

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am
Working Holy Days: 10 am & 7.30 pm
Monday to Friday: 10 am
Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm
Fr Colin Doocey Adm. Pro Tem



Baptism

Theo Daniel Hackett.
Cillian Charles James Kelly.
We welcome them into the Christian Family



Why are you so Frightened?

This weekend the readings are about 'the tempest and storm'. We all have been through the tempest over the last fifteen months and hopefully, on this June weekend we are beginning to see some calm after the storm. Not unlike ourselves, in the gospel text, the disciples are fearful of the rough seas and large waves. In response, Jesus asks a direct question, 'why are you so frightened?'



In the first reading, God is in the storm and speaks from the tempest and describes both sides of life as the sea can be beautiful 'wrapped in a robe of mist' or angry, dangerous and treacherous.

God is in both the beautiful and the dangerous. God is always present. Circumstances and events change, yet God is constant. In answer to the question of Jesus, 'why are you so frightened' we could list so many things but take comfort and strength that God has been with us in the tempest for the last fifteen months. We stay strong and keep hopeful. The Eucharist assures and strengthens us.

Enjoy your weekend, confident that God is present in the tempest and the beautiful sea.

Fr. Michael

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

Baptisms

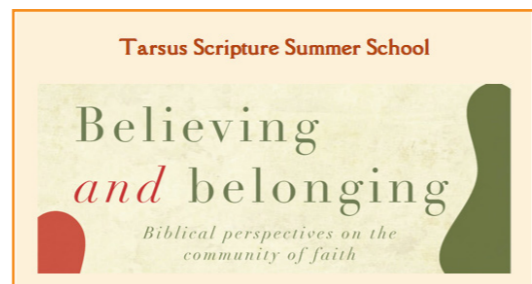
Families are asked to contact the church to make arrangements for baptisms.

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.

Welcome

It's great to see that attendances at Masses are gradually increasing within government guidance on the numbers to be present. There is a sense that we are reaching some normality. In recent weeks, baptisms, First Confessions, a wedding have been celebrated in the Church. Funeral Masses are celebrated with a maximum of 50 people in attendance. Thanks to all those who make sure that we can gather safely and we look forward with hope.



The **Scripture Summer School** has started - but it's not too late to join in. The 15 lectures will be available all summer and there's one more webinar on 22 June @ 7.30pm. Details of the full programme from www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie

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



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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

The Gospel could hardly be more relevant. Storms and upheavals are everywhere — the church in Germany is a dramatic illustration. It would be tempting to jump in programmatic or managerial "responses" but that would be to miss the point. The starting point has to be elsewhere: the Good News, the person of Jesus, risen from the dead. Only then can we discern and take the necessary decisions, with freedom and courage. Mark's teaching is for today.

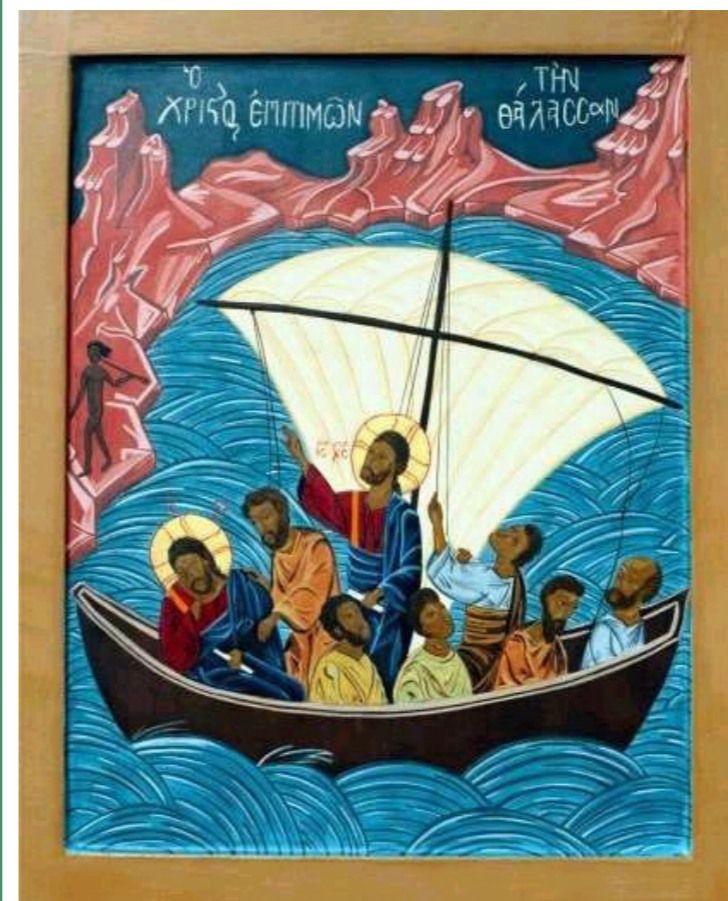
WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic. (1) Fr. Padraig O Cochlain: Hospital Diary of a grateful priest following Covid. (2) Fr. Martin Delajney: Disquiet when faith is removed from commemorations (3) Irish media make it appear simple and humane to give intended parents automatic legal rights, but surrogacy is complex, writes David Quinn

Universe/Catholic Times. (1). GAA legend Mickey Harte says St. Patrick's Pilgrimage was boost for spiritual health. (2) Fr. Francis Marsden: The Church's teaching about marriage and Canon Law. (3) Important (and sad) editorial -- With a very heavy heart

Catholic Voice. (1)When Padre Pio lost his sister and nephew to the Spanish Flu (2) Mary Kearns: What does it mean to be an Irish Catholic? (3) Why Catholics need to return to the Catechism

Tablet. (1) Australia -- Media companies hit with hefty fines over Cardinal Pell's trial reporting (2) John Bradburne -- God's outcast



Thought for the day

While it is not comfortable, to be in crisis is probably the natural state of the Christian project. Even in Jesus' day: *"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. (Luke 6:26)* Likewise, quite early on, the story of the storm at sea was read as a kind of allegory, representing the (later) church undergoing trials. The natural feeling of being abandoned is captured in the raw emotion of Mark's account. Mark also tells us where to seek help: *Who then is this?* Like the disciples, we have no full understanding of Jesus and yet, like them, to him we turn.

Prayer

Lord, the sea is so wide and my boat is so small. Be with me.

Breton fisherman's prayer

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections for Prayer

1. The image of a boat in a stormy sea is a symbol of life in difficult times and can represent inner turmoil, anxiety and high emotions. When you have been in such circumstances, perhaps a "Jesus person" came to your assistance and calmed you down? Recall that person with gratitude.
2. The image can also be applied to a family, a community, a parish, or any other group. Remember people who have had a gift of bringing peace to troubled situations.
3. The significance of miracles in the Gospels is that they show Jesus as one who brings God's power to bear on human need and suffering. Have there been times when you have been a channel for this healing power of God, holding a crying child in your arms, calming the anxiety of a friend, or being a peacemaker in a group to which you belong?

PRAYER

In the beginning, O God, your word subdued the chaos; in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, your Son, to rebuke the forces of evil and bring forth a new creation. By that same power, transform all our fear into faith and awe in your saving presence. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.