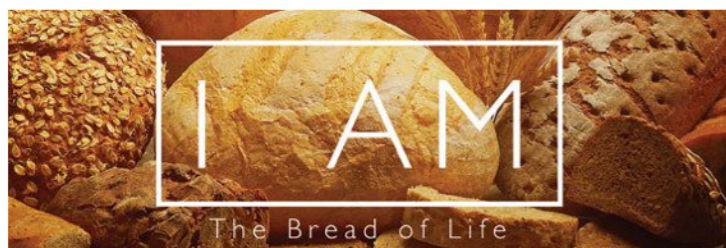


Mass Times

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



Give us the Bread Always

In the gospel this weekend the people are pursuing Jesus asking to 'give us that bread always'. There is an urgency in their pursuit. It's not something casual or a chance meeting with Jesus, it is much more than that.

There are times when we come to Mass and suddenly something drops into place for us. We might have been hearing things for years and suddenly it makes sense because it is real and probably urgent. Equally there are times when we really need the Eucharist and we realise that this truly is the Bread of Life for me in my own life. In a few words, Jesus responds to our request and prayer by saying, 'I am the Bread of Life'.

This weekend, we welcome those words and that reassurance.

Have a great Bank Holiday weekend

Fr. Michael

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

On Friday 6th August 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.

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

The good news is that baptism will resume from Saturday 7th August in the parish. Families who have been so patient are now asked to contact the parish as soon as possible to make arrangements.

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.

Thank You

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

Weddings

While the number of those to attend the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage in a church can increase to 100 people from 5th August next this is only to happen where the size of the church allows and the following protective measures can be implemented:

- social distancing guidelines are adhered to
- the premises can be subdivided into distinct sections (cordoned or marked appropriately) of not more than 50 persons in each section
- there is a minimum of 4 metres between sections
- each section has its own entrance and exit route
- there are separate arrangements for elements of the service involving close contact, for example the distribution of Holy Communion
- strictly no movement of people between sections before, during or after the service
- the premises is well-ventilated.

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Monthly Church Gate collection will take place on **w/e 7th/8th August**
Your support as always, is greatly appreciated.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic. (1) Business as usual, bishops in Dublin and Cork assure Latin Mass communities (2) Fr. Rolheiser: Can we prove that God exists? (3) Breda O'Brien: Navigating the tougher aspects of being a teenager (4) Grandparents admit, like Pope Francis said, sometimes they feel 'discarded'

Tablet. (1) Lectionary -- Church leaders endorse 'more inclusive' Bible translation (2) Mary of Magdala -- Apostle to the apostles (3) Racism in the Church -- it is not enough to say 'I am not a racist'

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

We continue our journey into John chapter 6. Three dimensions of the Gospel passage are identified:

*Searching, seeking, questing.
What does God want of us?
Jesus as the "I am."*

Any one of these could take us deeply into our faith in Christ. In particular, the question at the centre — "What must we do to do the works of God" — arises for any spiritual traveller. Intriguingly, the very first words on the lips of Jesus in this Gospel are: 'What are you looking for?' (John 1:38)

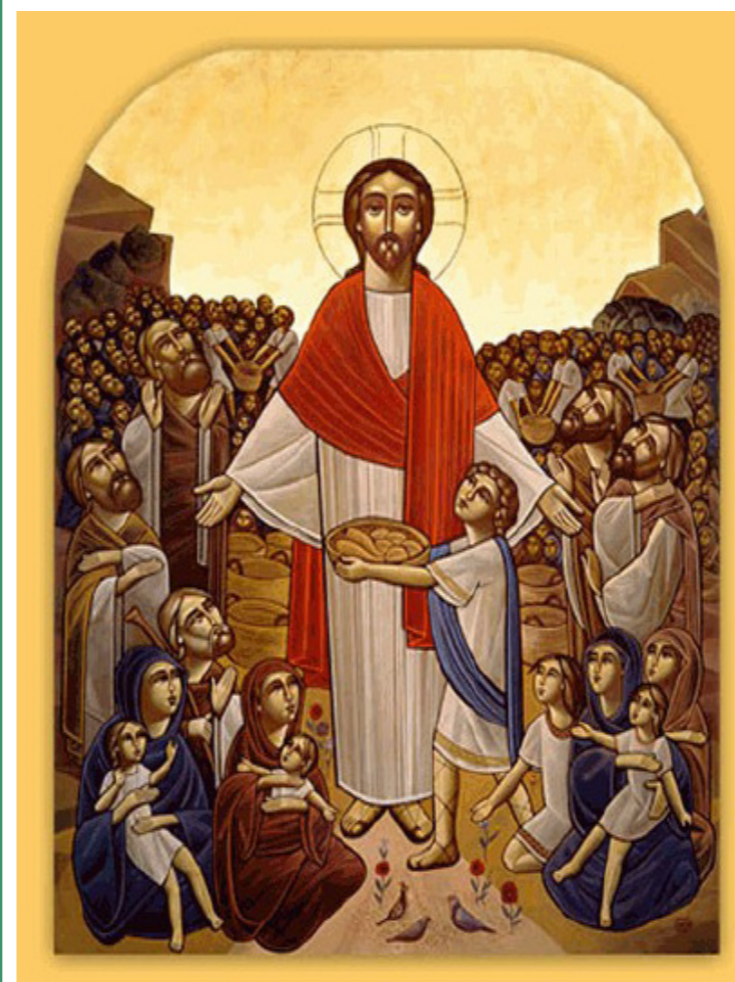
You may be using your mobile phone for Mass, if so, please ensure it is on silent. If not, please switch it off. Thank you



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 and register to receive the emails.

Thought for the day

Physical hunger is unmistakable and urgent. The deeper hungers of the heart are also urgent but can take a while to recognise. Deep down, for what do I really hunger and thirst?

Prayer

You alone can satisfy the hungry heart, Lord God, and may we make our the words of the Gospel, "Sir, give us this bread always." Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. Jesus distinguishes between food that gives quick satisfaction and food that gives lasting nourishment. It is a mark of wisdom to be able to say 'no' to enticing but delusory attractions in order to choose things of lasting value. From your life experience what advice would you give to another about where things of lasting value are to be found?

2. Jesus reminds his listeners that God is the source of all good things. What difference does it make in your life when you are aware that life, the world, everything you have is gift, and you live in a spirit of gratitude?

3. The work of God is that we believe in the one whom God has sent. In what ways has your faith in Jesus enriched and changed your life? How has Jesus satisfied your hungers or quenched your thirsts? Is it the idea that we are loved by God?

4. As Jesus came down from heaven to give life to the world, so each one of us is here to be a source of life to others. Think of people who have been a source of life to you, and give thanks for them. For whom have you also been a source of life?

PRAYER

Lord, giver of lasting life, satisfy our hunger through Christ, the Bread of Life, and quench our thirst with your gift of belief that we may no longer work for food that perishes, but believe in the One whom you have sent. We make our prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.