in your hidden ways, that we may pray with confidence and wait for your kingdom now growing in our midst. We make our prayer 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.

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.

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.