

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

Sophie Patricia O'Connor.
Robert Raymond Wyse.
We welcome them into the Christian Family



Recently Deceased

Eddie Collins, Skehard Road
Raymond Smith, Barnstead
May the light of heaven surround them always.



Weddings

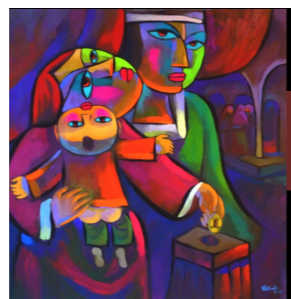
Congratulations to **Eve Swaine and Thomas Fadian** who were married in our Church on Friday 29th. October. Fr. J.P. O'Riordan CSsR officiated.



Congratulations to **Melisa Martin and Ronan Hickey** who were married in our Church on Saturday 30th. October. Fr. Colin Doocey Adm. Officiated.

The Widow's Mite

There are a great variety of characters in our readings to brighten up this dreary November weekend! There's Elijah, a prophet, a widow in the first reading, the scribes in the gospel, another widow who puts in her two coins, the scribes congratulating themselves and Jesus watching events.



The widow in the gospel makes what appears to be little go a long way. While she doesn't have many coins she has a depth and richness of faith. She succeeds in life while the scribes looking on are miserable and eventually fail.

In November, as we remember and pray for the dead, we delve into that rich resource of faith to see life with hope and pray for eternal life for those who have died. Our faith brightens our lives and shows us the way.

Fr. Michael

SECOND COLLECTION W/E. 13/14 NOVEMBER
Diocesan collection for MARRIAGE SUPPORT.

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



NOVEMBER NOVENA (2ND – 10TH NOVEMBER)

The November Novena Lists and envelopes are available from the church as the Holy Souls Novena continues until 10th November next. May all those who have died now rest in the peace of the Lord as we remember and pray for them this year.

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 agaibh*

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic. (1). TV/Radio with Brendan O'Regan: When journalists become activists they let the side down. (2) Young Catholics - let others know the joy of faith (3) Martin Mansergh: Partition was never envisaged as a final settlement (4). Garry O'Sullivan: Irish diocesan synods and assemblies -- Angels abound but the devil is in the detail. (5) Left-wing pressure groups are lining up to push Ireland in an even more liberal direction, writes David Quinn

Catholic Voice. (1) Brian McShane: How is your relationship with Jesus? (2) Conor Gallagher: The dogma of Hell is a most terrible Truth (3) Raymond Cardinal Burke: The Victory of Peace by praying the Rosary (4) Mary Kearns: Sacramental Inversion and its Consequences

Messenger. (1) RE-LINK (Resource for Religious Studies) -- Advent, The Season of Waiting. (2) Fr. Sean McDonough: Peril of Climate Change. (3) Bishop Kevin Doran: Lay catechists, an Ancient Ministry with a New Face

Tablet. (1) COP 26 in Glasgow - We must take this chance to protect humanity. (2) Cardinal Koch says Synodal process must reach out to Orthodox

Anam Cara Cork, Anam Cara West Cork the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on **16th November at 7:20pm in the Munster Arms Hotel, Bandon.** This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents.



BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL
Monthly Church Gate collection will take place on
w/e 6th/7th November
Your support as always, is greatly appreciated.

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.

Thoughts

The cartoon (from www.agnusday.org) helps to emphasise a point made in the YouTube video: not to leave the Gospel in the past (aimed the scribes) nor to use it simply to point to others (i.e. our spiritual leaders). Instead, we are called to bring the Gospel message into our personal present. Mark is still teaching about discipleship, this time as the common foundation for leadership in the faith community. What is expected of leaders is expected of us all, no more, no less.



MORNING MASSES:

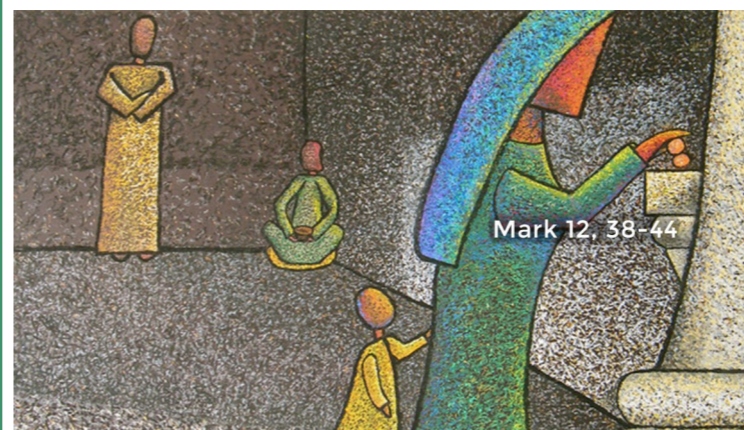
There will be **NO MORNING MASSES** on 15th – 18th November Monday to Thursday inclusive as the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese will be attending a Planning Conference.

Irish Suicide Bereavement Survey

The National Suicide Research Foundation (NSRF) and Healing Untold Grief Groups (HUGG) have launched the first national study of adults bereaved or affected by suicide in Ireland. You can find out more and access the survey by visiting www.hugg.ie/suicide-bereavement-survey

Advent/Christmas

Advent is approaching and it is not too soon to let you know that the next volume of **Hearers of the Word** is now available. As before, the Sundays covered are from Advent 1C through the Christmas season to Sunday 2C (the wedding feast at Cana). To buy a copy online, go to messenger.ie
Kieran OSA



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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

Money can easily distort our attitudes and values. It is tempting to react more warmly to those who give more generously—we all do it. It is easy to overlook the motive behind giving and focus, not on the giver, but on the gift. We do have the expression that it's the thought that counts. Usually, though, such proverbial wisdom is employed to help me/us be consoled when some expectation was not realised. Thus, this apparently consolatory thought acknowledges the tendency to the opposite, the attraction to the gift as such!! The Lord, however, reads our hearts.

Prayer

Lift us up, O Lord, that we may always value what really matters, the heart and not the appearances, the giver and not the gift. When we give, help us remember that you love the cheerful giver, giving from the heart.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. The scribes are presented as ostentatious and devious, acting more out of self-interest than the love of God or people. There can be a element of selfinterest in each of us. Perhaps there have been times when you have been disturbed by glimpsing in yourself 'other motives' in your doing good. Recall when you were awakened to this fact. Where was the good news for you in these experiences?

2. In material terms what the widow had to offer was very little. Recall when you felt yourself called to give and gave even though you apparently had very little. Perhaps you have had the experience of finding that what you thought was little and insignificant meant a great deal to another person. Recall some of those moments.

3. The widow 'gave everything she had, all she had to live on'. In doing so she placed herself in a very vulnerable position, trusting that things would work out. Have you ever found that what seemed a generous but reckless giving of yourself proved life-giving for yourself and others?

PRAYER

God, our provider you are the orphan's hope and the widow's bread. Strengthen our faith, that with simplicity of heart we may come to trust in you alone and hold back nothing in serving you. Amen.

We welcome back our **Parish Choir** after a long layoff. They have been practicing every Thursday these last few weeks.

If 'to sing is to pray twice' we are all blessed!
Thanks to them all for enhancing our liturgy every Sunday.
Go raibh maith agaibh

