

### 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**



### Baptisms

**James Ryan Lee.**  
We welcome him into the Christian Family



### Recently Deceased

**Teddy Cronin, McGrath Park**  
May the light of heaven surround him always.



### fáilte

The gospel at Mass this weekend is where Peter declares his faith in Jesus as the Son of God. He says 'yes, you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God'. It is a turning point in the entire gospel. Up to this point the disciples are uncertain and hesitant. After Peter's words they are strengthened and become more single minded in their following of Jesus.



Hopefully we are all at a turning point in relation to the Covid pandemic. We are encouraged to be able to do more things and go more places. While we all continue to be very careful there is hope ahead. The celebration of the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation have resumed this week. Baptisms are back on track. We continue to be very careful as we gather for Mass in the church as attendances will increase gradually in the coming weeks and months.

The most important thing is that people and families feel safe and welcome in our church and parish. We reach out in particular to young people and young families. The church is open and you are welcome.

We declare our faith in Christ like Peter and Mass at Mass. God's blessing to our young people and young families and all in our parish. St. Michael, pray for us.

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



### 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**

### Baptisms

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism continues and many families are now celebrating these joyful moments in our parish. Families who have been so patient over the last year are encouraged to contact the parish to make arrangements for baptisms.

### Mass

While the attendance at Mass can now be up to 50% of church capacity, we still must take into account social distancing requirements, mask wearing, sanitisation on entry and departure as well as good ventilation. Our stewards continue to support us in maintaining all of these things. Getting back to normal will take time and we continue to apply these requirements here in the church for the good of all.

### 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.

**Blackrock Community Association** will hold Registration for members on Monday 27th September between 2-4 pm. Registration will take place in line with government advice re covid 19.

### WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

**Irish Catholic.** (1) Fr. Rolheiser: Under a bridge in Texas (2) The Sunday Gospel with Fr. Sylvester O'Flynn: Take up your cross and follow me (3) Michael Kelly: Frank Duff -- a model of robust lay leadership (4) Mary Kenny: Cecelia Ahern's very moral book theme

**Catholic Voice.** (1) Cardinal Burke's Letter of Gratitude (2) Mary Kearns: A new and different witness at Knock Shrine (3) Marian Apparitions -- The many faces of our Blessed Mother

**Messenger.** (1) Fr. Peter Sexton SJ: (1) To thank and be thanked -- Encouraging us to be grateful people. (2) Ronan Barry: What is a Catholic school? (3) Fr. Sean McDonagh: The rise of the Growth Economy

### BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The SVP collection was €1785 this month. Thanks to everyone for the continued generous support. This is greatly appreciated especially at this time with so many families having large back to school costs. The support of the parishioners of Blackrock to the SVP collections in recent times has been exceptional and is greatly appreciated by conference members and those it supports.

John McAdoo, SVP President, Blackrock

### Thoughts

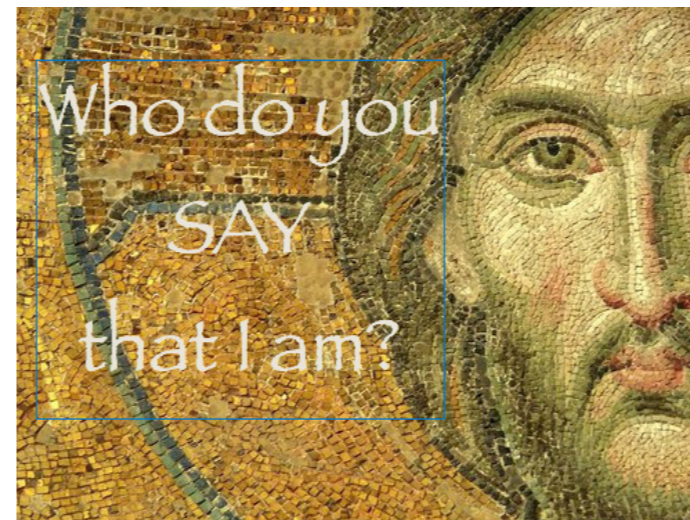
The Gospel for this Sunday is exceptionally rich in potential: it is the scene at Caesarea Philippi with the question "Who do you say I am?" A personal witness of my/our faith in Jesus would not be at all out of place...on the contrary. The extra Gospel exploration uses a series of images to shake things up a bit.

### Anam Cara Cork

Anam Cara would like to invite you to join us for an online Bereavement Information and Support Evening taking place 16th September at 7pm. This events will give you an opportunity to hear a bereavement professional talk about the difficult challenges and many milestones grieving a child of any age has on you and your family. If you would like to join us please register here <https://bit.ly/3Dzyphc> or contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 288 8888



**Cork Lions Club** are holding a Covid compliant Drive In Bingo at 3:00pm Sunday Sept 26th at Curraheen Greyhound Stadium. Gates open at 2:00pm. You can buy bingo books on the day or on line at [www.corklionsclub.ie](http://www.corklionsclub.ie)



### Cork Autism Online Conference 2021 - Thriving with Autism. Sunday, October 17th.

This online conference offers interventions, skills and strategies to support people on the autism spectrum. Suitable for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Autistics, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in autism. Visit: [www.autismcork.ie](http://www.autismcork.ie)

**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

Each generation is addressed by Jesus' question in today's Gospel and each generation must speak for itself. So must we as individuals within the community of faith.

### Prayer

Great and loving God, as we stand before the mystery of your disclosure in Jesus of Nazareth, we ask for great faith, deep understanding and, above all, love. Knowing him, we love him, loving him we confess him as the Messiah, the Son of God.

K O'Mahony OSA

### Reflections

1. "Who do you say that I am?" Imagine Jesus putting this question to you. How would you answer it? How would you answer it, not in words taken from a catechism or textbook, but from your own experience of the significance of Jesus in your life? What does Jesus mean to you? What does his gospel message mean to you?

2. Jesus went on to teach his disciples that following him would be hard at times. There would be a price to pay. Perhaps you also have found that imitating the love and compassion of Jesus is not an easy road? Nor does it come easy to have the constant trust in God that Jesus had. Yet, Jesus tells us that this is the way to life. Would you agree?

3. There is a natural human tendency to shy away from what is painful or difficult. Yet if that is our standard pattern of behaviour we will not get far in reaching our potential. We will never find who we are capable of being. When have you found it worthwhile to face difficulties, persevere, "carry your cross" for a while in order to achieve some goal that was important to you?

### PRAYER

Make us one, O God, in acknowledging Jesus the Christ. As we proclaim him by our words, let us follow him in our works; give us strength to take up the cross and courage to lose our lives for his sake. Amen.

**When you use the newsletter, please take it home with you. DO NOT RETURN IT TO THE TABLE**

**Ballinlough Men's Retirement Club** will resume on Wednesday 22nd Sept. at 2.30 pm in Ballinlough Community Centre. Enjoy a game of Short Mat Bowls (Bowls supplied by the club) in an atmosphere of fun and camaraderie or just drop in for a chat and a 'cuppa'. All those who are fully vaccinated or completely recovered from Covid 19 are welcome. Contact person: Noel 085 1615 360.

### 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.