

### 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**



### I am the Bread of Life



This weekend we pray for the late Fr. Con Cronin and Mark Wills who both died tragically last Tuesday afternoon in Monkstown. We pray for their heartbroken families. We are in solidarity with the Harbour Parishes and Bantry Parish who are in shock and grief. May God comfort all the bereaved at this time.

Fr. Con who was known and loved by so many celebrated Mass for 42 years in different parishes and countries. He would have said 'Do this in Memory of Me' almost every day throughout those years. He would have heard the words of this Sunday's First reading to 'get up and eat' and understood the powerful words of Jesus, 'I am the Bread of Life'.

Please God, these words will comfort the bereaved this weekend and reassure people that to live life by faith and the Eucharist is the best life of all.

May Fr. Con and late Mark Wills now rest in the company of God gathered at the Eternal Banquet. May they rest in peace.

Fr. Michael

**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**  
**Monthly Church Gate collection will take place on w/e 7th/8th August**  
**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.*



### Baptisms

The good news is that baptisms will resume this weekend 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.

### 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.

### 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

### WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

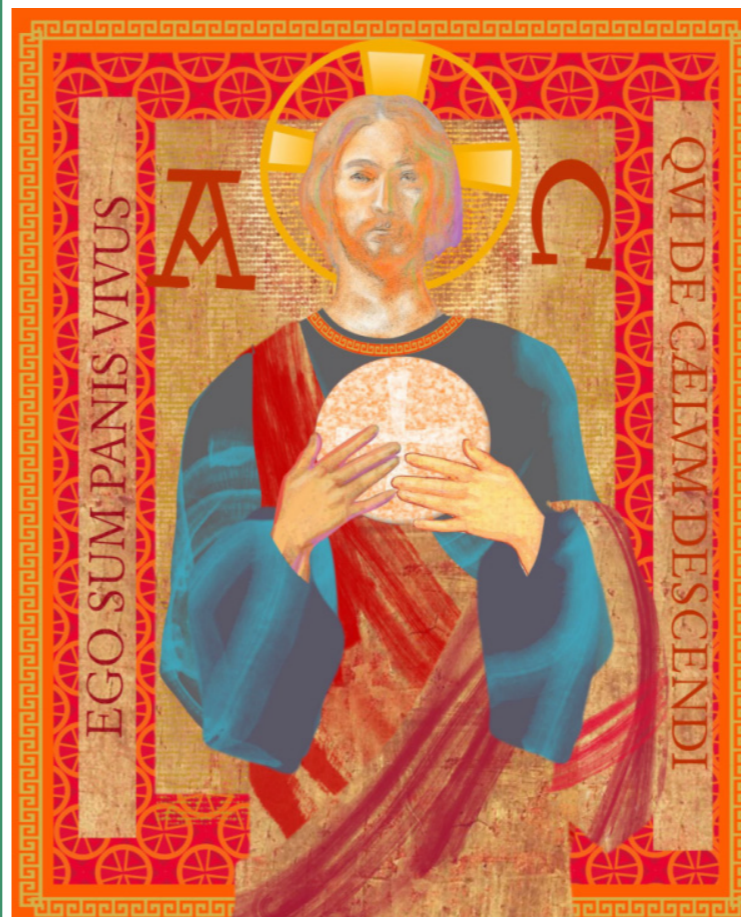
**Irish Catholic.** (1) Excitement builds for Youth 2000's hybrid summer festival. (2) People are sometimes unaware of the traditions and meaning behind Catholic funerals which can lead to very challenging situations, writes Chai Brady. (3) TVRadio with Brendan O'Regan: Still mystified by how the state presumed to ban sacraments (4) Fr. Conor McDonough OP: A visionary behind the Olympic Games

**Tablet.** (1) Catholics flock to Latin Mass Society in England & Wales over curbs on Old Rite services (2) The Roman Rite -- Extraordinary measures. (3) Older people and the Church -- The Art of the Grandparent

**Catholic Voice.** (1) Three Steps for a Perfect Liturgy. (2) Mary Kearns: Positive response to the restrictions on Church attendance. (3). 100 years ago G.K. Chesterton predicted our dark times

### 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**



**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.**



For many years, I've undertaken an annual charity cycle for Peter McVerry SJ. The Peter McVerry Trust continues to help many, many young people in trouble, providing support, therapy and housing. The cause is very good and you, the subscribers, have been very generous in the past. To donate online go to : [kieran@70wexford2021](mailto:kieran@70wexford2021)

Thanks  
Kieran O'Mahony OSA

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

For us eternal life usually means the next life and it can sound remote and unreal. The Fourth Gospel, where the expression occurs seventeen times, can be of help. The last occurrence (17:2) teaches that eternal life is a quality of relationship which begins now in the present moment and which is indestructible (Heb 7:16).

#### Prayer

*Lord, we struggle to believe at all and we struggle to hold on to eternal life. Help us to hear your call in the present moment. Help to know you and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. Help us to respond with full and trusting hearts, now and into the future.*

K O'Mahony OSA

### Reflections

1. Jesus gave the disciples a share in his Faith is reasonable but we cannot reason our way into faith. We have to be 'drawn by the Father'. We have to be 'taught by God'. What opens your mind and heart to God's message?

2. One thing which closes our minds to what another is saying is when we label them disparagingly, as the Jews did to Jesus. Have you ever had the experience of being surprised by the wisdom of another when you laid aside your prejudices about her/him to listen to what s/he was saying?

3. 'No one has ever seen the Father except the one who is from God'. As Jesus put a human face on God and God's love, so God's love for us today is mediated through one another. How have other people been sacraments of God's love for you?

4. The way in which Jesus became a source of life for us was by giving himself. It is when we truly give ourselves that we can be life-giving to one another. If we do not give of ourselves, what do we have to offer? How have you discovered the importance of self-giving, in yourself or in others?

#### PRAYER

*God our Father and provider, whose Son has given his flesh for the life of the world, sustain your pilgrim Church on its journey with the word of life and the bread of heaven. Draw us nearer to him in whose name we gather, that, following his way of sacrificial love, we may come to the banquet of eternal life. Grant 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.*

### 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.