

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

Conor Stafford Clune.
Cillian Brendan Hogan.



We welcome them into the Christian Family

Recently Deceased

John McCarthy, Castle Meadows, Skehard Road
Timothy Michael (Tim) O'Leary, Ashleigh Rise
May the light of heaven surround them always.



In recent years we have all come to realise that it is very difficult to get to the truth of news. We have learned to be cautious about what we read and hear in media outlets and particularly social media. We have become familiar with the concepts of 'post-fact' and 'post-truth' in that we cannot trust what we hear and words can mean anything.



At the beginning of Advent, we are preparing to welcome the 'Word made flesh' in the new-born infant Jesus. This is a word in which we can trust. It is a word for the present and is not post-fact.

We use these coming weeks well. There is a lot of uncertainty and worry swirling again in relation to Covid. This weekend we double-down on our protective measures, we do everything to keep ourselves and our families safe and we look forward in trust and hope to the Emmanuel.

Fr. Michael.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic. (1) Irish Bishops to carefully consider Latin Mass changes (2) Cork diocese calls for funeral ministry teams in every parish (3) Dr. Marian Mortell -- Sharing a love of God's Word in Cork (4) In opting for a softly-softly approach to diocesan reform, Rome may simply be delaying the inevitable, but has to start somewhere, writes Michael Kelly (5) TV/Radop -- Lots of talk on justice: Frank Duff lived it

Tablet. (1) Confession and Confidentiality -- How to save the Seal. (2) COP 26: The Future -- Fear, Faith and Survival

Catholic Voice. (1) Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali - A worthy successor to St. John Fisher (2) Relationships and Sexuality Education in Catholic Schools 2021 -- Serving Two Masters?

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.

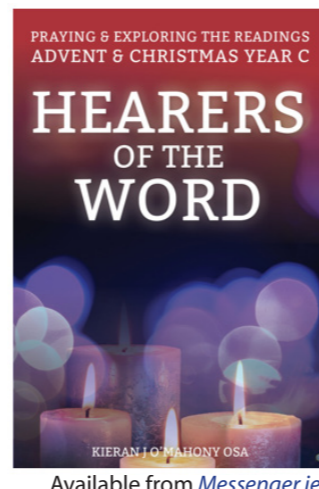
TROCAIRE SPECIAL COLLECTION:



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.

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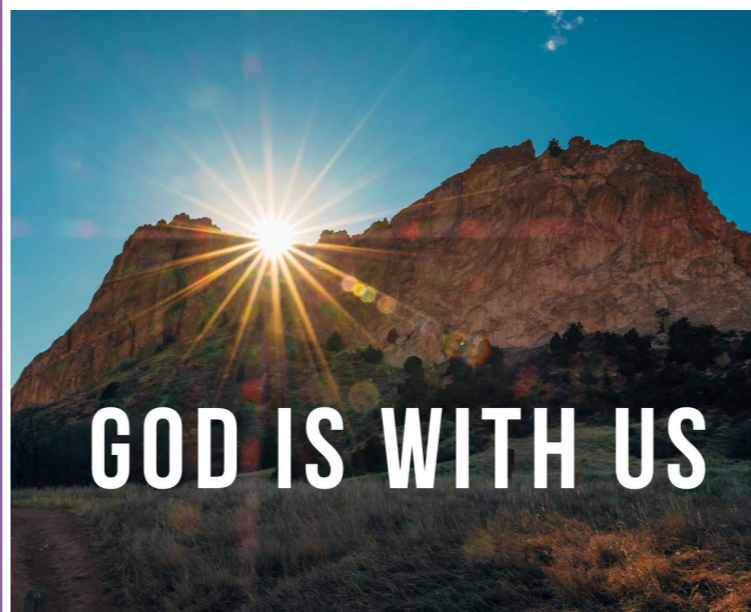


Thoughts

What is new this Advent? In faith terms, the biggest news is the proposed synods, national and international, and the synodal pathways. The consultation of all the faithful on this scale has never occurred before. The potential is enormous — a kind of Vatican III, if it all works.

Is there anything each of us do right now?
Yes, of course there is.

Become familiar with synodal pathways by exploring the various documents, websites and YouTube videos. Simply Synod would be a good place to start. Start praying now, today, that the Holy Spirit will guide us all and we may have the heart to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Take full part in the local listening/consultation when it happens in your parish community and diocese. It is not forbidden to become (just a little) excited!



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

Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday, 1st December 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 advise*



Thought for the day

If you were to wish people a happy new year today, they would in all probability find it awkward. Nevertheless, we do start a new Christian year with the season of Advent. The different seasons reminds of important aspects of being Christian, one of which is the conviction that we may always begin again and start new. Last Sunday, we looked back and today we look forward: what are my hopes for the coming Christian year? How am I now? How would I like to be, as a believer, this time next year? What steps will I take to make that a reality?

Prayer

O God, we believe that your mercies are new every morning and that your faithfulness is abundant. Come to our help as we start afresh our path of discipleship in this season of longing.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. This passage can be taken as a metaphor for personal experiences when it seemed that your world was collapsing around you: plans thwarted, deep disappointment, something out of your control altering the course of your life, etc. When have such experiences been a prelude to something new? Allow the dramatic language of the passage remind you of this experience, making sure that you recognise the double movement of collapse and liberation.

2. Jesus himself is the model in this gospel story as he taught his disciples the spirituality of "waiting in joyful hope." What difference has watchfulness (in the sense of being watchful in prayer) made to you in facing difficult situations?

3. Advent is a time that calls us to be alert to the signs of the hidden presence of God in our world. What reminds you of this presence of God? Have there been occasions when something woke you up in an unexpected way to the presence of God in the world, for example, through love, beauty, nature and so forth?

PRAYER

God, our saviour, you utter a word of promise and hope and hasten the day of justice and freedom, yet we live in a world forgetful of your word, our watchfulness dulled by the cares of life. Keep us alert. Make us attentive to your word, ready to look on your Son when he comes with power and great glory. Make us holy and blameless, ready to stand secure when the day of his coming shakes the world with terror.

We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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 and register to receive the emails.

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
On Friday 3rd December following morning Mass.
Rosary & Benediction at 5p.m.

There are sheets on the tables in the Church where Parishioners can indicate the times most suitable for them to be present. We would like that there would be at least 2 people present for each period. If there are vacant periods we would appreciate volunteers to fill these times by putting their names on the list.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.

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

