

## 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**



## Recently Deceased

**Cecilia McKenna**, The Marina  
May the light of heaven surround her always.



## Baptism

**Éabha Catherine Bríd Hayes.**  
We welcome her into the Christian Family



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

## KEEP GOING!

In the gospel this Sunday the people are astonished at the words of Jesus. While

a prophet is not accepted in his own place, the words of Jesus astonish the listeners and they are moved by Him. Despite so much change in our lives and the world it is still powerful to be astonished by the words of Jesus.

Over the last sixteen months our lives and our world have been turned upside down. This week we have again been shaken by predictions of the spread of the Delta variant and it has raised our worries. However, the most powerful thing remains the words of Jesus and the gift of the Eucharist.

As always, we keep going with trust and hope. May God give us the strength and perseverance we need for ourselves and our families as we again face uncertain times.

Fr. Michael

**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.

## 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

Following the recent government announcement all baptisms arranged to take place after this weekend are deferred. Families have really looked forward to these special moments in their lives so it is disappointing but we hope that these can be celebrated soon when it will be safe to do so.

### 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

Again, following the government announcement during the week arrangements for the celebration of the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation are on hold.

### Welcome and Thank You

We are so grateful to our volunteer stewards, church collectors, parish ministries and parish volunteers who continue to make sure that we can gather confidently and safely for Mass.  
*Go raibh maith agat.*

## WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

**Irish Catholic.** (1) Book Review -- Parnell and his times. (2) TV/Radio with Brendan O'Regan: Hospital row is a field day for Church bashers. (3) Conversations hinge on local discussions and agreement if Catholic schools are to divest patronage, Bishop Tom Deenihan tells Chai Brady. (4) Breda O'Brien: Politicians cannot pick and choose Church teachings and then expect to be considered good Catholics.

**Catholic Voice.** (1) Mgr. Charles Pope: The Progressive Stages of Sin. (2) Fr. Joseph Gill: Eucharistic Coherence. (3) The Rise and Fall of the Sacred Heart in Dublin.

**Tablet.** (1) United States: Eucharistic revival -- Beyond the politics of Communion. (2) St. Columba -- A saint for all kingdoms. (3) Liverpool Synod -- Evangelisation and lay ministry top the poll

**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

On this Sunday, we go forward to Mark 6:1-6a, the scene in the synagogue at Nazareth. There's a lot more to it than might seem at first glance. Accordingly, the translation by Eugene Boring is offered in this email. The people of Nazareth were unable to hear what Jesus had to say — a phenomenon not unknown in our own time.

### Mark 6:1-6a (translated by Eugene Boring) :

**A**nd he left that place and comes to his hometown, and his disciples follow him. 2 And when the Sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and the large congregation who heard him were terribly shocked. And they kept asking, "Where does this guy get this from? What is the wisdom that has been given to him, and such deeds of power that happen through his hands? 3 Isn't this the construction worker, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and aren't his sisters here with us?" And their encounter with him led to their downfall. 4 And Jesus was saying to them, "Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown, and within their own family, and in their own house." 5 And he was not able to do there any deed of power, except that he did lay his hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And he was amazed because of their unbelief.



Reconstructed 1st century Synagogue at Nazareth

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**DO NOT RETURN IT TO THE TABLE**



If you would like to receive a weekly commentary on the Weekly Scripture Readings, both in AUDIO and in PDF, please log on to [www.tarsus.ie](http://www.tarsus.ie) and register to receive the emails.

## Thought for the day

Familiarity breeds... well, sometimes blindness. We do need familiarity—we couldn't be working things out for the first time all of the time. What is regular and known can help us get on with the day or the job or the relationship. But there are times—we all have them—when sheer familiarity impedes our understanding and prevents our encounter with the new, the different and the radical. Our case is, perhaps, the diametric opposite of that of the people of Nazareth. Our too comfortable faith familiarity with Jesus can hinder us from seeing the radical, the new, the disturbing. Sometimes a bit of defamiliarisation would be good for us!!

### Prayer

Lord, take away dull familiarity and shake us up that we may ask ourselves honestly, "Who then is this?" Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

## Reflections for Prayer

1. The story reminds us of how personal prejudices and agendas can block us from listening to the content of what another person has to say, no matter how relevant or wise it is. Perhaps you have experienced this? What difference has it made to you when you were able to focus on the content of what was being said and leave to one side your own prejudices about the speaker?

2. It has been said that there is nothing as useless as the right advice at the wrong time. We may want to reach out to another, but may be unable to make a useful contribution because at that moment the other person is not ready to be helped. Like Jesus we can "do no deed of power". As Jesus had to be patient and wait for another opportunity so do we. What have you learned about the importance of patience in working with other people?

3. The topic of religion can easily bring up prejudices, leading some to dismiss religion as superstition, old hat, or based on an outdated world view. Even among believers, prejudice can make it hard for individuals to listen to an alternative way of looking at things, to consider a different way of celebrating liturgy, or to live at peace with difference. Yet a closed mind can lead to a stagnant faith. When have you found that a willingness to consider a different perspective led to a deepening and strengthening of your faith?

### PRAYER

God of the prophets, in every age you send the word of truth, familiar yet new, a sign of contradiction. Let us not be counted among those who lack faith, but give us the vision to see Christ in our midst and to welcome your saving word. We make this prayer though Christ our Lord. 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.