

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

Cian Thomas Cashman.
Cillian Padraig Karl Gleeson.
Cheyenne Elizabeth McCarthy.
We welcome them into the Christian Family



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



TROCAIRE SPECIAL COLLECTION:



The Bishops of Ireland are asking parishes throughout the country to undertake a Special Church Collection to invite people to support Trocaire in its work to alleviate the humanitarian crises in Africa.

They expressed particular support for the people of East Africa where up to 30million people in Somalia, Ethiopia, Sudan and South Sudan, Kenya, Uganda and the DRC are currently facing life threatening food shortages.

THIS SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN UP w/e 20th/21st NOVEMBER, 2021.

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



WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic. (1) Michael Kelly: It's not sin we've forgotten about, it's forgiveness (2) Niamh ui Bhriain: Abortion pills at home — What the government isn't telling us (3) David Quinn: New Irish research backs up Christian teaching on the family (4) Pope Francis names Franciscan sister to second-highest position in Vatican City State (5) Fr. Bernard Cotter: Perspective can be lost when priests need to rest (thoughts following Cork & Ross recent priests' retreat)

Messenger. (1). Bishop Kevin Doran: Lay catechists, an ancient ministry with a new face. (2) RE-LINK (Resource for Religious studies) — Advent, the Season of Waiting

Catholic Voice. (1) Raymond Cardinal Burke: The victory of Peace by praying the Rosary. (2) Mary Kearns: Sacramental Inversion and its consequences



During the month of November, we remember all who have gone before us marked with the Sign of Faith. May they rest in peace.

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.

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
November Church Gate collection came to €2275
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 lectionary takes us to our final reading from Mark for 2021. The so-called "Little Apocalypse" (Mark 13) is not so easy to make sense of but perhaps today, in the light of all that is going on, it just might speak to us.

We know that quite disastrous climate change threatens us. We stand in need inspiration, guidance and hope. Mark 13 does provide that: destruction and death are in no way God's final word to us.

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.



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

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

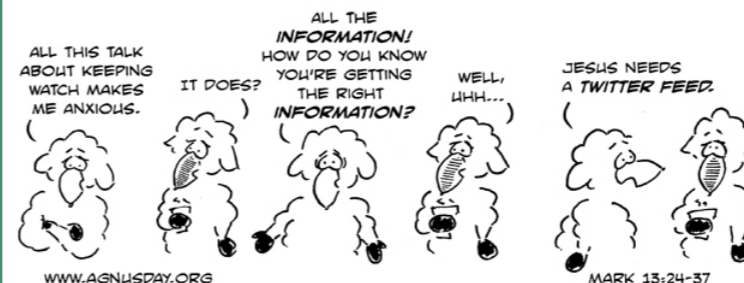
PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

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**



Medjugorje Pilgrimage
June 15th to 22nd 2022
flying Cork to Dubrovnik (morning flight) with

Aer Lingus staying in Hotel Leone. Spiritual Director Fr. Ted Sheehan. Cost pps €699.00 half board if booked and paid in full by December 10th), €749.00 thereafter. Deposit of €250.00 secures place. COVID insurance cover included in cost. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380



Thought for the day

Our expression "to have time for someone" is a heart-warming one, because giving time to someone is a real gift of myself, part of our consciousness of being human. The opposite— lack of time—is expressed in another idiom "Money rich but time poor." To be poor in time is a great deprivation, even when self-inflicted. It is all a question of perspective, values and choices. We do need to value the fleeting time we have and not live only towards a future, as yet unreal, moment. In the words of St Paul, *Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is the day of salvation!* (2 Corinthians 6:2)
Prayer
Help me, eternal God, to accept your gift of the present moment. It is the only moment I will ever have, so let me inhabit it richly and fully, and celebrate your gift of life in abundance.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. Jesus speaks of the established order falling apart, but the collapse of the old order opened the way for new possibilities. When have you seen something new and hopeful emerge after the collapse of something that you had expected to endure much longer, perhaps even for ever?
2. The parable of the fig tree. Even in winter it begins to put forth leaves which give a hint of the fruit to come. Where have you found signs of hope in a wintry situation – in your own life, in the life of some group, in the life of the Church?
3. Jesus proposes no clear time-scale for the events being foretold, so the final sentence (v. 32) is a call to alertness, to live the present to the full. What different does it make to you when you are able to live the present moment to the full?

PRAYER

Your creation, O God, runs its appointed course; as far as the ends of the earth you gather a people you call your own. Confirm us in the strength of your abiding word. Steady our hearts in the time of trial, so that on the day of the Son of Man, we may without fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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
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