

### 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

**Casey Jeremiah Riordan.**  
We welcome him into the Christian Family



### The Prayer of the Synod

### Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

### WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

**Irish Catholic.** (1) Prominent Anglican bishop received into Catholic Church. (2) Abducted Nigerian seminarians released. (3) Breda O'Brien: We need to invite people back to Mass. (4) David Quinn: We need to discuss the motivation of David Amess's alleged killer

**Catholic Voice.** (1) The Holy Souls in Purgatory (2) Mary Kearns: African Seminarians need Books. (3) Working with your Guardian Angel (4) Paul Kengor: Remembering the Battle of Lepanto 450 years ago

**Tablet.** (1) Pope tells Catholics to take down 'barricades' of certainty. (2) Mindfulness in Education — Contemplating a way forward

### Pandemic Guidelines

Following Tuesday's government statement on Covid-19 public health measures, public worship can take place without capacity limits from 22nd October but with all protective measures remaining in place.

These remaining protective measures include :

- Mask wearing
- Good ventilation
- Sanitisation on entry and departure
- Social distancing insofar as possible

We are very grateful to volunteer stewards, those who sanitise and clean churches and church personnel who continue to maintain churches so that we can gather safely and joyfully for public worship.

November is always a special time in our churches when people and families gather to remember their loved ones who have died and greater numbers will gather for remembrance Masses. In light of this we need to continue to be vigilant in relation to protective measures working closely with our parish volunteers and stewards to make sure that everything is in order.

Let us continue to keep each other in prayer.

Yours sincerely in Christ  
**+ Fintan Gavin**  
Bishop of Cork and Ross



Meeting of Abraham and Melchizedek



### Thoughts

Miracle stories can (and must be!) read at different levels. There's first of all the plain story: someone in need is healed in some way. It is always the case that even at that basic level the story points beyond itself as an illustration of the Kingdom preached by Jesus.

The story receives an extra layer of meaning in each Gospel. This is certainly true of Mark's account of Bartimaeus: at Mark's hand it carries a key teaching on discipleship, the new way of seeing in response to the proclamation of the Kingdom. Bartimaeus follows Jesus on The Way (not "on the road"!).

And then, of course, there is our context today, often called "the world before the text." What does the embedded story say to me, to us, today? Jesus asks each one of us: What do you want me to do for you? A question worth taking to heart.

### MASS OF REMEMBRANCE.

Our Mass of Remembrance for those parishioners who died in the last 12 months will take place on **Friday 5th. November, 2021 at 7.30pm.**



**Anam Cara Cork**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 3rd November at 7:20pm** in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Cork City. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.



\*Subject to change in accordance with government advice\*

When you use the newsletter, please take it home with you.

**DO NOT RETURN IT TO THE TABLE**

### 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**

### Thought for the day

The journey towards faith has many dimensions. Firstly, there is our need (expressed in the Gospel as blindness). Secondly, the courage to name our need, even in the face of opposition. Next comes our encounter with Jesus and our cry for help, guidance, healing. Naming our need is insisted upon by Jesus as an essential step, because faith is so much more than believing lots of doctrines. More fundamentally, it is an act of trust, a putting of myself in relationship and being able to receive from God whatever it is we need. This is the faith which makes us well.

### Prayer

God, our light and hope, be our guide on the path of life and on the way of faith. Help us to be aware of our blindness, especially when we think we can see. With your healing touch, may we be filled with light and joy. Amen.

*K O'Mahony OSA*

### Reflections

1. In this story Jesus cures the blind man, Bartimaeus. Recovery of sight in the Bible is often a metaphor for coming to faith. Perhaps during your life you have had moments of insight, of deeper understanding, of appreciating who Jesus is for you. What was it that helped you to see more clearly?

2. Who was the 'Jesus person' who helped you to see more clearly? Perhaps, as a parent, a teacher or a friend, you have also been a 'Jesus person' for another and helped her or him to a clearer understanding of the meaning of life, love and faith.

3. To get to Jesus, Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak so that he would not be impeded. What have you had to discard in order to be able to see more clearly (e.g., an assumption, a prejudice, a rigid opinion)?

4. "Your faith has saved you" Jesus said to Bartimaeus. Recall situations in which you have been grateful for the faith that is yours because in some way it saved you.

### PRAYER

Have pity on us, God our saviour. Grant us grace and courage to cast off our sins and turn to you for healing. Show us in Christ the sure path of salvation and strengthen us to follow gladly in the Way of the Gospel. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

### 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.

### 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.

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

