

## 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

**Clodagh Kate Lucey.**  
**Mia Roisín Cunneen.**  
**Kaci Cunneen.**  
**Olivia Annabelle Clemente Cirule.**  
*We welcome them into the Christian Family*



## People of Faith make a Difference

It is not easy to be a person of faith in many places now and it is even more difficult to be a young person of faith in a complex world. In the readings at Mass this weekend we meet people of faith who face daunting challenges. In the gospel the disciples go out two-by-two with no safety net other than their experience of the Risen Jesus, their companion on the journey and their small community praying for them.

In the First reading, the prophet Amos is easily dismissed as 'a shepherd who looks after sycamore trees' yet he is a person of faith. He perseveres despite opposition.

People of faith make a difference in their families, their parish and community, their society and country. In our own families we make a difference and we keep the Risen Jesus at the centre of our lives and communities. May God bless us all in these strange and daunting times, facing many challenges but always powered by our faith in God.

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.*



## Baptisms

Following the recent government announcement baptisms will not take place at this time. 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) Pope Francis in 'good condition' after surgery. (2) Mary Kenny: Dr. Gavin Ashenden was a chaplain to Queen Elizabeth and then he 'crossed the Tiber' .... (3) David Quinn: Canada's cultural genocide -- if outrage is understandable, violence is not. (4) Nuala O'Loan: We are starting to see an unprecedented degree of accountability in the Church

**Messenger.** (1). Pope Francis on Wonder. (2) The Ursulines -- Pioneering Women. (3) Fr. Peter McVerry S.J. -- An end to direct provision? (4) St. Bernadette Soubirous of Lourdes

**Tablet.** (1) Clerical Abuse and its damaging legacy -- The German Church's thorny path. (2) Role of the Catholic media

Coronavirus COVID-19 Public Health Advice

**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

For those of us within the faith, there could be nothing more engaging or fulfilling. But let's not forget that for others, the whole Christian claim is simply unbelievable — literally too good to be true. We proclaim God, a God of love, who has chosen to disclose himself gradually, starting in creation and then through the people of Israel. This revelation reached its climax in a single human life, Jesus of Nazareth, especially in his death and resurrection. Then followed the great outpouring of the Spirit. Obvious to believers, but it is a lot to take in and a lot to take on board.



If it is true, then it is simply wonderful — worth everything, all that I am. If it is true, then life is suddenly illuminated — we see the deeper, everlasting purpose of existence, goodness and love. Still, not everyone can take this step.

So, how can we make Christ known today? A good guide and encouragement for today is the 2020 Directory for Catechesis. In spite of the boring title, this excellent document is very real, grounded and energetic. As we face into an Irish National Synod in 2023, a careful reading of this document would be help us to see that it is not all about church, not even all about sacraments. It is, however, all about proclaiming the good news of Jesus, risen from the dead.

**BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL**  
**The Church Gate Collection last weekend**  
**amounted to €2435**  
**Your support as always, is greatly appreciated.**

**SECOND COLLECTION W/E 17/18 JULY, 2021.**  
**DIOCESAN NEEDS,**

**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**  
**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.**

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

The handing on of the faith—evangelisation to use a technical term—is the task of everyone in the church today: family members, catechists, pastoral workers, the ordained. It is our great challenge and the one thing necessary. And yet, who dares today to take up such a role? Our Gospel portrays key dimensions: the sense of being sent or called, the choice of life-style based on that of Jesus, the confidence to face not being made welcome and yet to continue for the sake of the joy of the Gospel.

## Prayer

*God of the Good News, you spoke your word and disclosed your heart in Jesus of Nazareth. Help us who are called to take to heart the word of truth, the Gospel of salvation. May we know the action of the Spirit, and so inspired may we inspire others as well.*

K O'Mahony OSA

## Reflections for Prayer

1. Jesus gave the disciples a share in his mission by sending them out ahead of him. It was a gesture of trust and confidence on his part, even though they did not fully understand his mission. Have you ever been surprised by the trust shown to you by others to speak or act on their behalf?
2. Jesus sent the disciples out two by two. Perhaps your experience gives you examples of the value of having another with you when engaged in an important task.
3. The instructions given by Jesus may seem strange. They were intended to counteract practices by bogus preachers who used preaching as a mask for moneymaking. The disciples of Jesus were to focus on the mission given to them, not on their own comforts. Is it your experience that vested interests can impede a task, whereas having the right motives makes your mission more effective?
4. The task of the disciples was to call people to repent, (metanoia = conversion, change the way we look at God and at other people). The core of the mission of Jesus was to change the attitude of people towards God from fear to trust. He also wanted people to see that life was a gift from God who loved them and wanted them to live it in all its fullness and abundance, despite its difficulties. Who have been the disciples, the people in your life who have called you to be more trusting in God? To whom have you given this call?

## PRAYER

*God of justice, God of salvation, from every land you call a people to yourself. Yours in the work we do, yours the message we carry. Keep your Church single-minded and faithful to you. Let failure not discourage us nor success beguile our hearts, as you send us to proclaim the gospel. 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.*

## 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.