

## 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

**Tessa Kate Lyons.**  
**Bláithín Stephanie Moloney.**  
**Gabrielle Tess O'Sullivan.**

*We welcome them into the Christian Family*



## Courage and Strength

As primary schools closed for the summer holidays during the past week it brought the curtain down on an extraordinary school year for the pupils, school staff, families and parishes. It has been a challenging year and hopefully everyone can enjoy a good rest. We keep our fingers crossed that things will remain stable for the summer and that our schools can re-open again with renewed energy and enthusiasm in the autumn.



The gospel this Sunday describes the tenderness and healing of Jesus. He also asks again, 'why are you so afraid?' This weekend we pray for the tenderness and courage of Jesus. We hope and pray that our young people will not be afraid but will have absorbed many lessons for life over the last year as well as everything that they have learned in school.

Hopefully, we also have the weather to match our summer mood this weekend.

*Fr. Michael.*

**BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL**  
**Monthly Church Gate Collection will take place**  
**w/e 4th July.**  
**Your support as always, is greatly appreciated.**

## 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.

## First Holy Communions and Confirmations

Arrangements are being put in place for these Sacraments to be celebrated in September. Well done to all the children, their families and school communities on the celebration of the Sacrament of First Confession in the church in recent weeks.

## FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

On Friday 2nd July 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.

**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.**

**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**

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 combined stories of Jairus' daughter and the woman with haemorrhage have tremendous potential, both spiritual and pastoral. I've explored this a little more fully in the Extra Gospel Exploration. Mark has his own agenda, which includes challenging the male/female barrier, much as Paul does in Galatians.

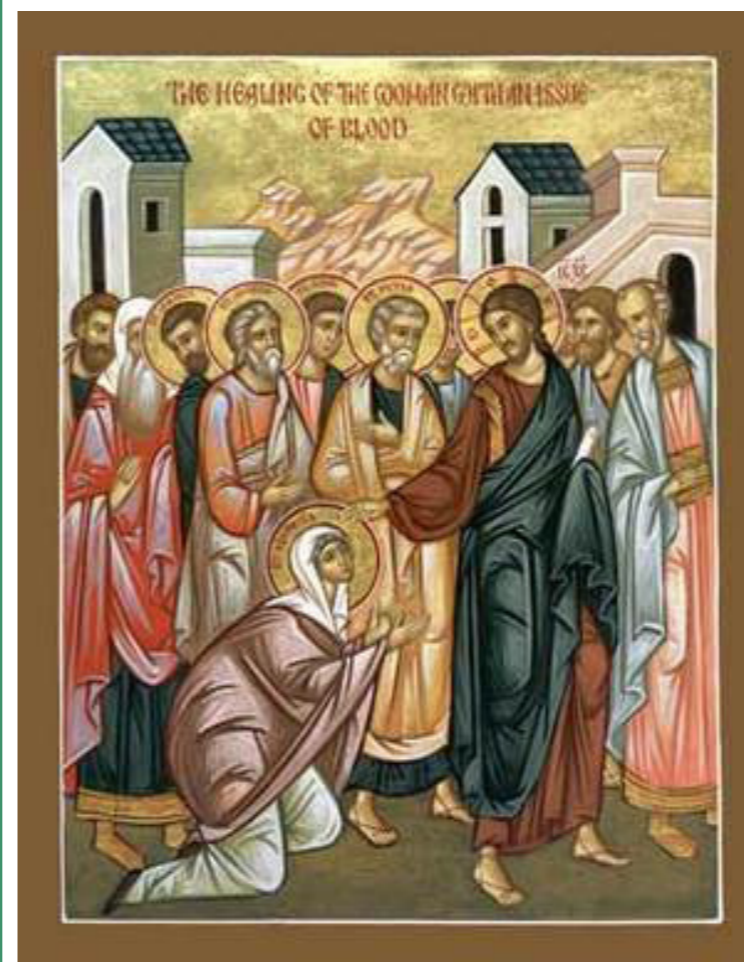
At a pastoral level, it is often the case that the wounded child within needs to be healed so the the adult may flourish once more and become life-giving.

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. (Romans 6:9-10)

## WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

**Irish Catholic.** (1) Bishops' 'referendum' on Biden may not have been that at all. (2) Fatima — Faith-filled filmmaking at its finest (3) Michael Kelly: A lot done, more to do —. The reality is that without fresh funding, the work of safeguarding in the Church will fall behind. (4) Dr. Gaven Kerr of Maynooth: Mary McAleese is wrong on the reception of children into the Church. (5) David Quinn: Time for the Church here to address 'Eucharistic coherence'

**Tablet.** (1) Chris Patten: China — Trust is a two-way street. (2) The flawed Trappist — Thomas Merton reconsidered



## Thought for the day

We may miss the shock factor in both stories today. Given the strict rules surrounding ritual purity, it was unprecedented that a woman with some kind of gynaecological complaint should actually touch a man. Conversely, Jesus touched a corpse, also strictly forbidden and entailing ritual impurity. Both acted courageously and against the established tradition for the sake of something greater.

## Prayer

Help us, Lord, to know when to reach out, when to touch and welcome the excluded. Help us to know when to set aside received practices which hinder the Gospel in our day. May this woman's example gives us courage!

*K O'Mahony OSA*

## Reflections for Prayer

1. Like this woman, have you had the experience of a cure, an improvement, a success, after a long period of nothing happening? What was that like for you? What made the difference? On that occasion was there anything different in you, in others, in the circumstances – something that paved the way for the change or improvement?

2. "Who touched me?" Jesus asked. It seems a strange request with crowds milling around. Many people brushed against him but the woman made contact in a different way. The same can happen in our relationships. We brush against many people but make real contact only with a few. Who are the people you have touched, and who has touched you? What difference has this made to you and to them?

3. It can happen that there are many occasions when we brush against Jesus, and other occasions when we have a sense that we are in contact with him. What deepens your contact with Jesus?

4. Jesus said to the woman, 'Your faith has made you well'. What difference does it make to you that you have faith? In what ways does your faith make you well?  
5. When Jairus asked Jesus to come and cure his daughter, some thought there was no point. Sometimes a situation can look like a lost cause. Has it ever happened to you that subsequent events showed there was hope where you thought there was none?

## PRAYER

God of the living, in whose image we have been formed with imperishable life as our destiny, dispel from your people the fear of death and awaken within us the faith that saves. Bid us rise from the death of sin to take our place in the new creation. This prayer we make through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**SECOND COLLECTION 26/27 JUNE, 2021.**  
**Peters Pence**